Beef Direct 2 — Settlement Summary

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In re Cattle and Beef Antitrust Litigation – Direct Purchaser Tyson Settlement (Beef Direct 2)

Summary

This class action antitrust lawsuit was filed on behalf of Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs alleging that beef producers, including Tyson Foods, conspired to suppress beef supply and fix prices. Tyson Foods, Inc. and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. have agreed to pay **$82.5 million** to resolve claims for the period January 1, 2015 through February 29, 2020. This is a separate, second settlement in the case; a prior settlement with JBS ($52.5 million) was already approved and distributed in July 2026.

Announcements

- **Opt-Out and Objection Deadline Extended:** The deadline to object to or opt out of the Tyson Settlement has been extended to **October 23, 2026**.
- **JBS Settlement Funds Distributed:** The previously approved JBS Settlement ($52,500,000) was distributed to eligible class members in **July 2026**.
- **Fairness Hearing Scheduled:** The Court is scheduled to hold the Fairness Hearing on **November 12, 2026**, at the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, Courtroom 15, 300 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415.
- **Fee Motion Deadline:** Co-Lead Counsel will file a motion seeking attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards by **October 1, 2026**. The motion will be posted on the settlement website.
- **Prior Claimants Need Not Re-File:** If you already filed a claim in the JBS (prior) settlement, you do NOT need to submit another claim form — you will automatically be eligible for a payment from this Tyson Settlement.

Settlement Amount

Tyson has agreed to pay a total of **$82.5 million**, structured as follows:

- **$80,000,000** to resolve Settlement Class members' claims (the Settlement Fund proper)
- **$2,500,000** for settlement notice and administration costs

From the $80 million Settlement Fund, the following deductions are anticipated before distribution to class members:

- Attorney's fees: up to 33⅓% of the Settlement Proceeds
- Incurred litigation costs: not to exceed $1.5 million
- Service awards: up to $25,000 for each of the three class representatives
- Future litigation costs: $5 million
- Remaining funds distributed to eligible Settlement Class Members

Combined with the previously approved JBS settlement of $52,500,000, the total recovery across both settlements is **$135,000,000**. Per-claimant payment estimates are not yet published on the settlement website.

Class Period

January 1, 2015 through February 29, 2020

Filing Deadline

November 30, 2026. Claims must be submitted by this date. Opt-out and objection requests must be postmarked or received by **October 23, 2026**.

Who Qualifies

You are a Settlement Class Member if you are a person or entity that **directly purchased Beef for use or delivery in the United States** — whether fresh or frozen — made from one of the following beef primals:

- Chuck
- Loin
- Rib
- Round

…purchased **directly from any of the Defendants or their respective subsidiaries and affiliates** from January 1, 2015, to February 29, 2020. The Settlement Class includes persons or entities that purchased boxed or case-ready beef from any of the Defendants, even though the Tyson Settlement itself is only with Tyson.

Note for prior claimants: If you already filed a claim in the JBS settlement, you do not need to file again — you will automatically be considered for this settlement.

Who Is Excluded

The following beef products are excluded from the class definition and do not qualify:

- Products marketed as **organic**
- Products marketed as **grass-fed**
- Products marketed as **kosher**
- Products marketed as **halal**
- Products marketed as **certified humane**
- Products marketed as **Wagyu** or **"American-Style Kobe Beef"**
- Any product that is **cooked, marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded**

Additionally, standard class action exclusions apply (e.g., Defendants and their affiliates, judicial officers assigned to the case).

How to File

- **Step 1 — Determine eligibility:** Confirm you directly purchased qualifying beef (chuck, loin, rib, or round primals, fresh or frozen, non-specialty) from a Defendant or its subsidiaries/affiliates between January 1, 2015, and February 29, 2020.
- **Step 2 — Check prior filing status:** If you already submitted a claim in the JBS settlement (Beef Direct 1), you do *not* need to file again. You will automatically be included in this Tyson Settlement distribution.
- **Step 3 — Complete and submit a Claim Form:** New claimants must complete and submit a Claim Form. Forms are available at the settlement website: **www.BeefDirectPurchaserSettlement.com**.
- **Step 4 — Submit by the deadline:** Claims must be submitted by **November 30, 2026**.
- **Step 5 — Contact the Claims Administrator with questions:**
  - DPP Beef Litigation c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., P.O. Box 173066, Milwaukee, WI 53217
  - Phone: 877-331-0717
  - Email: info@BeefDirectPurchaserSettlement.com

Defendants

The Tyson Settlement names the following defendants:

- **Tyson Foods, Inc.**
- **Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.**

Plaintiffs allege that Tyson and the other Defendants in the broader litigation engaged in anticompetitive conduct — specifically, conspiring to reduce beef supply and fix prices paid by direct purchasers, in violation of federal antitrust law. Tyson denies all wrongdoing. The case also named other beef industry defendants (including JBS, which previously settled for $52.5 million); claims against remaining non-settling defendants continue.

Case History

- **2020:** Class action antitrust lawsuit filed as *In re Cattle and Beef Antitrust Litigation, et al.*, Case No. 20-cv-01319 JRT-HB, in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.
- **August 31, 2022:** Court granted final approval of the JBS Settlement Agreement ($52,500,000). Court found that due and adequate notice of the settlement had been provided to the class.
- **July 2026:** JBS settlement funds distributed to eligible class members.
- **2026:** New Settlement Agreement reached with Tyson Foods, Inc. and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. for $82.5 million.
- **October 1, 2026 (upcoming):** Deadline for Co-Lead Counsel to file motion(s) for attorneys' fees, costs, and service awards.
- **October 23, 2026 (upcoming):** Extended deadline for opt-out requests and objections to the Tyson Settlement.
- **November 12, 2026 (upcoming):** Fairness Hearing scheduled at the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota, Courtroom 15, Minneapolis, MN.
- **November 30, 2026 (upcoming):** Claim Form submission deadline.

Source

www.BeefDirectPurchaserSettlement.com (Home Page and Court Documents page)

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Reviewer Flags

- **What changed from previous version:** No substantive content changes. The only update is the Last Updated date, revised from 2026-09-22 to 2026-11-14. The source pages are identical in content to those captured at the prior update — all article fields remain accurate as previously drafted.
- **Source pages:** Both monitored pages (Home Page and Court Documents) continued to contain identical substantive content to each other. All article information was drawn from both pages equally.
- **Timing note for reviewers:** The Fairness Hearing was scheduled for November 12, 2026 — two days before this update's date of 2026-11-14. The settlement website does not yet reflect any outcome of that hearing (approval, continuance, or denial). The claim filing deadline of November 30, 2026 remains live per the website. FRS staff should monitor for a final approval order and any resulting changes to the claim deadline or distribution timeline.
- **Internal contradiction — settlement amount:** As noted in the prior version, the website states "Tyson has agreed to pay $82.5 million" in summary language, then breaks it down as $80,000,000 (claimant fund) plus $2,500,000 (notice/administration), totaling $82.5 million. This is internally consistent; the claimant-available

fund before fee deductions is $80 million. Clarification retained in Settlement Amount section.

- **Per-claimant estimate:** Still not published on the settlement website.
- **Prior filer auto-inclusion:** Still prominently noted on the website and retained in Announcements and How to File sections.
- **Ongoing litigation:** The Tyson Settlement does not resolve claims against other remaining defendants. This article covers only the Tyson Settlement (Beef Direct 2).