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**Tony Wells, dba Tony Wells Livestock,
Has Been Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$30,000**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19, 2012 – On April 4, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Tony Wells (Wells), doing business as Tony Wells Livestock, Wilmar, Ark.

Wells has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- purchasing livestock and failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act;
- issuing checks in payment for livestock without having and maintaining sufficient funds; and
- engaging in business in any capacity for which registration and bonding is required under the P&S Act, for a period of 18 months until he demonstrates to the Packers and Stockyards Program that he has paid \$10,000 of the civil penalty.

Wells has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$30,000. Twenty thousand dollars of this civil penalty will be held in abeyance, provided he complies with the cease and desist provisions above. The \$20,000 held in abeyance will be set aside upon successful compliance with the terms of the Order.

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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