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**Claypoole Livestock, Inc., and Timothy J. Claypoole  
Have Been Assessed a \$11,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 2012 – On May 10, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Claypoole Livestock, Inc. and Timothy J. Claypoole of Clifton, Colo., which became final and effective on June 20, 2012.

Claypoole Livestock, Inc., and Timothy J. Claypoole have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or bond equivalent;
- purchasing livestock and failing to pay, when due, for livestock purchases; and
- issuing checks in payment for livestock without having and maintaining sufficient funds on deposit where the checks are drawn to pay the checks when presented.

Claypoole Livestock, Inc., and Timothy J. Claypoole are 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.

Claypoole Livestock, Inc., and Timothy J. Claypoole have been assessed an \$11,000 civil penalty. The civil penalty in excess of \$2,500 is suspended provided that Claypoole Livestock, Inc. and Timothy J. Claypoole fully comply with terms of the cease and desist provisions contained in this Order for a period of 1 year.

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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