

**Gulf Packing Company, LP and Charles L. Booth Are Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$10,000**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20, 2011 - On December 23, 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with Gulf Packing Company, LP (Gulf Packing), San Benito, Texas and Charles L. Booth (Booth).

Gulf Packing and Booth have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock; and
- failing to pay for livestock purchases in a timely manner.

Gulf Packing and Booth have also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.

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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