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**Darlington Livestock Market, Inc. and Robert B. Robeson  
Have Been Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$7,500**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12, 2012 – On March 28, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Darlington Livestock Market, Inc. (Darlington Livestock) and Robert B. Robeson (Robeson), Darlington, S.C.

Darlington Livestock and Robeson have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to maintain their livestock scale so as to ensure accurate weights;
- weighing livestock at other than their true and correct weights;
- paying the sellers of livestock on the basis of false and incorrect weights; and
- issuing accounts of purchase to the sellers of livestock on the basis of false and incorrect weights.

Darlington Livestock and Robeson have also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$7,500.

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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