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## **Lonnie Martin Assessed a \$33,000 Civil Penalty And Will Pay Restitution**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26, 2016 – On Feb. 18, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Lonnie Martin (Martin), East Earl, Pa.

An Administrative Law Judge ordered Martin to cease and desist from:

- purchasing livestock and failing to pay, when due, for the livestock purchased; and
- failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock.

Martin has been assessed a \$33,000 civil penalty. The civil penalty will be held in abeyance so long as Martin pays restitution to the party named in the Understanding in accordance with the terms of the Understanding.

The consent decision resolves a complaint that GIPSA filed against Martin on Feb. 17, 2016.

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