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**Robert Smith, d/b/a 4S Cattle Company and Four S Cattle Company  
Is Assessed a \$9,375 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, June 5, 2012 – On May 7, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Robert Smith, doing business as 4S Cattle Company and Four S Cattle Company (Smith), Bigfoot, Texas.

Smith has been ordered to cease and desist from engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required without first becoming properly registered as required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and without filing and maintaining an adequate bond.

Smith is assessed a civil penalty of \$9,375, however, \$3,750 of the civil penalty will be held in abeyance for two years from the date the parties enter into this consent decision.

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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