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**Gary Craig, d/b/a Craig Sheep Farm, Mingis Farms, and Triple C
Sheep Farm is Assesd a \$5,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, May 24, 2012 – On March 9, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Gary Craig (Craig), an individual doing business as Craig Sheep Farm, Mingis Farms, and Triple C Sheep Farm in the State of Illinois. The default decision, which became final and effective on April 30, 2012, ordered Craig to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent;
- manipulating the price of livestock by creating false auction market invoices for customers; and
- consigning and repurchasing livestock from his own consignment without disclosing to customers that the livestock were purchased from his own consignment.

Craig is also prohibited from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without first becoming properly registered. Craig has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,000.

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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