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**Brian Morris and Ronald Morris
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 3, 2012 – On April 18, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Brian Morris and Ronald Morris, Victoria, Texas.

Brian and Ronald Morris have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to properly maintain their custodial account for shippers’ proceeds; and
- 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.

Brian and Ronald Morris are not to be registered to engage in any business subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for three years. They are also prohibited from operating as a market agency or dealer without being registered with the Secretary of Agriculture and without maintaining an adequate bond.

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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