

Vermilion Ranch Co., dba Northern Livestock Video Auction is Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$9,000

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2011- On June 22, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Vermilion Ranch (Vermilion Ranch) Co., doing business as Northern Livestock Video Auction, Billings, Mont.

Vermilion Ranch has been ordered to cease and desist from using rejected or inactive scales in the weighment of livestock for the purposes of purchase, sale, acquisition, payment or settlement.

Vermilion Ranch has also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$9,000.

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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