Pork Commercial Food Preparer Indirect — Settlement Summary

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Pork Antitrust Litigation – Commercial & Institutional Indirect Purchaser Settlement (Agri Stats & Triumph)

Summary

This class action antitrust lawsuit alleges that major pork producers and related entities conspired to suppress competition and charge supra-competitive prices for pork products in violation of federal and state laws. Multiple defendants have settled over the course of the litigation; the most recent settlements are with Agri Stats, Inc. and Triumph Foods, LLC, on behalf of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs (CIIPPs). No monetary payments to class members will be made at this time — claimants will be notified separately when a claim form becomes available.

Announcements

- **Tyson Settlement received final approval on October 8, 2026.** The Court approved the $48 million Tyson Settlement, along with attorneys' fees, expenses, and class representative awards. This resolves the previously noted ambiguity regarding Tyson's final approval status.
- **Agri Stats and Triumph Settlements now pending Court approval.** Preliminary approval has been granted. The Court must still hold a Fairness Hearing before final approval is entered. The hearing date has not yet been publicly posted on the settlement website.
- **No claim form available yet.** The settlement website states that there will be no payments to Settlement Classes at this time. Class members will be notified of an opportunity to file a Claim Form at a later date.
- **Object or appear by September 25, 2026.** The deadline to object to the Agri Stats and Triumph settlements, or to submit a Notice of Appearance for the Fairness Hearing, was **September 25, 2026**. This deadline has now passed.
- **Prior settlements reached with JBS (2021), Smithfield (2022), Seaboard and Hormel (2024), and Clemens and Tyson (2025–2026).** Final approval orders have been entered for JBS, Smithfield, Seaboard, Hormel, Clemens, and Tyson settlements.

Settlement Amount

Agri Stats: No monetary payment. Agri Stats has agreed to certain non-monetary relief only.

Triumph: $700,000 monetary payment, plus non-monetary relief and cooperation in the continued pursuit of the lawsuit against remaining defendants.

Per-claimant distribution amounts are not yet available. No payments will be distributed at this time; a separate claims process will be announced later.

For reference, prior settlements in the same case include:

- JBS – Settlement amount not published on the monitored pages
- Smithfield – Settlement amount not published on the monitored pages
- Seaboard – Settlement amount not published on the monitored pages

- Hormel – Settlement amount not published on the monitored pages
- Clemens – Settlement amount not published on the monitored pages
- **Tyson – $48 million** (final approval granted October 8, 2026)

Class Period

June 28, 2014 through June 30, 2018 (applies to the Agri Stats and Triumph settlements; prior individual defendant settlements share this same general timeframe).

Filing Deadline

No claim form deadline has been set yet. The settlement website states that class members will be notified of an opportunity to file a Claim Form at a future date. FRS should monitor this case for the claims filing notice.

Who Qualifies

Eligible class members are **Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchasers** — entities or individuals who purchased pork products in the United States **from June 28, 2014 through June 30, 2018** for **business use in commercial food preparation** (e.g., restaurants, cafeterias, food service operators, institutional buyers). These are indirect purchasers, meaning they purchased pork through the supply chain rather than directly from the defendant pork producers.

Two sub-classes exist:

- **Injunctive Class:** All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork (fresh or frozen): loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the United States from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018.
- **Damages Class:** All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork (fresh or frozen): bellies, loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the *Repealer Jurisdictions* from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. Only members of the Damages Class are eligible to potentially recover money.

Repealer Jurisdictions (eligible for monetary recovery): Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and/or Wisconsin. *Note: The class period for Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee class members begins June 28, 2015.*

"Pork" for settlement purposes means uncooked pork bacon, or raw pork (fresh or frozen) in the form of loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops. It excludes any product marketed as organic and/or no-antibiotics ever, and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded. It includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

Who Is Excluded

The following are specifically excluded from the Settlement Classes:

- Natural persons who purchased pork for personal use and not for commercial food preparation (End-User Consumers)
- Entities that purchased pork directly from Defendants
- Entities that purchased pork for resale in unaltered form

- Entities that purchased pork from an intermediary who has further processed the pork
- The Defendants themselves; 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
- Any federal, state, or local governmental entities
- Any judicial officer presiding over this action and members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff; any juror assigned to this action
- Any co-conspirator identified in this action

How to File

- **Step 1 – Register as a Class Member:** The settlement website includes a "Class Member Registration" page. FRS clients should register now to ensure they receive future notifications about the claims process.
- **Step 2 – Monitor for Claim Form Notice:** No Claim Form is available at this time. The settlement website states that class members will be notified separately when the opportunity to file arises. FRS should monitor for updates.
- **Step 3 – File a Claim Form when available:** Once a Claim Form and deadline are announced, eligible class members must submit a completed claim form to participate in any monetary distribution.
- **Step 4 – Object (deadline passed):** The deadline to object to the Agri Stats or Triumph settlements was **September 25, 2026**. This deadline has passed.
- **Step 5 – Attend Fairness Hearing (optional):** The Notice of Appearance deadline for the Fairness Hearing was **September 25, 2026**. The hearing date is to be scheduled by the Court.

Contact the Settlement Administrator: 1-855-867-0738 (Toll-Free) or *info@PorkCommercialCase.com*

Defendants

The following defendants are named in *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Actions)*, Case No. 0:18-cv-01776 (D. Minn.). All are alleged to have combined and conspired to restrain trade, suppress competition, and charge supra-competitive prices for pork products:

- **Agri Stats, Inc.** – Data analytics firm alleged to have facilitated information sharing among pork producers. Settling with non-monetary relief only (no cash payment).
- **Triumph Foods, LLC** – Pork producer. Settling for $700,000 plus non-monetary relief and cooperation.
- **Tyson Foods, Inc.; Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.; Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.** – Major pork and food producer. Settlement of $48 million reached 2025–2026; **final approval granted October 8, 2026**.
- **Clemens Food Group, LLC; The Clemens Family Corporation** – Pork producer. Settlement reached 2025–2026; final approval order entered.
- **Hormel Foods Corporation; Hormel Foods, LLC** – Pork producer. Settlement reached 2024; final approval order entered.
- **Seaboard Foods LLC; Seaboard Corporation** – Pork producer. Settlement reached 2024; final approval order entered.
- **Smithfield Foods, Inc.** and related affiliates – Major pork producer. Settlement reached 2022; final approval order entered.
- **JBS USA Food Company; JBS USA Food Company Holdings; Swift Pork Company** and related affiliates – Major pork producer. Settlement reached 2021; final approval order entered.

All settling defendants deny any wrongdoing and deny the allegations in the complaint. The Court has not determined that any defendant acted wrongfully.

Case History

- **2018:** Class action lawsuit filed; Case No. 0:18-cv-01776 (D. Minn.).

- **2021:** Settlement reached with JBS USA Food Company and related entities. Class notice provided. Final approval order subsequently entered.
- **2022:** Settlement reached with Smithfield Foods, Inc. and related entities. Class notice provided. Final approval order subsequently entered.
- **2024:** Settlements reached with Seaboard Foods LLC and Hormel Foods Corporation/Hormel Foods, LLC. Class notice provided. Final approval orders entered for both.
- **2025–2026:** Settlements reached with Clemens Food Group/The Clemens Family Corporation and Tyson Foods, Inc./Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc./Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. Class notice provided. Final approval entered for Clemens.
- **October 8, 2026:** Court approves the $48 million Tyson Settlement, along with attorneys' fees, expenses, and class representative awards.
- **2026:** Settlements reached with Agri Stats, Inc. and Triumph Foods, LLC. Preliminary approval granted. Objection and Notice of Appearance deadline was **September 25, 2026**. Fairness Hearing date to be set by the Court.

Source

- *https://www.PorkCommercialCase.com* (Settlement Home Page – Commercial Food Preparer Indirect Purchaser)
- *https://www.PorkCommercialCase.com/Documents* (Court Documents Page)
- *https://www.PorkCommercialCase.com/FAQ* (Frequently Asked Questions Page)

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Reviewer Flags

- **Changes from previous version:**
  - **Announcements:** Added new top-line announcement that the Court approved the $48 million Tyson Settlement on October 8, 2026, with attorneys' fees, expenses, and class representative awards. Updated the September 25, 2026 objection/appearance deadline language to note it has now passed. Updated the prior settlements bullet to include Tyson in the list of finally approved settlements.
  - **Settlement Amount:** Updated Tyson line from "not published on the monitored pages" to **$48 million**, with note that final approval was granted October 8, 2026.
  - **Who Qualifies:** Significantly expanded using detail from the FAQ page, including the Injunctive Class and Damages Class definitions, the full list of Repealer Jurisdictions, the note about Kansas/Massachusetts/Mississippi/South Carolina/Tennessee sub-period starting June 28, 2015, and the definition of qualifying "Pork" products.
  - **Who Is Excluded:** Replaced the previous placeholder ("not explicitly listed on the monitored pages") with the full exclusion list drawn from the FAQ page.
  - **How to File:** Updated Steps 4 and 5 to reflect that the September 25, 2026 deadline has passed.
  - **Defendants:** Updated Tyson entry to reflect $48 million settlement amount and final approval on October 8, 2026.
  - **Case History:** Added a discrete October 8, 2026 bullet for Tyson final approval; updated the 2025–2026 bullet accordingly.
  - **Source:** Added the FAQ page URL as a third source.
  - **Last Updated:** Changed from 2026-09-03 to 2026-11-24.
- **Source attributions:**
  - **Home Page** provided: Tyson final approval announcement (October 8, 2026, $48 million), updated current status, class period, Triumph settlement amount, Agri Stats non-monetary relief only,

September 25, 2026 objection/appearance deadlines, prior defendant settlement timeline, and contact information.
    - **FAQ Page** provided: Injunctive Class and Damages Class definitions, full Repealer Jurisdiction list, Kansas/Massachusetts/Mississippi/South Carolina/Tennessee sub-period, qualifying Pork product definition, full exclusion list, explanation that no money will be distributed at this time, and objection/appearance process details.
    - **Documents Page** provided: Confirmation of Tyson Final Approval and Final Judgment Order and Tyson Attorneys' Fees Order; full list of defendant entities; final approval order confirmation for JBS, Smithfield, Seaboard, Hormel, and Clemens.
- **Resolved from prior version:** The Tyson final approval ambiguity flagged in the previous reviewer flags is now resolved — the Home Page and Documents Page both confirm Tyson received final approval on October 8, 2026.
- **Remaining watch items:** Settlement dollar amounts for JBS, Smithfield, Seaboard, Hormel, and Clemens are still not published on the