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**Robert Witt and Thomas Witt  
Are Assessed a \$5,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, June 26, 2012 – On June 14, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Robert Witt and Thomas Witt.

Robert and Thomas Witt have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- operating with a shortage in the custodial account;
- failing to deposit into the custodial account, within the time prescribed by section 201.42 of the Regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.42) an amount equal to the proceeds receivable from the sale of consigned livestock; and
- consenting to the withdrawal of bank charges from the custodial account.

Robert and Thomas Witt have been assessed a civil penalty of \$5,000.

The P&S 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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