

CLASS ACTION SUMMARY

**BROILERS DIRECT AND INDIRECT PURCHASER
ANTITRUST CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS**

DID YOUR BUSINESS PURCHASE CHICKEN?

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECOVER MONEY!

SUMMARY

Total Settlements Reached:
Various

Purchase Date Range(s):
Various

Filing deadline(s):
Various

*Specific information about the class
action(s) listed below*

Eligible Class Members:

Eligible Class Members are all persons or entities who or which:

a) Direct Class – purchased raw “Broilers” (defined below) directly from any of the “Defendants” (listed below) or their respective subsidiaries or affiliates either fresh or frozen, in the form of: whole birds (with or without giblets), whole cut-up birds, or parts (boneless or bone in) derived from the front half of the whole bird, for use or delivery in the United States from January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019 (excluding all federal, state or local governmental entities). *There is \$115,050,150 in new funds recovered in class action settlements. First Round Filing Deadline: Distribution of these funds has occurred. Second Round Filing Deadline: No Claim Forms are available at this time and no claim filing deadline has been set by the Court; or*

b) Indirect Commercial Class – purchased, in the “Commercial Class Eligible Jurisdictions”, Broilers indirectly from the Defendants or the Co-Conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation from January 1, 2009 to July 31, 2019 (excluding all federal or state governmental entities). This includes purchasers such as hospitals, nursing homes and schools. *There is \$2,800,000 in new funds recovered in class action settlements. First Round Filing Deadline: The deadline to file a claim form has passed. Late claims are no longer being accepted. Second Round Filing Deadline: No Claim Forms are available at this time and no claim filing deadline has been set by the Court.*

“Commercial Class Eligible Jurisdictions”: The District of Columbia, AZ, CA, CT, FL, HI, IL, IA, KS, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NM, NY, NC, ND, OR, RI, SC, SD, TN, UT, VT, WV and WI. The class period ends on February 20, 2019 for the settlements with Fieldale Farms Corporation (“Fieldale”) and Amick Farms, LLC (“Amick”). The Amick settlement is the only settlement that includes CT.

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Case History

In 2016, class action lawsuits were filed on behalf of the Direct Class and Indirect Commercial Class in the Northern District of Illinois alleging the Defendants and Co-Conspirators conspired and combined to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of Broilers in violation of U.S. federal antitrust laws. The Settlements the **Direct Class** entered into with Tyson, Pilgrim, Fieldale, Peco, George's and Amick, totaling \$170.2616 million (the "First Round of Settlements"), has been distributed to eligible claimants. The Direct Class also entered into a Second Round of Settlements with Harrison (\$3.3 million), Mar-Jac (\$7.975 million), Simmons (\$8.019 million), Mountaire (\$15,899,826), O.K. Foods (\$4,856,333), HRF (\$27.5 million) and Koch (\$47.5 million). The settlements received final approval except for the HRF and Koch settlements which are pending final approval. The class period for the Simmons, Mountaire, O.K. Foods, HRF and Koch settlements is December 1, 2008 through July 31, 2019. The **Indirect Commercial Class** has entered into settlements with Fieldale (\$1.4 million), Amick (\$2.95 million), Peco (\$3.525 million), George's (\$3.525 million), Tyson (\$42.5 million), Pilgrim (\$44 million) and Mar-Jac (\$5.99 million) in the total amount of approximately \$103.89 million (the "First Round of Settlements"). The class period for the First Round of Settlements commenced on January 1, 2008, and the claim filing deadline was March 2, 2022 (these settlements received final approval). The Indirect Commercial Class has also entered into a settlement with Harrison (\$2.8 million), which is pending final approval (the "Second Round of Settlements"). The litigation is presently ongoing against the remaining Defendants on behalf of the Classes. It is impossible to predict the outcome; however, it is possible that money may become available to eligible class members if additional settlements are reached with the Defendants in the future.

Definition of "Broilers": Broilers are chickens raised for meat consumption to be slaughtered before the age of 13 weeks, and which may be sold in a variety of forms, including fresh or frozen, raw or cooked (note: cooked Broilers may not be included in all classes), whole or in parts, or as a meat ingredient in a value-added product, but excluding chicken that is grown, processed, and sold per halal, kosher, free range, or organic standards. This definition may slightly differ for the certified classes with respect to the non-settling Defendants.

"Defendants" and "Co-Conspirators": The following is a list of Defendants included in at least one of the class action complaints:

- Amick;
- Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Chicken, Inc., Tyson Breeders, Inc. and Tyson Poultry, Inc. (collectively, "Tyson");
- Pilgrim; Perdue Farms, Inc.;
- Perdue Foods LLC;
- JCG Foods of Alabama, LLC, JCG Foods of Georgia, LLC, Koch Foods, Inc. and Koch Meat Co., Inc. (collectively, "Koch");
- Sanderson Farms, Inc. Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Food Division); Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Production Division);
- Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Processing Division);
- Wayne Farms, LLC;
- Mountaire Farms, Inc., Mountaire Farms, LLC and Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc. (collectively, "Mountaire");
- Peco Foods, Inc. ("Peco");
- Foster Farms, LLC;
- Foster Poultry Farms;
- House of Raeford Farms, Inc. ("HRF");
- Simmons Foods, Inc.;
- Simmons Prepared Foods, Inc. (collectively, "Simmons");
- Fieldale;
- George's, Inc. and George's Farms, Inc. (collectively, "George's");
- O.K. Foods, Inc., O.K. Farms, Inc. and O.K. Industries, Inc. ("O.K. Foods");
- Case Foods, Inc.;
- Case Farms, LLC;
- Case Farms Processing, Inc. and Mar-Jac Poultry, Inc., Mar-Jac Poultry MS, LLC, Mar-Jac Poultry AL, LLC, Mar-Jac AL/MS, Inc., Mar-Jac Poultry, LLC and Mar-Jac Holdings, LLC (collectively, "Mar-Jac"). Co-Conspirators include: Agri Stats, Inc.;
- Claxton Poultry Farms, Inc.;
- Norman W. Fries, Inc., d/b/a Claxton Poultry Farms, Inc.; and
- Harrison Poultry, Inc. ("Harrison").

Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator may be contacted for additional settlement information. You also may visit the Court-approved website. Please understand that you have the right to file on your own. To learn more about our services, visit www.FRSCO.com.

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