

Class Action Summary
Broiler Growers Antitrust
Class Action Settlements

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If you or your business were paid for providing Broiler Grow-Out Services in the United States and its territories from **January 27, 2013 through December 31, 2019**, you may be entitled to participate in the **\$35.75 MILLION** recovered ***thus far*** in class action settlements.

Filing Deadline: April 10, 2022

Eligible Class Members: Eligible Class Members are all persons or entities in the United States and its territories who or which, from January 27, 2013 to December 31, 2019, were compensated for “Broiler Grow-Out Services” (defined below) by a “Defendant” (listed below) or “Co-Conspirator” (listed below), or by a division, subsidiary, predecessor, or affiliate of a Defendant or Co-Conspirator.

Definition of “Broiler Grow-Out Services”: Broiler Grow-Out Services is the term used for the raising of young chickens bred for meat. Farmers who raise these young chickens are also referred to as “Broiler Growers”. For purposes of this summary, these young chickens include chicken raised without antibiotics, such as No Antibiotics Ever or Antibiotic Free standards, and excludes specialty chicken that is grown, processed, and sold according to halal, kosher, free range, pasture-raised, or organic standards.

Definition of “Defendants” and “Co-Conspirators”: The Defendants include: Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Chicken, Inc., Tyson Breeders, Inc. and Tyson Poultry, Inc. (collectively, “Tyson”); Pilgrim Pride Corporation; Perdue Farms, Inc. (“Perdue”); Koch Foods, Inc.; Koch Meat Co., Inc. d/b/a Koch Poultry Co.; Sanderson Farms, Inc.; Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Food Division); Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Production Division); and Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Processing Division). Co-Conspirators of the Defendants include: Agri Stats, Inc.; Foster Farms; Mountaire Farms; Wayne Farms; George’s, Inc.; Peco Foods, Inc.; House of Raeford Farms; Simmons Foods; Keystone Foods, Inc.; Fieldale Farms Corp; O.K. Industries; Case Foods; Marshall Durbin Companies; Amick Farms, Inc.; Mar-Jac Poultry, Inc.; Harrison Poultry, Inc.; Claxton Poultry Farms; and Norman W. Fries, Inc.

Case History: In January 2017, a class action lawsuit was filed in the Eastern District of Oklahoma alleging the Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in conduct to suppress Broiler Grower compensation below competitive levels in violation of U.S. federal antitrust laws. At this time, the class has entered into settlements with Tyson (\$21 million) and Perdue (\$14.75 million) for a total of \$35.75 million. The settlements are currently pending final approval. The settlement funds (less any expenses and fees) will be distributed if and when the Court grants final approval of the settlements and a claims process is completed. The litigation is presently ongoing against the remaining Defendants. It is impossible to predict the outcome; however, it is possible that additional funds may become available to eligible class members if settlements are reached with other Defendants in the future.

Class Counsel or the Class 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.

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The Services FRS Provides: Financial Recovery Strategies (FRS) is a class action claims management consultant; we are not a court appointed claims administrator or class counsel. If you hire FRS, FRS will work within your guidelines to manage the claims process. The services that FRS provides include the following: (i) notifying you when we believe that you may be eligible to participate in settlements likely to be valuable to you; (ii) endeavoring to enhance the likelihood that all of your eligible business units (e.g., subsidiaries, divisions, acquisitions and divestitures) are included in the claims process; (iii) to reduce the support needed from your in-house staff, providing advice on what, if any, documents need to be collected and maintained, and, when requested, assisting in that effort; (iv) when required documents are not available or are too burdensome to collect, attempting to develop innovative alternatives to satisfy documentation requirements and striving to obtain approval of those alternatives; (v) preparing, assembling and submitting your claim package, and managing it throughout the claims processing phase, including working with you to address any concerns or questions claims administrators may have; (vi) providing regular updates on the recovery process; (vii) reviewing your payment to assure that it has not been under calculated; and (viii) following up with you to assure that your recovery check is deposited. FRS’s recovery specialists are always available to answer any questions you may have.

How to Retain FRS: If you wish to hire FRS to file and manage a claim on your behalf, you must return a signed Claims Management Agreement and a signed Authority to File and Manage Claims. Before doing so, it is important that you understand their terms and make sure that all information about you is correct.