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**Murray L. Edwards Has Been Suspended as a Registrant for Five Years**

WASHINGTON, June 14, 2012 – On May 31, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Murray L. Edwards (Edwards).

Edwards has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- purchasing livestock and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for the livestock; and
- issuing checks in payment for livestock without having and maintaining sufficient funds available.

Edwards is suspended as a registrant for five years, however, upon application to the Packers and Stockyards Program, a supplemental order may be issued terminating the suspension of Edwards’ registration any time after one year if he demonstrates the he is in full compliance with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

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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