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Rick Shannon Has Been Assessed a \$3,750 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2012 – On April 24, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Rick Shannon (Shannon), Blocker, Okla., which became final and effective on June 28, 2012.

Shannon has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act and regulations without filing and maintaining an adequate bond; and
- engaging in business in any capacity for which bonding is required under the P&S Act and regulations without first becoming properly registered under the P&S Act.

Shannon has been ordered to keep and maintain accounts, records, and memoranda, which fully and correctly discloses the true nature of all transactions involved in his business subject to the P&S Act.

Shannon is barred from registering to engage in business subject to the P&S Act for a period of 30 days from the date of issuance of this Order. After the expiration of this 30 day time period, Shannon may submit an application for registration to the Packers and Stockyards Program along with the required bond or bond equivalent.

Shannon has been assessed a \$3,750 civil penalty.

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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