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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	
Brandon Jones And Cassandra Chapman d/b/a Jones Livestock	P&S Docket No. D-25-J-0038 P&S Docket No. D-25-J-0039
	Consent Decision and Order

This proceeding was initiated under the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. § 181, et seq.) (the Act), by a Complaint filed by the Deputy Administrator, Fair Trade Practices Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture (Complainant), alleging that Respondent willfully violated the Act. This Consent Decision and Order is entered pursuant to that provision of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (pertaining to Consent Decisions without hearing) (7 C.F.R. 1.138 *et seq*.).

Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations in Paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, waives 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 any and all rights or defenses the Respondent has or might have for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district

court, or right to a jury trial. Respondent waives 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 Respondent in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order. Complainant agrees to the entry of this Consent Decision and Order.

Findings of Fact

1. Jones Livestock is a partnership operating under the laws of the state of Ohio. Its principal place of business is located at 10171 State Rt. 108, Wauseon, OH 43567.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Jones Livestock was:

a) A partnership wholly owned by Brandon Jones and Cassandra Chapman (collectively with Jones Livestock, "Respondents");

b) Respondents are engaged in the business of, and operating as dealers buying and selling livestock in commerce, and engaged in the business of, and operating as a market agency buying and selling livestock in commerce on a commission basis; and

c) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency to buy livestock on a commission basis in commerce and dealers to buy and sell livestock in commerce.

Conclusions of Law

Respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this consent decision, the Consent Decision and Order will be entered.

Order

Respondents, their agents and employees, directly or through any corporate or other device, in connection with operations subject to the Act, shall cease and desist from:

Failing to pay the full purchase price of livestock and failing to pay, when due, the full purchase price of livestock;

Issuing checks for payment of livestock without sufficient funds to clear and pay for those checks when presented; and

Failing to keep and maintain records which fully and correctly disclose all the transactions involved in their business as a dealer and market agency as required by Section 401 of the Act. Specifically, Respondents shall, if conducting business subject to the Act, keep and maintain all bank statements, purchase and sale invoices, balance sheets, income statements, monthly reconciliations and documents necessary to permit the tracing of all payments made for livestock purchases.

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

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Brandon Jones
On Behalf of Respondents

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Issued in Washington, D.C.
this 13 day of ~~February~~ March, 2026

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Administrative Law Judge