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**Ryan Sanders Has Been Assessed a \$7,000 Civil Penalty**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, 2012 – On March 13, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a default decision against Ryan Sanders (Sanders), which became final and effective on June 27, 2012.

Sanders has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- engaging in operations subject to the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act without maintaining an adequate bond;
- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase of livestock; and
- issuing checks in payment for livestock purchases with insufficient funds.

Sanders is barred from registering under the P&S Act for a period of two years from the date of entry of the Decision.

Sanders has been assessed a \$7,000 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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