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**Victor Peak, Peak Livestock Co., LLC
Has Been Assessed a Civil Penalty In the Amount of \$5,250**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, 2012 – On December 7, 2011, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Victor Peak, Peak Livestock Co., LLC, Emporia, Kan.

Victor Peak has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business of a dealer without registering with the Secretary of Agriculture or obtaining an adequate bond;
- issuing checks for livestock purchases without having sufficient funds to cover the checks;
- failing to pay the full 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.

The respondent has also been suspended for 300 days and thereafter until he complies with terms of an Understanding Regarding Suspension and Civil Penalties. The respondent was also assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,250.

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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