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## Norberto Gonzalez, a/k/a Tito Gonzalez, d/b/a TG Cattle Has Been Ordered to Cease and Desist

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2012 – On July 6, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Norberto Gonzalez, also known as Tito Gonzalez (Gonzalez), doing business as TG Cattle, Falfurrias, Texas:

Gonzalez has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock; and
- failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock purchases.

Gonzalez has been ordered to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda, which fully and correctly discloses the true nature of all transactions involved in his business subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

He has also been suspended for a period of three years and seven months. After the first 90 days of the suspension period if he demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Packers and Stockyards Program that he has repaid money owed, a supplemental order may be issued terminating the suspension.

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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