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Richard Hunter, d/b/a H&H Farms Is Assessed a \$8,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2012 – On August 1, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Richard Hunter (Hunter), doing business as H&H Farms in Alabama.

Hunter has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full purchase of livestock.

Hunter has been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,000.

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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