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**American Beef Packers, Inc. Has Been Assessed a Civil Penalty
In the Amount of \$25,000**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3, 2011 – On October 24, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with American Beef Packers (American Beef), Inc., Chino, Calif.

American Beef 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.

American Beef has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$25,000.

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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