

5910. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 7800. I. S. No. 12003-m.)

On May 8, 1917, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Buckeye Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, doing business at Jackson, Miss., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about June 9, 1916, from the State of Mississippi into the State of Louisiana, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Prime C. S. Meal," which was misbranded.

* Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Protein (per cent)-----	36.38
Fat (per cent)-----	5.79
Crude fiber (per cent)-----	12.93

The above analysis shows this product to contain less than 38.60 per cent protein, less than 7.50 per cent fat, and more than 12.00 per cent crude fiber.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement borne on the tags attached to the sacks, regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, to wit, "Guaranteed Analysis, Protein 38.60, Fat 7.50 * * *, Fibre 12.00," was false and misleading in that it represented that said article contained not less than 38.60 per cent of protein, not less than 7.50 per cent of fat, and not more than 12 per cent of fiber, and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it contained not less than 38.60 per cent of protein, not less than 7.50 per cent of fat, and not more than 12 per cent of fiber, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did, to wit, 36.38 per cent of protein, 5.79 per cent of fat, and 12.93 per cent of fiber.

On November 15, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.