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Comanche Livestock Auction, Inc. and W. Raymond Brown and Jo Ann Brown Are Assessed a \$5,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9, 2012 – On July 30, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Comanche Livestock Auction, Inc., and W. Raymond Brown, and Jo Ann Brown, Comanche, Okla.:

They have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to properly maintain their Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds in strict conformity with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and section 201.42 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.42); and
- failing to deposit in the custodial account for shippers’ proceeds, within the time prescribed by section 201.42 of the regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.42), an amount equal to the proceeds receivable for sales of consigned livestock.

They have also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.

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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