

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

STEVEN VINSON,
D/B/A 3V FARMS

Respondent

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FCIA Docket No. 14-0147

CONSENT DECISION

WHEREAS each of the parties has requested that this stipulated Consent Decision be entered in the above-stated case in accordance with 7 C.F.R. § 1.138, the following is Decided:

The parties admit that this case is properly filed with USDA's Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ) and that the OALJ has jurisdiction to hear this case based upon section 515(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. § 1515(h)) and 7 C.F.R. § 400.454(f).

After adequate opportunity for the parties to be heard, the Respondent chooses not to challenge this case in a full hearing and Respondent instead chooses to pay a civil fine in the amount of \$20,000 in two \$10,000 payments, one due immediately and one due on May 1, 2016 for violation of section 515(h) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act) without further proceedings. The parties agree that there will be no period of disqualification, unless the Respondent fails to pay either part of said fine within thirty (30) days of its due date, after which 7 C.F.R. § 400.454(f)(3) and (5) provide for indefinite "ineligibility" until repayment of the civil fine. Both parties consent to the issuance of this agreed decision without further procedure or admissions or statements by either party. The parties further agree that failure of Respondent to pay the civil fine in accordance with the terms of this Consent Decision shall allow Complainant

to immediately list the matter for hearing before the USDA OALJ based on the Complaint that was filed on July 2, 2014.

THEREFORE, it is found that, pursuant to section 515 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 1515), Respondent will be civilly fined in the amount of \$20,000. This civil fine shall be made payable to the **"Federal Crop Insurance Corporation"** and sent to:

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
Attn: Collection Examiner
Fiscal Operations Branch
6501 Beacon Road, Room 271
Kansas City, Missouri 64133
(Account Name: [REDACTED])

Payment shall be made in two parts. Payment of \$10,000 shall be made within 30 days after this Consent Decision is entered, with said 30 days being calculated to include weekends and legal holidays. Payment of the balance, \$10,000, shall be made on May 1, 2016.

Entered in Washington, D.C.
This 20th day of July 2015.

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JANICE BULLARD
Administrative Law Judge