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Richard Hale is Assessed a \$20,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, June 26, 2012 – On June 18, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Richard Hale.

Richard Hale has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, for livestock purchases.

Richard Hale has been assessed a civil penalty of \$20,000.

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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