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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	
Crum Livestock, LLC	P&S Docket No. 25-J-0055
And	
Connor Crum,	P&S Docket No. 25-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 willfully violated the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 201.1 et seq.). This decision and order are entered into pursuant to the consent decision provision of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter. Respondents waive any and all rights or defenses the Respondents have or might have for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district court in the first instance, including any associated right to a jury trial. Respondents 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. The parties consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Crum Livestock, LLC and 100 percent owner Respondent Connor Crum operate subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act in the State of Indiana.
2. Respondents are, and at all times material herein were:
    a. Engaged in the business of, and operating as, a market agency buying livestock on a commission basis, and as a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce a dealer subject to the provisions of the Act; and
    b. Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency and a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce.

Conclusions

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

Order

1. Respondents, their agents and employees, directly or through any corporate device, in connection with operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from:
    a. Failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock; and

b. Issuing checks to livestock sellers without having sufficient funds in the bank upon which they were drawn to pay such checks when presented.

c. Failing to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclose all the transactions involved in Respondents' business as a market agency and dealer, as required by section 401 of the Act (7 U.S.C. 221). Specifically, Respondents must keep and maintain invoices, scale tickets, and documents necessary to permit the tracing of all payments made for livestock purchases.

2. In accordance with section 312 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 213), Respondents are assessed a civil penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), which will be paid over the course of 10 months (generally in the amount of $500 each month, though Respondent will be considered in compliance so long as the entire amount is paid within the 10 month time frame). The civil penalty and any portion thereof is to be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent to USDA, AMS, General, PO Box 790257, St. Louis, Missouri 63179-0257. Respondents will also send a monthly email to Complainant's counsel showing each payment made.

3. Respondents shall be properly registered and bonded while operating subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act. If Respondents fail to pay the civil penalty in full within 10 months, Respondents agree that their registration is suspended without further procedure (upon application by Complainant to the Administrative Law Judge) until any due penalty arrears are paid in full.

The provisions of this Order shall become effective upon issuance. Copies of the decision shall be served upon the parties.

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Connor Crum
For Respondents

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Done at Washington, D.C.
March 2, 2026

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Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Administrative Law Judge