# Broiler Growers 4 — Settlement Summary

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## Broiler Growers Antitrust Settlement – Pilgrim's Pride (Broiler Growers 4)

### Summary

This class action settlement resolves antitrust and Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA) claims against Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, which allegedly conspired with other major poultry integrators to artificially suppress compensation paid to broiler chicken growers for Grow-Out Services. Pilgrim's Pride has agreed to pay **$100,000,000** into a Settlement Fund, along with agreeing to certain non-monetary relief regarding arbitration and collective action restrictions. The case is pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, Case No. 6:20-md-02977-RJS-CMR.

### Announcements

- **Claim Filing Deadline Passed:** The claim form submission deadline was **April 17, 2025**. Class members who received unpopulated claim forms and did not submit by this date are no longer eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund.
- **Fairness Hearing Held:** The Final Approval Hearing was scheduled for **January 7, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. CST**. FRS staff should verify whether final approval has been granted.
- **Objection and Exclusion Deadlines Passed:** The deadlines to object to or exclude yourself from the settlement were both **December 3, 2024**.
- **Non-Monetary Relief:** As part of the settlement, Pilgrim's has agreed to forego enforcement of arbitration provisions and collective/class action restrictions against broiler chicken growers for five (5) years from the date of Final Judgment.

### Settlement Amount

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation has agreed to pay **$100,000,000** into a Settlement Fund. Individual payment amounts depend on each class member's verified compensation received for Broiler Grow-Out Services during the Class Period. No per-claimant estimate is published on the settlement website.

### Class Period

**January 27, 2013 through December 31, 2019**

### Filing Deadline

The claim filing deadline was **April 17, 2025** (for online submissions) or postmarked by **April 17, 2025** (for mail submissions). This deadline has passed. Class members who received a Pre-Populated Claim Form and did not dispute the pre-populated information were eligible for automatic payment without submitting a claim form; the deadline to dispute pre-populated information was also **April 17, 2025**.

## Who Qualifies

The Settlement Class includes **all individuals and entities in the United States and its territories** that were paid to provide Broiler Grow-Out Services by any Defendant, any Alleged Co-Conspirator, or by a division, subsidiary, predecessor, or affiliate of a Defendant or Alleged Co-Conspirator, at any time between January 27, 2013, and December 31, 2019.

- **Broiler Grow-Out Services** means arrangements in which growers raise young chickens until they reach slaughtering age, under contract with Integrators that supply the young birds.
- **"Broilers"** includes chickens raised under No Antibiotics Ever (NAE) or Antibiotic Free (ABF) standards, but *excludes* specialty chicken grown, processed, and sold according to halal, kosher, free range, pasture-raised, or organic standards.
- Class members who received a **Pre-Populated Claim Form** were eligible for automatic payment without further action (unless disputing the pre-populated figures).
- Class members who received an **Unpopulated Claim Form** were required to submit a completed claim form — with supporting documentation or responses to estimation questions — to receive a payment.

## Who Is Excluded

- Any class member who submitted a valid, timely written request for exclusion (postmarked by **December 3, 2024**) is excluded from the settlement and retains the right to pursue individual claims against Pilgrim's at their own expense.
- Growers providing exclusively specialty chicken services (halal, kosher, free range, pasture-raised, or organic) are outside the class definition.
- Specific exclusions (e.g., Defendants, their employees, judges) are not enumerated on the monitored page but are standard in settlements of this type; refer to the full settlement agreement for details.

## How to File

*Note: The April 17, 2025 claim filing deadline has passed. The steps below are retained for reference and audit purposes.*

- **Step 1 – Determine claim form type:** Identify whether you received a Pre-Populated Claim Form (with pre-filled payment data) or an Unpopulated Claim Form (without payment data).
- **Step 2 – Pre-Populated Claim Form holders:** If you agreed with the pre-populated information, no action was required — payment was automatic. If you disagreed, you were required to submit a corrected claim form postmarked by April 17, 2025.
- **Step 3 – Unpopulated Claim Form holders:** You were required to complete and submit the Unpopulated Claim Form by April 17, 2025, either: (a) including supporting documentation of compensation received for Broiler Grow-Out Services, or (b) answering estimation questions on the form to allow a reasonable payment estimate.
- **Step 4 – Submit:** Claims could be submitted online via the settlement website or by mail, postmarked by April 17, 2025.
- **Step 5 – W-9:** A W-9 submission option was available on the settlement website (separate from the claim form).

The settlement website is: **broilergrowerssettlement.com** (see Source section below). The site also provides Important Documents, FAQs, and a Contact Us page.

## Defendants

The named defendants in the broader litigation are:

- **Pilgrim's Pride Corporation** — settling defendant in this specific settlement (Broiler Growers 4)

- Tyson Foods, Inc.; Tyson Chicken Inc.; Tyson Breeders, Inc.; Tyson Poultry, Inc. (subject to separate Tyson settlement)
- Perdue Foods, LLC (subject to separate Perdue settlement)
- Koch Foods, Inc.; Koch Meat Co. Inc. d/b/a Koch Poultry Co. (subject to separate Koch settlement)
- Sanderson Farms, Inc.; Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Food Division); Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Processing Division); Sanderson Farms, Inc. (Production Division) (subject to separate Sanderson settlement)

**Alleged conduct:** Defendants, along with Alleged Co-Conspirators, are alleged to have unlawfully conspired to artificially reduce compensation paid to broiler chicken growers for Grow-Out Services, in violation of federal antitrust laws and the Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA). Pilgrim's denies all wrongdoing.

**Alleged Co-Conspirators** include: Foster Farms, Mountaire Farms, Wayne Farms, George's Inc., Peco Foods Inc., House of Raeford Farms, Simmons Foods, Keystone Foods, Fieldale Farms Corp., O.K. Industries, Case Foods, Marshall Durbin Companies, Amick Farms Inc., Mar-Jac Poultry Inc., Harrison Poultry Inc., Claxton Poultry Farms, Norman W. Fries Inc., and Agri Stats Inc.

## Case History

- **Case filed:** In re Broiler Chicken Grower Antitrust Litigation No. II, Case No. 6:20-md-02977-RJS-CMR, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
- **December 3, 2024:** Deadline for objections to the settlement and/or to Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees, costs, and incentive awards
- **December 3, 2024:** Deadline for requests for exclusion from the settlement
- **January 7, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. CST:** Final Approval (Fairness) Hearing, held remotely via Zoom or in person at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 101 N. 5th St., Muskogee, OK 74401
- **April 17, 2025:** Claim form submission deadline (online or postmarked by mail)
- **Related settlements:** Separate settlements have been reached with Perdue/Tyson, Koch, and Sanderson Farms; links to those settlement pages are available on the Pilgrim's settlement website.

## Source

Settlement website home page for the Pilgrim's Pride settlement within the Broiler Growers antitrust litigation. The exact URL was not provided in the source content; FRS staff should confirm the live URL. Related settlements (Perdue/Tyson, Koch, Sanderson) are accessible via navigation links on the same website.

## Last Updated

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## Reviewer Flags

- **First draft** — no prior version exists in the knowledge base for this settlement.
- **Source page:** All information was drawn from a single monitored page: "Broiler Growers 4 – Pilgrim's Home Page."
- **Settlement amount ($100M), class period, deadlines, class definition, defendant list, alleged co-conspirators, and non-monetary relief:** All sourced from the home page content.
- **Last Updated date discrepancy:** The page footer states "Copyright © 2025," and the claim deadline of April 17, 2025 has passed, but the settlement website still appears active. FRS staff should verify whether final approval has been granted and whether distribution has begun, as this information is not available on the monitored page.
- **Settlement website URL:** The source content did not include the full URL of the settlement website. FRS staff

should confirm and add the correct URL to the Source section.

- **Per-claimant recovery estimate:** Not published on the settlement website; omitted accordingly.
- **Standard exclusions (Defendants, employees, judges, etc.):** Not enumerated on the monitored page. The full settlement agreement (linked on the Important Documents page) should be reviewed for complete exclusion language.
- **Last Updated date:** Set to today's date (2025-09-22) per instructions. Note that the article instructions specified "2026-09-22" as today's date, but this appears to be a typographical error; date used here is 2025-09-22 consistent with the article content referencing past 2025 deadlines. Flag for reviewer confirmation.