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LOWE'S LIVESTOCK MERCANTILE, INC.

4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

June 18, 2002

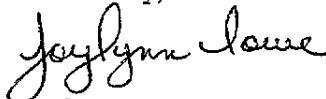
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Enclosed please find Check Number 5728 in the amount of \$ 87.50 for payment of incorporation filing fees. Also enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation for LOWE'S LIVESTOCK MERCANTILE, INC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joylynn Lowe
President

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LOWE'S LIVESTOCK MERCANTILE, INC.

I (We), the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME AND DURATION

The name and address of the corporation shall be

LOWE'S LIVESTOCK MERCANTILE, INC.
4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The corporation is organized for the following purposes:

1. To engage in the sales of livestock feed, supplies, and tack.
2. To engage in or transact any other lawful trade or business.

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ARTICLE III

COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

Pursuant to Section 607.167 of the Florida General Corporation Act, the existence of this corporation shall commence on the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IV

CORPORATE STOCK

This corporation shall have an authorized capital of 100 shares of common stock with a par value of \$ 1.00 per share.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The initial registered agent of the corporation shall be:

Joylynn Lowe

and the office of its initial registered agent shall be at:

4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

ARTICLE VI

RESTRICTION ON TRANSFER OF STOCK

If, at any time, a majority or more of the shareholders of the corporation enter into an agreement between and among themselves and the corporation to restrict transfer of the stock of the corporation, the corporation shall thereafter refuse to recognize any transfer of stock of the corporation unless the same is in conformity with the terms and conditions of the agreement. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless a copy of such agreement is on file in the principal office of the corporation, and unless notice of the existence of such restrictions is noted conspicuously on the

face or back of the certificates of stock. For purposes of this paragraph; the term "transfer" includes any sale, assignment or pledge of stock of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The corporation shall have a board of directors consisting of up to five directors. The name and address(es) of the initial director(s) of this corporation are:

Joylynn Lowe
4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Christopher C. Lowe
4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

ARTICLE VIII

INCORPORATOR(S)

The name and address of the initial incorporator(s) are:

Joylynn Lowe
4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Christopher C. Lowe
4371 Duncan Road
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

ARTICLE IX

BY-LAWS

The power to make, alter, amend, and rescind the by-laws of the corporation shall be reserved to the stockholders of the corporation.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment thereto, and any right conferred upon the stockholders is subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE XI

INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or former officer to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber(s) have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18 day of June, 2002.

Joy Lynn Lowe
Joy Lynn Lowe

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Joylynn Lowe, known to me to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they subscribed their name(s) to said Articles of Incorporation freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida, this 18th day of June, 2002.



Shirley C. Sours
MY COMMISSION # DD015468 EXPIRES
April 7, 2005
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Shirley C. Sours
Notary Public
State Of Florida

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

HAVING BEEN named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of the Florida General Corporation Act relative to keeping open said office.

Joylynn Lowe
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