

Class Action Summary

Turkey Direct Purchaser
Antitrust Class Action Settlement

This is not an official Court Notice. Information contained in this Summary is subject to change.

If you or your business purchased turkey from **January 1, 2010 through January 1, 2017**, you may be entitled to participate in the **\$4.625 MILLION** recovered ***thus far*** in class action settlements.

Filing Deadline: No Claim Forms are available at this time and no claim filing deadline has been set by the Court.

Eligible Class Members: Eligible Class Members include all persons and entities (excluding federal, state or local governmental entities), who or which, from January 1, 2010 through January 1, 2017, ***directly*** purchased “Turkey” (defined below) from one of the “Defendants” (listed below) or their “Co-Conspirators” (also listed below) or their respective subsidiaries or affiliates for use or delivery in the United States.

Definition of “Turkey”: “Turkey” means turkey meat which may be sold in a variety of forms, including fresh or frozen, ground or parts, and raw or cooked. Turkey meat includes, but is not limited to, the following: breasts, wings, drums, legs, thighs, tenderloins, necks, tails, gizzards, feet, trim, tenders, mechanically separated turkey, ground turkey, and further processed and value added turkey products. Turkey also includes, but is not limited to, products containing turkey such as lunch meat, deli meat, sausage, franks, bacon, and corn dogs.

“Defendants” and “Co-Conspirators”: The Defendants include: 1) Agri Stats, Inc.; 2) Butterball LLC; 3) Cargill, Inc. and Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation; 4) Cooper Farms, Inc.; 5) Farbest Foods, Inc.; 6) Foster Farms, LLC and Foster Poultry Farms; 7) Hormel Foods Corporation; 8) House of Raeford Farms, Inc.; 9) Perdue Farms, Inc. and Perdue Foods LLC; and 10) Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc. and Hillshire Brands Company (collectively, “Tyson”). The Co-Conspirators include Circle S-Ranch, Inc., Prestage Farms and West Liberty Foods LLC.

Case History: In 2019, a class action lawsuit was filed in the Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division) alleging that the Defendants fixed, raised, stabilized, or maintained the price of Turkey at artificially inflated levels in violation of federal antitrust laws. At this time, the class has entered into a settlement with Tyson for approximately \$4.625 million, which is pending final approval. The settlement funds (less any expenses and fees) will be distributed if and when the Court grants final approval of the settlement 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 money may become available to eligible class members if additional settlements are reached with the Defendants in the future.

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.

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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.