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**Ashville Stockyards, Inc., and Bradley and Tilda Plunkett
Have Been Assessed an \$8,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19, 2012 – On April 4, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Ashville Stockyards, Inc. (Ashville), of Ashville, Ala., and Bradley and Tilda Plunkett.

Ashville and Bradley and Tilda Plunkett have been ordered cease and desist from:

- failing to properly maintain their custodial account;
- using funds received from the sale of consigned livestock for any purpose other than payment to consignors of the amount due from the sale of their livestock and the payment of lawful marketing charges;
- issuing custodial checks without having sufficient funds to cover checks.
- failing to remit net proceeds of livestock sales; and
- failing to remit, when due, the proceeds of livestock sales.

Ashville and Bradley and Tilda have been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,000.

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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