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**Kensal Farmers Elevator Company
Pays \$17,000 Penalty to Settle USDA Charges**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12, 2012 – Kensal Farmers Elevator Company (Kensal Farmers), Kensal N.D., agreed to pay a \$17,000 civil penalty to settle an enforcement action brought by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

Kensal Farmers was charged with deceptively loading 17-railcars of soybeans and causing the issuance of false official grain inspection certificates. Such action is a violation of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA), 7 U.S.C. 87b.

The complaint filed against Kensal Farmers was the result of an investigation conducted by GIPSA under the authority of the USGSA. The USGSA provides for the establishment of U.S. grain standards, and for the official inspection and weighing of grain shipped on domestic and foreign commerce.

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