

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1475.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

### MISBRANDING OF SORGHUM AND CORN SIRUP.

On October 14, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois, acting on a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 580 cases of sorghum and corn sirup, 300 of which each contained six 10-pound packages, 245 of which each contained twelve 5-pound packages, and 35 of which each contained twenty-four 2-pound packages, in possession of New York Store Mercantile Co. (Inc.), Cairo, Ill. The libel alleged that the product had been transported from the State of Kansas into the State of Illinois, date of shipment not shown, and charged misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Each of the packages contained in said cases was branded: "Farmer Jones Pride Brand Pure Country Sorghum and Corn Sirup, with cane flavor, manufactured by the Fort Scott Sorghum Sirup Co., Fort Scott, Kansas, put up for New York Store Mercantile Co., Cairo, Ills. Pure Sorghum 45%, Corn Sirup 45%, Refiners Sirup 10%."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Average net weight, 10 pounds 0.24 ounce; solids, 80.44 per cent; direct polarization at 28° C., +116.0; invert polarization at 28° C., +98.2; polarization at 87° C., +103.4; commercial glucose (factor 163), 63.44 per cent; sucrose by Clerget, 13.83 per cent; sucrose by copper, 13.17 per cent; reducing sugar (before inversion), 31.52 per cent; ash, 2.08 per cent; ash insoluble in 10 per cent HCl, 0.01 per cent; moisture, 19.56 per cent; reducing sugar after inversion, 45.38 per cent. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that none of the packages contained 45 per cent pure sorghum, and the labeling of the packages was false so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser.

On November 6, 1911, judgment of condemnation was entered and upon presentation of bond by the Fort Scott Sorghum & Corn Sirup Co., Fort Scott, Kans., in conformity with section 10 of the Act, fixed by the court at \$1,000, an order was made for the release and delivery of the property to said company upon payment of the costs of the proceedings.

W. M. HAYS,

*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22, 1912.

