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## Pasqual A. Leone, d/b/a P.A. Leone Livestock Is Assessed a \$8,500 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, July 5, 2012 – On June 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Pasqual A. Leone (Leone), doing business as P.A. Leone Livestock, Rome, N.Y.

Leone has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- altering or fabricating purchase invoices from livestock auctions;
- presenting altered or fabricated purchase invoices to the purchasers of livestock; and
- creating false business records showing the origin or purchase price of livestock.

Leone has been assessed a civil penalty of \$8,500.

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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