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**Golden West Cattle Co., LLC and Michael Kastner  
Have Been Assessed a \$10,500 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14, 2013 – On December 18, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a decision with Golden West Cattle Co., LLC (Golden West) and Michael Kastner (Kastner), Teaneck, N.J.

Golden West and Kastner have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- issuing checks in payment for livestock without having and maintaining sufficient funds on deposit and available in the bank account upon which checks are drawn to pay these checks when presented; and
- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock.

They have also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,500.

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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