

North Star Beef, Inc. and William Gilger are Assessed A Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$5,000

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5, 2009 - On October 22, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with North Star Beef, Inc., (North Star) and William Gilger (Gilger), Buffalo Lake, Minnesota.

North Star and Gilger are ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay for livestock purchases in a timely manner;
- issuing checks for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds to cover checks; and
- engaging in business while current liabilities exceeded current assets.

North Star and Gilger are assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.

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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