

## **Duane Schmidt is Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$2,500**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26, 2011- April 22, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Duane Schmidt (Schmidt), Bancroft, S.D.

Schmidt has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay for livestock purchases within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

He has also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.

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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