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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	
Bluegrass Lamb Company, LLC	P&S Docket No. 26-J-0055
And	
Valerie Samutin,	P&S Docket No. 26-J-0056
Respondents	Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was instituted under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181 *et seq.*) (Act), by a Complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Fair Trade Practices Program, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the Respondents violated the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 *et seq.*). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provision of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).e

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations as set forth herein as findings of fact and conclusions of law, waive any and all rights or defenses the Respondents have for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district court in the first instance, including any associated right to a jury trial, waive oral hearing and further procedure, waive all rights to seek judicial review and otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this decision, including waiving challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's authority to enter this Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United

States, and waive any action against the United States Department of Agriculture under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) for fees and other expenses incurred by Respondents in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity.

Respondents consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding, to the entry of this decision. Complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Bluegrass Lamb Company, LLC (Respondent Bluegrass) is a Limited Liability Company formed and operating in the state of Kentucky. Its business mailing address is 64 First Union Church Road, Glendale, KY 42740. Respondent Bluegrass is or was at all times material to the Complaint in this matter:
    (a) Engaged in the business of buying livestock in commerce for the purposes of slaughter;
    (b) Engaged in the business of manufacturing or preparing meat and meat food products for sale or shipment in commerce; and
    (c) A packer within the meaning of and subject to the provisions of the Act.

2. Valerie Samutin (Respondent Samutin) is, and at all times material to the Complaint in this matter, was: Executive Director and 100 percent owner of Respondent Bluegrass and responsible for its direction, management, and control.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

ORDER

1. Respondents, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with any packer operations subject to the Act, will cease and desist from:

Failing to pay, or pay when due, the full purchase price of livestock.

2. Respondents agree that they will not operate as a packer as defined by the Act until the matter in Hardin Circuit Court Division II, Case Number 24-CI-01943 is adjudicated or closed and resolved.

This Order will have the same force and effect as if entered after a full hearing, and its provisions will become effective upon issuance. Copies of this decision and Order will be served upon the parties.

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C. Gilmore Dutton, III
Representative of Respondent

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Valerie Samutin
Managing Director

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Issued at Washington, D.C.

August 25, 2026

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Administrative Law Judge