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**Kao Vang and Chue Thao, d/b/a California Fresh Meats Have Been
Assessed a \$12,508.64 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, July 20, 2012 – On March 27, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Kao Vang (Vang) and Chue Thao (Thao), doing business as California Fresh Meats, Sanger, Calif., which became final and effective on June 21, 2012.

Vang and Thao have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- issuing checks in payment for livestock without having and maintaining sufficient funds on deposit and available in the bank account upon which they are drawn to pay such checks when presented;
- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock; and
- failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock.

Vang and Thao are suspended as registrants under the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act for a period of five years.

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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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