



COUNTY OF YOLO
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HAY THIEF ORDERED TO PAY \$211,000

Woodland, CA – February 25, 2008 - Dale Edward McMihelk was sentenced in the Yolo County Superior Court to pay \$211,000 to a local farmer for the theft of more than 30,000 bales of hay. Mr. McMihelk pleaded guilty to a felony charge of grand theft of farm crops with an enhancement for theft over \$150,000. The thefts occurred from seven fields owned by Gregory Farms, located in Yolo County, west of Woodland.

In a comment on the case, prosecuting attorney Rob Gorman stated, “We are very pleased that the Court ordered restitution commensurate with the victim’s losses.”

According to District Attorney Jeff Reisig, “Agriculture is a vital part of Yolo County’s economy. Our office will vigorously prosecute those who deprive our farmers of their livelihoods.”

In addition to paying restitution, Mr. McMihelk was placed on probation with a suspended four year prison commitment and ninety days in the county jail.

For more information, Contact Chief Deputy District Attorney Ann Hurd at (530) 666-8180.