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Jeffrey D. Smith, a/k/a Jeff Smith and Dale T. Smith and Sons Packing Company, Inc. Have Been Assessed A \$9,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, 2012 – On September 28, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Jeffrey D. Smith, also known as Jeff Smith and Dale T. Smith and Sons Packing, Inc., Draper, Utah.

Dale T. Smith and Sons Packing Company, Inc. have been ordered to cease and desist from buying livestock for any other or for an agent of any other packer and failing to conduct its livestock buying operations in competition with, and independently of, other packers similarly engaged.

Jeffrey D. Smith has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to conduct his livestock buying operations in competition with, and independently of, other dealers similarly engaged; and for the purpose of restricting or limiting competition, manipulating livestock prices, or controlling the movement of livestock, prior to, or during the conduct of, his buying operations, furnishing competitor dealers and market agencies, or their buyers or representatives, similarly engaged in buying livestock, with information concerning his proposed buying operations, such as the species, classes, volume of livestock to be purchased, or prices to be paid, and any other buying information to competitor buyers.

Dale T. Smith and Sons Packing Company, Inc. and Jeffery D. Smith have also been assessed a civil penalty, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$9,000.

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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