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**Mark K. Holder, d/b/a Mark Holder Livestock Has Been Assessed  
A \$2,000 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 Mark K. Holder (Holder), doing business as Mark Holder Livestock, Tenn.

Holder has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- issuing checks in payment for livestock without having sufficient funds to pay checks when presented;
- purchasing livestock and failing to pay for livestock purchases within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- purchasing livestock and failing to pay the full purchase price for the livestock purchases.

Holder has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000. He is also ordered to make full restitution, in the amount of \$70,809.26, to the livestock sellers affected by the allegations set forth in the Complaint.

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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