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Well Bred Farms, Inc. Has Been Assessed a \$2,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, 2013 – On January 25, 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration entered into a consent decision with Well Bred Farms, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Well Bred Farms, Inc. has been ordered to cease and desist from:

- failing to pay live poultry dealers for their purchases, in cash, by the close of the next business day; and
- failing to pay live poultry dealers obtaining live poultry under a poultry growing arrangement before the close of the 15th day following the week in which the poultry is slaughtered, delivered, to the cash seller or poultry grower from whom a live poultry dealer obtains poultry, the full amount due to such cash seller or poultry grower on account of such poultry.

Well Bred Farms, Inc. has also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.

The Packers and Stockyards 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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