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**United Producers, Inc.  
Has Been Assessed a \$110,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19, 2012 – On November 8, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with United Producers, Inc., Columbus, Ohio.

United Producers, Inc. has been ordered to cease and desist from creating false or misleading records in connection with its activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act, including, but not limited to invoices containing listed purchase prices for livestock that are higher than the actual purchase price and invoices containing weights unsupported by a scale ticket.

They have also been ordered to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda which fully and correctly disclose the true nature of all transactions involved in its business.

United Producers, Inc. has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$110,000.

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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