UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	
Two Brother Farms, LLC	P&S Docket No. D-25-J-0048
And	
Joel Wingard,	P&S Docket No. D-25-J-0049
Respondents.	
	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 Respondents 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*.).

Respondents admit the jurisdictional allegations in Paragraph I of the Complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, 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 any and all rights or

defenses the Respondents have or might have for the matter to be adjudicated in a federal district court, or right to a jury trial. Respondents 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, 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. Two Brother Farms, LLC (Respondent LLC) is a limited liability company whose registered business address is 11917 SR 120, Middlebury, IN 46540.

2. Respondent LLC is, and at all times material herein, was:

a) Engaged in the business of, and operating as, a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis;

b) Engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or for the accounts of others; and

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

3. Joel Wingard (Respondent individual) applied for the above-described registration regarding Respondent LLC.

4. Respondent individual is, and at all times material herein, was:

a) 100 percent owner of Respondent LLC;

b) Responsible for the day-to-day direction, management, and control of Respondent LLC, including the acts and practices referred to in this complaint;

c) Engaged in the business of, and operating as, a market agency buying livestock in commerce on a commission basis;

d) Engaged in the business of a dealer buying and selling livestock in commerce for his own account or for the accounts of others; and

e) Registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a market agency to buy livestock in commerce on a commission basis and as a dealer buying and selling 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; 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 purchase and sale invoices, bank statements, checks, dealer receipts and records necessary to document Respondent's business operations under the Act.

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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Joel Wingard
On Behalf of Respondents

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Christopher Young
Attorney for the Complainant

Issued in Washington, D.C.
this 15th day of April 2026,

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Administrative Law Judge

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