

2008 Farm Bill Livestock Title:

Supporting Livestock and Poultry Producers

- **The 2008 Farm Bill includes a new livestock title that provides basic protections for producers in livestock and poultry markets**
- **Implements Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling for meat and produce**
 - Requires country of origin labels for beef, lamb, pork, chicken and goat meat, fruits and vegetables, macadamia nuts and peanuts
- **Improves access to information published under the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act**
 - Increases market transparency by providing online market information
- **Protects producers in contracts with livestock and poultry companies**
 - Provides livestock producers and growers with the ability to decline arbitration before entering into contracts
 - Requires that contracts that include an arbitration provision must disclose the producer's right to decline arbitration requirements
 - Requires USDA to establish criteria to determine if there is discrimination against smaller volume swine and poultry producers in the form of undue or unreasonable preferences or advantages
- **Increases market access for small, state inspected meat and poultry processing plants.**
 - Allows selected establishments in State meat or poultry inspection programs to receive Federal inspection from State inspectors, and ship products in interstate commerce. Such selected establishments would be subject to all Federal inspection requirements
- **Improves oversight of USDA's enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act.**
 - Requires USDA to provide an annual compliance report detailing investigations of potential violations of the Act and the duration of those investigations

Farm Bill Livestock Title Facts:

- The USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) facilitates the marketing of livestock, poultry, meat, and other agricultural products
- GIPSA is also responsible for promoting fair business practices and competitive environments to market livestock, meat, and poultry
- Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) requirements were established in the 2002 Farm Bill, but implementation of the requirements has been delayed