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**Headwaters Livestock Auction, LLC Has Been Assessed
A \$5,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13, 2012 – On August 30, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Headwaters Livestock Auction, LLC (Headwaters Livestock), Three Forks, Mont.

Headwaters Livestock has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to deposit in its Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceed within the times prescribed in section 201.42(c) of the Regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.42(c)) amounts equal to the proceeds receivable from the sale of consigned livestock; and
- failing to properly maintain its custodial account in strict conformity with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and section 201.42 of the Regulation (9 C.F.R. §201.42).

Headwaters Livestock has 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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