

Richard Hale is Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$10,000

WASHINGTON, June 3, 2010 - On May 20, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a decision by reason of consent with Richard Hale, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Richard Hale has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay sellers for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

Richard Hale has also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.

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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