

MAMMOTH CAVE DAIRY AUCTION, INC. AGREES TO CONSENT DECISION

WASHINGTON, (August 28, 2002) - On June 27, 2002, the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) entered a consent decision against Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc, Kenneth F. Deputy, and Michael Allen Hatcher (Mammoth). Mammoth of Smiths Grove, Ky. is a posted stockyard and market agency subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act (P&S Act) and regulations.

The consent decision orders Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc., Kenneth F. Deputy and Michael Alan Hatcher to stop violating the Packers and Stockyards Act and regulations. Additionally, Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc. was suspended as a registrant for a period of 21 days. Kenneth Deputy shall not be registered as a dealer or market agency during the period of suspension imposed on Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc. Deputy and the corporation were assessed a civil penalty of \$30,000.

Michael Allen Hatcher was suspended as a registrant for a period of 35 days, and is not allowed to be employed by Mammoth Cave Dairy, Inc. during his suspension. Hatcher was assessed a civil penalty of \$66,000.

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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