

**Otis Lewis Fortner II, dba Lewie Fortner Livestock is assessed A Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$2,000**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7, 2010 - On September 29, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Otis Lewis Fortner II (Fortner), doing business as Lewie Fortner Livestock, Kite, Georgia.

Fortner has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay the full amount of the purchase price for livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act; and
- failing to pay the full purchase price for livestock.

Fortner has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.

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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