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**Michael Okragly, Cherry Okragly, and Okragly Cattle Company, Inc.
Are Assessed a \$15,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9, 2012 – On May 15, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Michael Okragly (M. Okragly), Cherry Okragly (C. Okragly), and Okragly Cattle Company, Inc. (Okragly Cattle), Billings, Mont.:

M. Okragly, C. Okragly, and Okragly Cattle have been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pass on a pencil-shrink allowance without their customer’s knowledge and consent.

They have been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$15,000.

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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