### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

# If you purchased Broiler chicken directly from a Broiler Chicken Producer in the United States from at least as early as January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019, you may be eligible for benefits from some class action settlements.

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- Two more settlements have been reached in a class action antitrust lawsuit filed on behalf of Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") of Broiler chicken. The two new settlements are with Defendants Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Chicken, Inc., Tyson Breeders, Inc., and Tyson Poultry, Inc. (collectively, "Tyson") and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation ("Pilgrim's Pride"), collectively "New Settlements" with the "New Settling Defendants." Previous settlements (the "Previous Settlements") were filed on behalf of Plaintiffs with Defendants Peco Foods, Inc. ("Peco"), George's, Inc. and George's Farms, Inc. (collectively, "George's"), Amick Farms, LLC ("Amick"), and Fieldale Farms Corporation ("Fieldale Farms"), collectively the "Previous Settling Defendants." Together, the New Settling Defendants and Previous Settling Defendants are referred to as "Settling Defendants" and the Previous Settlements are collectively referred to as the "Settlements."
- The proposed New Settlements are with the New Settling Defendants only and do not dismiss claims against other Defendants. The settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants have been given final approval by the Court. Fourteen other Defendants remain in the case, and Plaintiffs' lawsuit will continue against them in the case entitled *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*, N.D. Ill. Case No. 1:16-cv-08637.
- If approved by the Court, the New Settlements will resolve Plaintiffs' claims that the New Settling Defendants conspired in restraint of trade, the purpose and effect of which were to suppress competition and to allow the New Settling Defendants and other Broiler chicken producers to charge supra-competitive prices for Broilers from January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019 (the "Class Period"), in violation of federal law. New Settling Defendants have not admitted any liability concerning and continue to deny the legal claims alleged in this lawsuit. If approved, the New Settlements will avoid litigation costs and risks to Plaintiffs and the New Settling Defendants, and will release the New Settling Defendants from liability to the Plaintiffs that participate in the Settlement Class.
- The New Settlements require the New Settling Defendants to pay up to the following amounts to benefit the Direct Purchaser Plaintiff Class: Tyson \$80,000,000; and Pilgrim's Pride \$75,000,000. Together with the amounts paid by the Previous Settling Defendants (Peco \$4,964,600; George's \$4,097,000; Amick \$3,950,000; Fieldale Farms \$2,250,000), total settlements in the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs' case are \$170,261,600 (the "Settlement Proceeds").
- This notice also informs you how to make a claim to receive money from the New Settlements and Previous Settlements.
- Your legal rights are affected whether you act or don't act. Please read this notice carefully.

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YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENTS		
FILE A CLAIM TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE SETTLEMENTS	In order to receive money from the New Settlements and Previous Settlements you must submit a Claim Form by May 17, 2021. If you are confirmed to be a Class Member and file a valid Claim Form, you will be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Proceeds.  Instructions for filing a claim are available in Question 11 of this notice, on the Claim Form, and at the settlement website www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com.  By participating as a Settlement Class member, you give up your rights to sue the New Settling Defendants about the claims that the New Settlements resolve.	
ASK TO BE EXCLUDED ("OPT OUT") FROM THE NEW SETTLEMENTS	You must submit a valid request for exclusion in order to remove yourself from the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants and receive no payment from the New Settlements.  You will keep your right to be part of any <i>other</i> lawsuit against the New Settling Defendants about the legal claims that the New Settlements resolve. Requests for exclusion must be postmarked by May 17, 2021.  The deadline to request exclusion from the settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.	
OBJECT TO THE NEW SETTLEMENTS	You may write to the Court about why you don't like the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants. Objections must be postmarked by May 17, 2021. The deadline to object to the settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.	
ATTEND THE FAIRNESS HEARING	You may request to speak in Court about the fairness of the New Settlements by providing notice by May 17, 2021.	
DO NOTHING	If you do not file a claim as described above and in Question 11, you will receive no payment from the Settlements with any of the Settling Defendants.  If you do nothing regarding the New Settlements, you will give up your rights to sue the New Settling Defendants about the legal claims that the New Settlements resolve.	

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### **BASIC INFORMATION**

# 1. Why did I receive a notice?

All Defendants, including the Settling Defendants, produce Broiler chicken. Records from all Defendants show that you may have purchased Broiler chicken products directly from one or more Defendants and/or alleged Co-Conspirators for use and delivery in the United States between January 1, 2008 and December 20, 2019. The list of Defendants and alleged Co-Conspirators is in Question 2 below and in the operative Complaint.

The Court authorized this notice because you have a right to know about the proposed New Settlements, certain claims by Plaintiffs against the Settling Defendants in this class action lawsuit, and about your options before the Court decides whether to approve the proposed New Settlements. If the Court approves the New Settlements, and after objections and appeals are resolved, you will be bound by the judgment and terms of the New Settlements. This notice explains the lawsuit, the New Settlements, and your legal rights under the New Settlements and Previous Settlements.

### 2. What is this lawsuit about?

This class action, *In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*, N.D. Ill. Case No. 1:16-cv-08637, is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas M. Durkin presides over this class action.

Plaintiffs allege that Defendants and their Co-Conspirators conspired to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of Broilers, beginning at least as early as January 1, 2008. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants implemented their conspiracy in various ways, including via coordinated supply restrictions, sharing competitively sensitive price and production information, and otherwise manipulating Broiler prices, with the intent and expected result of increasing prices of Broilers in the United States, in violation of federal antitrust laws.

The Defendants and alleged Co-Conspirators named in Plaintiffs' Fifth Consolidated Amended Complaint are producers of Broiler chicken and Broiler chicken products in the United States. The Defendants and alleged Co-Conspirators include: Fieldale Farms Corporation; Koch Foods, Inc.; JCG Foods of Alabama, LLC; JCG Foods of Georgia, LLC; Koch Meat Co., Inc.; Tyson Foods, Inc.; Tyson Chicken, Inc.; Tyson Breeders, Inc.; Tyson Poultry, Inc.; Pilgrim's Pride Corporation; Perdue Farms, Inc.; Perdue Foods LLC; Sanderson Farms, Inc.; Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Foods Division); Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Production Division); Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Processing Division); Wayne Farms, LLC; Mountaire Farms, Inc.; Mountaire Farms, LLC; Mountaire Farms of Delaware, Inc.; Peco Foods, Inc.; Foster Farms, LLC; Foster Poultry Farms; House of Raeford Farms, Inc.; Simmons Foods, Inc.; Simmons Prepared Foods, Inc.; George's, Inc.; George's Farms, Inc.; O.K. Foods, Inc.; O.K. Farms, Inc.; O.K. Industries, Inc.; Claxton Poultry Farms, Inc.; Norman W. Fries, Inc.; Harrison Poultry, Inc.; Mar-Jac Poultry, Inc.; Mar-Jac Poultry MS, LLC; Mar-Jac Poultry AL, LLC; Mar-Jac AL/MS, Inc.; Mar-Jac Poultry, LLC; Mar-Jac Holdings, LLC; Amick Farms, LLC; The Amick Company, Inc.; Amick-OSI Broilers, LLC; Amick-OSI Processing, LLC; Case Foods, Inc.; Case Farms, LLC; Case Farms Processing, Inc.; Agri Stats, Inc.; Keystone Foods, LLC; Keystone Foods Corporation; Equity Group Eufaula Division, LLC; Equity Group Kentucky Division LLC; Equity Group – Georgia Division LLC; Allen Harim USA, Ltd.; Allen Harim Foods, LLC; Allen Harim Farms, LLC; JCG Industries, Inc.; JCG Properties, Inc.; JCG Land Holdings, LLC; JCG Foods LLC; Koch Foods of Cumming LLC; Koch Foods of Gainesville LLC; JCG Farms of Georgia LLC; Koch Foods of Mississippi LLC; Koch Farms of Mississippi LLC; Koch Freezers LLC; Koch Properties of Mississippi LLC; Koch Foods of Alabama LLC; Koch Farms of Alabama LLC; JCG Farms of Alabama LLC; Koch Foods of Ashland LLC; Koch Farms of Ashland LLC; Koch Farms of Gadsden LLC; Koch Foods of Gadsden LLC; Koch Foods of Cincinnati LLC; Koch Foods LLC; Koch Farms LLC; Koch Farms of Chattanooga LLC; Koch Foods of Chattanooga LLC; Koch Foods of Morristown LLC; Koch Farms of Morristown LLC; Tyson Sales & Distribution, Inc.; Perdue Foods, Inc.; Harvestland Holdings, LLC; Perdue Food Products, Inc.; Perdue Farms, LLC; Perdue Farms Incorporated; WFSP Foods, LLC; George's Chicken, LLC; George's Family Farms, LLC; George's Foods, LLC; George's of Missouri, Inc.; George's Processing, Inc.; Peco Farms of Mississippi, LLC; PFS Distribution Company; Merit Provisions, LLC; GC Properties, LLC; Pilgrim's Pride of Nevada, Inc.; PPC Marketing, Ltd.; Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of West Virginia, Inc.; Foster International Trading Company, Inc.; Napoleon Poultry Supply, LLC; O.K. Broiler Farms Limited Partnership; House of Raeford Farms of Louisiana, LLC; Johnson Breeders, Inc.; Columbia Farms of Georgia, Inc.; Raeford Farms of Louisiana, LLC; and Columbia Farms, Inc.

The Court previously gave final approval to settlements between the Plaintiffs and Fieldale Farms, Peco, George's and Amick. The Court has now preliminarily approved settlements with Tyson and Pilgrim's Pride. The Direct Purchaser

Plaintiffs' case is proceeding against all other Defendants who have not settled the case. If applicable, you will receive a separate notice regarding the progress of the litigation and any resolution of claims against other Defendants.

The New Settling Defendants have not admitted any liability concerning and continue to deny the legal claims alleged in this lawsuit, and would allege numerous defenses to the Plaintiffs' claims if the case against them were to proceed. Nevertheless, the New Settling Defendants agreed to settle this action to avoid the further expense, inconvenience, disruption, and burden of this litigation and any other present or future litigation arising out of the facts that gave rise to this litigation, to avoid the risks inherent in uncertain complex litigation and trial, and thereby to put to rest this controversy.

### 3. What is a class action, and who is involved?

In a class action lawsuit, one or more people or businesses called class representatives sue on behalf of others who have similar claims, all of whom together are a "class." Individual Settlement Class members do not have to file a lawsuit to participate in the class action settlement, or be bound by the judgment in the class action. One court resolves the issues for everyone in the class, except for those who exclude themselves from the class.

# 4. Why are there settlements in this case?

The Court did not decide in favor either of Plaintiffs or the New Settling Defendants. Plaintiffs believe they may win at trial and possibly obtain a greater recovery. The New Settling Defendants believe they may win at trial and that Plaintiffs might recover nothing against them. But trials involve risks to both sides, and therefore Plaintiffs and the New Settling Defendants have agreed to settle the case. The New Settlements require the New Settling Defendants to pay money for the benefit of the Settlement Class members. Plaintiffs and their attorneys believe the New Settlements are in the best interests of all Settlement Class members.

# 5. What if you received previous communications regarding this lawsuit?

You already received notice regarding settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants. You are permitted to participate in the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants regardless of whether you excluded yourself from the settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants. In order to receive money from the New Settlement and Previous Settlements you must submit a Claim Form by May 17, 2021.

You may have received other communications regarding this lawsuit, including solicitations by other attorneys seeking to represent you as a Direct Action Plaintiff in an individual lawsuit against Defendants. Contrary to what you may have been told in such solicitations, you do not need to opt out of this class action or file an individual lawsuit to protect your rights in this litigation. You also may have received solicitations from persons seeking to purchase your claim or represent you as a Class Member.

None of these communications has been approved by the Court and—unlike this notice—they did not come from Court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs. You should carefully review this notice and your rights as a Settlement Class member before deciding whether to opt out or stay in the Class. In addition, you do not need to retain or pay anyone in order to receive the benefits provided to Class Members in this lawsuit. **You need only fill out the enclosed Claim Form to benefit.** 

If you have questions about this litigation and your rights as a Settlement Class member, please contact Co-Lead Counsel, whose contact information is listed in Question 17 below.

### THE SETTLEMENT CLASS

# 6. Am I part of the Settlement Class?

The Court decided that, for settlement purposes, Settlement Class members are defined as follows for all settlements except for the Fieldale Farms settlement:

All persons who purchased Broilers directly from any of the Defendants or any Co-Conspirator identified in this action, or their respective subsidiaries or affiliates, for use or delivery in the United States from at least as early as January 1, 2008 until December 20, 2019.

The class period for the Fieldale Farms settlement is January 1, 2008 through August 18, 2017.

Ouestions? Call the Settlement Administrator toll-free at 1-866-552-1178 or visit www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com.

If you satisfy these criteria, then you are a Settlement Class member, subject to the exceptions listed in Question 7 below.

While the New Settlements are only with the New Settling Defendants, the Settlement Class includes persons (including businesses and companies) who purchased Broiler chicken from *any* of the Defendants or their alleged Co-Conspirators. If you are a Settlement Class member and do not exclude yourself, you will be eligible to participate in the New Settlements.

# 7. Are there exceptions to being included in the Settlement Class?

Yes. Specifically excluded from this Settlement Class are the Defendants; the officers, directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, heir, or assign of any Defendant. Also excluded from this Settlement Class are any federal, state, or local governmental entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, any juror assigned to this action, and any alleged Co-Conspirator identified in this action.

If you are in one of these categories, you are not a Settlement Class member and not eligible to participate in the New Settlements.

### 8. I'm still not sure if I'm included.

If you are still not sure if you are included, please review the detailed information contained in the Settlement Agreements, available at the settlement website, <a href="www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com">www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com</a> (the "Settlement Website"). You may also call the Settlement Administrator at 1-866-552-1178 or call or write to Co-Lead Counsel at the phone numbers or addresses listed in Question 17 below.

# THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

# 9. What do the Settlements provide?

If the New Settlements are approved, the New Settling Defendants will pay up to the following amounts: Tyson will pay \$80,000,000, and Pilgrim's Pride will pay \$75,000,000. Of the Previous Settling Defendants, Peco has paid \$4,964,600, George's has paid \$4,097,000, Amick has paid \$3,950,000, and Fieldale Farms has paid \$2,250,000. Collectively, all Settlements to date provide up to \$170,261,600 in Settlement Proceeds.

A portion of the Settlement Proceeds has been and will be used by the Settlement Administrator for notice and administration costs. The Settlement Proceeds will also be used to pay attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and incentive awards that the Court chooses to award. Plaintiffs and Co-Lead Counsel will file a motion by April 16, 2021, in which they will seek amounts not to exceed 331/3% of the Settlement Proceeds in attorneys' fees, \$4.5 million in current and ongoing litigation expenses, and \$25,000 in service awards for each of the five Plaintiffs who are serving as Class Representatives. A copy of the motion for distribution of Settlement Proceeds and attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and service awards will be available on the Settlement Website. The remainder of the Settlement Proceeds will be distributed to Settlement Class members who submit a timely and valid Claim Form and who have not excluded themselves from the Settlements on a pro rata basis pursuant to their Broiler purchases from January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019.

The New Settling Defendants will also cooperate with Plaintiffs including by providing information, making witnesses available at trial, authenticating documents in the litigation to be used against the remaining Defendants. The New Settlement amounts may be reduced based on the portion of Settlement Class members who exclude themselves from these New Settlements. This is explained in Section II.E.10.b of the New Settlement Agreements. Plaintiffs will report to the Court on the number of exclusions and final amount paid by New Settling Defendants in their motion for final approval of the New Settlements.

### 10. How much will my payment from the Settlements be?

To be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlements (New and Previous), you must complete and submit a timely Claim Form by May 17, 2021. The instructions for submitting a claim are set forth in the attached Claim Form and Question 11 below.

The amount received from the Settlements by a qualified claimant will be based on a number of factors, including the number of Settlement Class members who have validly excluded themselves from one or more of the Settlements and the amount of Broiler purchases by each participating Class Member from January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019. No matter how many claims are filed, no money will be returned to the Settling Defendants once the Court has granted final approval of the Settlements and certifies the Settlement Class.

Payments from the Settlements will only be made to Class Members if the Court has granted final approval of the Settlements and any objections and appeals are resolved. In accordance with the Settlement Agreements, the combined Settlement Proceeds, minus Court-approved attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, any Class Representative Service Award approved by the Court, and Settlement Administration and notice expenses (the "Net Settlement Fund"), will be distributed to Class Members on a pro rata basis based on the amount of Broiler purchases by each participating Class Member. The distribution plan, as approved by the Court, will determine the amount, if any, that each Class Member will receive. The proposed distribution plan for the Settlements is to make a pro rata distribution to each qualifying Class Member based on the dollar value of approved purchases of Broilers per Settlement Class member during the Settlement Class Period.

### **HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT**

# 11. How can I file a Claim to get a payment from the Settlements?

To be eligible to receive a payment from any of the Settlements, you must complete and submit a timely Claim Form by May 17, 2021. Submit your Claim Form online at <a href="www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com">www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com</a>, by May 17, 2021. Or fill out the Claim Form, and mail it to the address below, postmarked no later than May 17, 2021. If you do not submit a valid Claim Form by the deadline, you will not receive a payment from any of the Settlements, but you will be bound by the Court's judgment in these actions.

Your Claim Form is attached and is pre-populated to reflect the amount of your Broiler purchases from each Defendant and Co-Conspirator, based on a review of Defendants' records. You may use your personal Access Code listed on your Claim Form to log in at www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com, where you can submit a claim, check the status of your claim, and review your purchase information electronically. You can accept the purchase amounts that are prepopulated or, if you disagree with those amounts, you can challenge them by completing the Purchase Audit Request form posted on the Settlement Website and providing supporting documentation. All revised Broiler purchaser amounts will be subject to a review process by the Settlement Administrator, Co-Lead Counsel, and ultimately the Court.

You can also request that a Claim Form be sent to you on the Settlement Website or by sending a written request to the Settlement Administrator by mail or by email:

Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation c/o JND Legal Administration PO Box 91343 Seattle, WA 98111 info@broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com

If you received multiple Claim Forms, you must submit each one or take other steps to ensure that all of the purchases reflected in the Claim Forms are accounted for in your submission.

If you have questions regarding your Claim Form or participating in the Settlements, contact Co-Lead Plaintiffs or the Settlement Administrator using the contact information set forth in Question 17 herein.

# 12. When will I get my payment from the Settlements?

Payments from the Settlements will not be distributed until the Court grants final approval of the New Settlements and any objections or appeals are resolved. It is uncertain whether and when any appeals will be resolved. Settlement updates will be provided on the Settlement Website at <a href="https://www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com">www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com</a> or may be obtained by contacting the Settlement Administrator by phone toll-free at 1-866-552-1178. Please be patient.

### 13. What am I giving up by staying in the Settlement Class?

Unless you exclude yourself from one or more of the New Settlements with Tyson and Pilgrim's, you are staying in the Settlement Class, which means that you can't sue, continue to sue, the New Settling Defendants about the claims that the New Settlements resolve through February 23, 2021. It also means that all Court orders will apply to you and legally bind you. The Released Claims, which go through February 23, 2021, are detailed in the Settlement Agreements, available at <a href="https://www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com">www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com</a>.

You are not releasing your claims against any Defendant other than Tyson and Pilgrim's Pride by staying in the Settlement Class. The deadline to request exclusion from the settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.

Please be advised that the class period for the New Settlements is January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019 and payments for participating Class Members will be distributed on a pro rata basis pursuant to their Broiler purchases from January 1, 2008 through December 20, 2019.

### IF YOU DO NOTHING

# 14. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will not get a payment from the New Settlements or Previous Settlements. Unless you exclude yourself from the New Settlements, you won't be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the New Settling Defendants about the claims that the New Settlements resolve, ever again. The deadline to request exclusion from the settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.

### EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE NEW SETTLEMENTS

### 15. How do I exclude myself from the New Settlements?

If you do not want the benefits offered by any of the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants and you do not want to be legally bound by them, or if you wish to pursue your own separate lawsuit against the New Settling Defendants, you must exclude yourself by submitting a written request to the Settlement Administrator stating your intent to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by May 17, 2021. You should state from which of the New Settlements (i.e., Tyson and/or Pilgrim's Pride) you want to exclude yourself. The deadline to request exclusion from the settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.

Your Exclusion Request must include the following: (a) your name, including the name of your business which purchased Broiler chicken, and address; (b) a statement that you want to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *In re: Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*; (c) which of the Settlement Agreements (i.e., Tyson and/or Pilgrim's Pride) you wish to be excluded from; and (d) your signature or your attorneys' signature. If you intend to exclude subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, related or controlled entities, entities under common control, predecessors in interest, or any other related entity, such entities must be expressly identified by name and address in your request.

Additionally, if you intend to exclude claims that were assigned to you from another potential Settlement Class member, you must include the assignor's name; whether the assignor fully or partially assigned their Broiler chicken claims; the annual value of Broiler chicken purchases assigned, identified by Defendant or Co-Conspirator from whom the purchases were made; and a copy of the executed assignment agreement or a statement outlining the assignment signed by both the assignor and assignee.

You must mail or email your Exclusion Request, postmarked or emailed by May 17, 2021, to: Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation, c/o JND Legal Administration, PO Box 91343, Seattle, WA 98111 or info@broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com.

### 16. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue the New Settling Defendants for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself from one or more of the New Settlements (i.e., Tyson and/or Pilgrim's Pride), you give up the right to sue the New Settling Defendants for the claims that the New Settlements resolve. Thus, if you do not exclude yourself from any of the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants, you give up the right to sue Tyson and/or Pilgrim's Pride for the same claims that their settlements resolve through February 23, 2021. If you have your own pending lawsuit against either of the New Settling Defendants, speak to your lawyer in that lawsuit immediately to

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determine whether you must exclude yourself from this Settlement Class to continue your own lawsuit against the New Settling Defendants.

By staying in the lawsuit, you are not releasing your claims in this case against any Defendant other than the New Settling Defendants through February 23, 2021. The deadline to request exclusion from the Previous Settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.

# **OBJECTING TO THE NEW SETTLEMENTS**

### 17. How do I tell the Court that I don't like the New Settlements?

If you are a Settlement Class Member and have not excluded yourself from the New Settlements, you can object to either of the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants if you don't like part or all of them. The Court will consider your views.

To object, you must send a letter or other written statement saying that you object to the New Settlements with the New Settling Defendants in *In re: Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*, state which of the New Settlements (i.e., Tyson and/or Pilgrim's Pride) you are objecting to, and the reasons why you object to the New Settlements. Be sure to include your full name, the name of your business that purchased Broiler chicken, current mailing address, and email address. Your objection must be signed. You may include or attach any documents that you would like the Court to consider. Do not send your written objection to the Court or the judge. Instead, mail the objection to the Settlement Administrator, Co-Lead Counsel, and Counsel for each Settling Defendant at the addresses listed below. Your objection must be postmarked no later than May 17, 2021. The deadline to object to the Previous Settlements with the Previous Settling Defendants has already passed.

Settlement Administrator	Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel	Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel
Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation c/o JND Legal Administration PO Box 91343 Seattle, WA 98111 (866) 552-1178	W. Joseph Bruckner Brian D. Clark Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. 100 Washington Ave. S., Ste. 2220 Minneapolis, MN 55401 (612) 339-6900	Clifford H. Pearson Bobby Pouya Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP 15165 Ventura Blvd, Suite 400 Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 (818) 788-8300

Counsel for Defendant Tyson	Counsel for Defendant Pilgrim's Pride	
Rachel J. Adcox	Carrie C. Mahan	
Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	
950 F Street, N.W. 7th Floor	2001 M Street NW, Suite 600	
Washington, DC 20004	Washington, DC 20036	
(202) 912-4700	(202) 682-7231	

# 18. What is the difference between excluding myself and objecting?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the New Settlements. You can object only if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class or the lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, you have no standing to object because the case no longer affects you.

# THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

### 19. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court has appointed Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P. and Pearson, Simon & Warshaw, LLP as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of Plaintiffs and Settlement Class members. Their contact information is provided above in Ouestion 17. If

you wish to remain a Settlement Class member, you do not need to hire your own lawyer because Co-Lead Counsel are working on your behalf, but may do so at your own expense if you so choose.

If you wish to pursue your own case separate from this one, or if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, these lawyers will no longer represent you. You may need to hire your own lawyer if you wish to pursue your own lawsuit against the Settling Defendants.

# 20. How will the lawyers be paid?

You will not have to pay any attorneys' fees or costs out-of-pocket. Co-Lead Counsel will file a motion by April 16, 2021, in which they will seek amounts not to exceed 331/3% of the Settlement Proceeds in attorneys' fees, and \$4.5 million in current and ongoing litigation expenses incurred in the prosecution of this case on behalf of the Settlement Class. A copy of the motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses will be available on the Settlement Website and on the Court docket. The Court will determine the amount of the attorneys' fees and litigation expenses that should be paid to Co-Lead Counsel in this case.

# **THE COURT'S FAIRNESS HEARING**

# 21. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the New Settlements?

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing to decide whether to approve the New Settlements at 9:00 a.m. on June 29, 2021. The hearing may be held using telephone, video conference or other means approved by the Court, rather than in person. Notice of the manner in which the hearing will be conducted will be provided by the Court. Do not go to the Court in person unless there is notice that the hearing will be conducted in person. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the New Settlements are fair, reasonable, and adequate, as well as Plaintiffs' motion for fees, litigation expenses, and service awards for the Class Representatives. If there are objections, the Court will consider them. You may attend and you may ask to speak, if you make a request as instructed in Question 23, but you don't have to. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the New Settlements. We do not know how long the Court will take to decide. The date of the hearing may change without further notice to the Class, so please check the Settlement Website for updates.

# 22. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Co-Lead Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. However, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary.

# 23. May I speak at the hearing?

You may ask to speak at the Fairness Hearing. To do so, you must send a letter saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in *In re: Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation*." Be sure to include your name, and the name of your business that purchased Broiler chicken, current mailing address, telephone number, and signature. Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be postmarked no later than May 17, 2021, and it must be sent to the Clerk of the Court, Co-Lead Counsel, and Defense Counsel. The address for the Clerk of the Court is: Clerk of the United States District Court, Dirksen Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The addresses for Co-Lead Counsel and Defense Counsel are provided in Question 17. You cannot ask to speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the New Settlements.

### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

# 24. How do I get more information about the New Settlements?

This notice summarizes the proposed New Settlements. More details are in the Settlement Agreements. You can find a copy of the Settlement Agreements, other important documents, and information about the current status of the litigation by visiting <a href="www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com">www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com</a>. You may contact the Settlement Administrator at info@broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com or toll-free at 1-866-552-1178. You may also contact Co-Lead Counsel at the address, phone number, and email address provided in Question 17.

### PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Ouestions? Call the Settlement Administrator toll-free at 1-866-552-1178 or visit www.broilerchickenantitrustlitigation.com.