

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE BROILER CHICKEN ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

Case No.: 1:16-cv-08637

The Honorable Thomas M. Durkin

This Document Relates To:

Magistrate Judge Jeffrey T. Gilbert

THE DIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFF
CLASS ACTION

**DIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS’ STATUS REPORT REGARDING THE SECOND
DISTRIBUTION OF NET SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO QUALIFIED CLAIMANTS**

Pursuant to the Court’s Order granting the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs’ (“DPPs”) second distribution of net settlement proceeds to qualified claimants (ECF No. 8310, “Distribution Order”), DPPs respectfully submit this status report providing the Court with an updated timeline for the second distribution and accounting (now that the Court has ruled on DPPs’ pending motion for attorneys’ fees, reimbursement of litigation expenses, and class representative service awards, ECF No. 8405¹, “Fee Order”).

Distribution Timeline

Date	Event
June 25, 2026	Funds for distribution to qualified claimants transferred from Escrow to Claims Administrator.
August 24, 2026	Distribution to qualified claimants.
December 22, 2026	Payment check void date (120 days from payment date).
January 21, 2027	Co-Lead Class Counsel to file a status report regarding the status of the distribution and to propose a plan for any funds remaining (per Distribution Order ¶ 9).

¹ The Fee Order became final on June 22, 2026, when no appeals were filed.

Updated Accounting

Settlements at Issue. The total settlements at issue equal \$115,050,150.00 as follows:

Settlement	Amount
Mar Jac Settlement Fund	\$7,975,000.00
Harrison Poultry Settlement Fund	\$3,300,000.00
Simmons Settlement Fund	\$8,018,991.00
Mountaire Settlement Fund	\$15,899,826.00
O.K. Foods Settlement Fund	\$4,856,333.00
House of Raeford Settlement Fund	\$27,500,000.00
Koch Settlement Fund	\$47,500,000.00
<u>Total of Settlements at Issue</u>	<u>\$115,050,150.00</u>

Attorneys' Fees. The Fee Order awarded \$30,723,384.44 in attorneys' fees, including interest, through July 2025. The Fee Order also awarded "26.6% of any interest that has accrued since the filing of their supplemental motion." The total interest earned since July 25, 2025, equals \$3,944,945.60 and 26.6% of that amount equals \$1,049,355.54. Thus, the total awarded attorneys' fees and interest equals \$31,772,739.98.

Future Litigation Expense Fund. The Fee Order approved the establishment of a future litigation expense fund in the amount of \$100,000.00, however Co-Lead Class Counsel believes that a lesser amount is more appropriate so that more of the settlement proceeds can be distributed to qualified claimants. The future litigation expense fund of \$20,000.00 will be funded *pro rata* from the HRF and Koch settlement proceeds.²

Class Representative Service Awards. The Fee Order approved payments of \$15,000.00 to each of the five Class Representatives, for a total of \$75,000.00.

Total Amount for Distribution. Once the attorneys' fees, past and future litigation expenses, and Class Representative service awards are paid, the total amount that will be transferred from

² The Distribution Order approved a reserve of \$3,000.00 per settlement (\$21,000.00 total). Co-Lead Class Counsel no longer believes this is necessary and will distribute settlement proceeds to qualified claimants.

Escrow to the Claims Administrator equals \$86,240,552.55. The anticipated administration costs (up to \$54,000) and additional taxes owed (presently estimated at \$315,000 in taxes and \$17,000 in tax preparation) will be paid from this amount *pro rata*, and the balance will be distributed *pro rata* to qualified claimants.

Redistribution from the First Distribution. In addition to the above, proceeds remaining from the first distribution will be distributed *pro rata* to qualified claimants. See Distribution Order

¶ 8. The redistribution amount now equals \$5,446,641.59.

Date: June 23, 2026

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