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**Pamela Hill and John Clark, d/b/a Tri-State Livestock
Are Assessed a \$6,200 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2012 – On May 9, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Pamela Hill (Hill) and John Clark (Clark), doing business as Tri-State Livestock, Texhoma, Okla.

Hill and Clark have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required without first becoming properly registered and without filing and maintaining an adequate bond;
- failing to pay livestock dealers the full amount of the purchase price for livestock before the close of the next business day; and
- failing to maintain sufficient funds to cover checks.

Hill and Clark are prohibited from registering under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for five years. After one year, if all unpaid sellers have been paid in full, a supplemental order may be issued terminating the suspension at that time.

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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