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**Clair Hull, d/b/a Pioneer Specialty Foods, LLC
Violated the Packers and Stockyards Act**

WASHINGTON, May 10, 2012 – On May 1, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Clair Hull (Hull), doing business as Pioneer Specialty Foods, LLC.

Hull has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay the full amount of the purchase price of livestock;
- failing to pay, when due, the full amount of the purchase price of livestock; and
- issuing check to livestock sellers for livestock purchases with insufficient funds.

Hull shall also cease and desist from purchasing livestock except under the condition that he delivers to the seller the full amount of the purchase price by payment in United States currency, certified check, or by wire transfer before the close of the next business day following the purchase of livestock and transfer of possession. When purchasing livestock, Hull should obtain and maintain a bond at a rate of two times the required bond. He is prohibited from entering into credit agreements that would waive trust protection for livestock sellers. These conditions will continue for five years.

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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