

6493. Adulteration and misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Thomas R. Pugh and Joseph W. Pugh (Wilmot Oil Mill). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8831. I. S. No. 20076-m.)

On May 25, 1918, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Thomas R. Pugh and Joseph W. Pugh, trading as the Wilmot Oil Mill, Wilmot, Ark., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about November 9, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of cottonseed meal, invoiced as prime cottonseed meal, which was adulterated and misbranded.

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

Nitrogen (per cent).....	5.42
Ammonia (per cent).....	6.58

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a product containing less than $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of ammonia, to wit, approximately 6.58 per cent of ammonia, had been substituted in whole for prime cottonseed meal, to wit, a product containing $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of ammonia, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it was food in package form, and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On July 13, 1918, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

J. R. RIGGS, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*