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**Lemmon Livestock, Inc. and S. Paul Huffman
Have Been Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$12,000**

WASHINGTON, Apr. 19, 2012 – On April 3, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Lemmon Livestock, Inc. (Lemmon Livestock) and S. Paul Huffman (Huffman), Lemmon, S.D.

Lemmon Livestock and Huffman have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to properly maintain their Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds;
- using funds received from the sale of consigned livestock for any purpose other than those specifically permitted by section 201.42(d) of the Regulations (9 C.F.R. § 201.42);
- issuing custodial account checks without having sufficient funds on deposit and available in the Custodial Account for Shippers’ Proceeds; and
- failing to remit, when due, the proceeds of livestock sales.

Lemmon Livestock and Huffman were also suspended as registrants for 7 days and are assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$12,000.

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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