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Ronald Wayne Kitchen Has Been Assessed A \$7,975 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 2012 – On September 13, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Ronald Wayne Kitchen (Kitchen), Mo.

Kitchen has been ordered to cease and desist from preparing and issuing, or causing to be prepared or issued, invoices showing false, inaccurate, or misleading purchase price, weight, and source entries for livestock.

Kitchen has also been ordered to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda that fully and correctly disclosed all transaction involved in his business.

He has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$7,975. He is also ordered to make restitution to Laura’s Lean Beef in the amount of \$2,025.

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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