

**CHAPTER 4.1-30
LIVESTOCK PURCHASED BY PACKING PLANTS**

4.1-30-01. Packing plant defined.

The term "packing plant" as used in this chapter means a place where livestock, exclusive of poultry, is purchased for the purpose of slaughtering, dressing, curing, or processing the same for storage and distribution at wholesale for human consumption.

4.1-30-02. Livestock purchased by weight to be graded - Penalty.

An officer or employee of a packing plant within this state may not purchase any livestock by weight unless such livestock has been graded and sorted in the yard and the price per pound [.45 kilogram] for each grade fixed and determined before the livestock is weighed. Any officer or employee of a packing plant who violates this section is guilty of an infraction.

4.1-30-03. Penalty for purchase of livestock by weight without grading.

Each purchase of livestock in violation of section 4.1-30-02 is a separate offense and constitutes an infraction upon the part of every owner of a packing plant in which such violation occurs.