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## **Thomas B. Welch, d/b/a TBW Cattle Has Been Ordered to Cease and Desist And Paid a \$10,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2016 – On June 23, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with Thomas B. Welch (Welch), doing business as TBW Cattle, Sophia, N.C.

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

- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock; and
- from engaging in business in any capacity for which registration is required under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without first registering with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Welch was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 which was paid on June 10, 2016.

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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