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Donald D. Baker Cattle Company, LLC and Donald D. Baker Have Been Assessed a Civil Penalty of \$14,225

WASHINGTON, June 14, 2012 – On May 31, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Donald D. Baker Cattle Company, LLC (Baker Cattle) and Donald D. Baker (Baker), Galax, Va.

Baker Cattle and Baker have been ordered to cease and desist from purchasing livestock and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock.

Baker Cattle and Baker have been assessed a civil penalty of \$14,225.

The Packers and Stockyards Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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