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**Wilson Horse & Mule Sale, Inc.  
Has Been Assessed a \$4,000 Civil Penalty and Suspended**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 2013 – On January 2, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Wilson Horse & Mule (Wilson Horse & Mule) Sale, Inc., Cookeville, Tenn.

Wilson Horse & Mule has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to deposit in its Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds within the times prescribed in the regulations amounts equal to the outstanding proceeds receivable due from the sale of consigned livestock;
- using funds received from the sale of consigned livestock for any purpose other than those specifically permitted; and
- failing to maintain its Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds in strict conformity with the regulations.

Wilson Horse & Mule has also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000, and ordered to serve a 14 day suspension of its operations, and thereafter until Wilson Horse & Mule demonstrates to GIPSA that the Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds is currently in balance. The suspension became effective January 16, 2013.

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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