

Premium Gold Foods, LLC is Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$90,500

WASHINGTON, April 21, 2009 - On April 9, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with Premium Gold Foods, LLC (Premium Gold), Austin, Texas. Premium Gold has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay sellers for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

Premium Gold is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$90,500.

Premium Gold markets meats, meat food products, livestock products, or livestock products in an unmanufactured form acting as a wholesale broker, dealer, or distributor in commerce and is a packer subject to the provisions of the P&S Act.

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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