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To whom it may concern,

I would like to inform you that Pierre Foods does not use any commercially purchased beef from Westland Meats to use in any of our commercial products.

We are all aware of the recent USDA Product "Hold" that has been placed on all USDA Commodity Beef supplied by Westland Meats.

Upon notification by the USDA of the contract numbers that had been awarded to Westland Meats for A594 Commodity Beef to be supplied to further processors, Pierre Foods immediately put all raw and finished products on USDA "Hold".

We also began the process of notifying all of our customers, who may have had product produced using commodity beef supplied by Westland Meats of the products, production dates, and lot numbers.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact 1-800-543-1604.

Sincerely,

Donald Fieler  
Vice President Sales

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