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**James M. Brantley and James H. Brantley, d/b/a Southeastern Provision, LLC Have Been Assessed a Civil Penalty of \$5,000**

WASHINGTON, June 21, 2012 – On June 12, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with James M. Brantley and James H. Brantley, doing business as Southeastern Provision, LLC (Southeastern) Bean Station, Tenn.

James M. Brantley, James H. Brantley and Southeastern have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing, in connection with its purchase of livestock on a carcass grade and weight basis, to use hooks, rollers, gambrels, and other equipment that were uniform in weight;
- operating a monorail scale in connection with its purchases of livestock without a printing device connected to the scale to record the weights on a scale ticket or other document;
- using a tare that is in excess of the average weight of the hooks, rollers, gambrels, and other equipment used in connection with the weighing of carcasses; and
- failing to purchase carcasses paid according to the actual hot weight recorded on the kill sheets when purchasing carcasses on a grade and yield basis.

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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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