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T&J Meat Packing, Inc. Has Been Assessed a Civil Penalty In the Amount of \$8,000

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8, 2012 – On February 16, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a consent decision with T&J Meat Packing, Inc. (T&J), Chicago Heights, Ill.:

T&J has been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay livestock dealers the full amount of the purchase price for livestock before the close of the next business day following each purchase of livestock.

T&S has also been ordered to keep records that fully and accurately disclose all transaction involved in its business.

T&J 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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