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Jeremy E. Pierce and Brookfield Cattle Company, LLC Are Prohibited from Being Registered for 10 Years

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2012 – On August 7, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision and order with Jeremy E. Pierce (Pierce) and Brookfield Cattle Company, LLC (Brookfield), Goreville, Ill. (mailing address) and Trenton, Fla. (principle place of business).

Pierce and Brookfield have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- buying and selling livestock in commerce without being properly registered;
- buying and selling livestock in commerce without maintaining an adequate bond;
- failing to pay and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock; and
- failing to have and maintain sufficient funds on deposit and available in the account upon which checks are drawn for payment.

They are prohibited from being registered and engaging in any activities for which registration is required under the Packer and Stockyards (P&S) Act for a period of 10 years.

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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