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Magic Valley Buying Station, Inc., Eric Drees and Mindy Drees Have Been Suspended for Five Years

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4, 2012 – On September 21, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Magic Valley Buying Station, Inc. (Magic Valley) Eric Drees and Mindy Drees, Goodling, Idaho.

Magic Valley, Eric and Mindy Drees have been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price for livestock purchases; and
- engaging in business in any capacity for which registration and bonding are required without properly registering and without filing and maintaining an adequate bond or its equivalent, in accordance with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

Magic Valley has been suspended as a registrant under the P&S Act for a period of five years. Eric and Mindy Drees, directly or indirectly through any corporate or other device, are prohibited from engaging in business in any capacity for which registration and bond is required under the P&S Act for a period of five years.

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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