Deere Repair Services — Settlement Summary

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In re Deere & Company Repair Services Antitrust Litigation Settlement

Summary

Plaintiffs allege that John Deere engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to withhold repair tools from customers and independent repair providers, forcing farmers to use authorized Deere dealers for equipment repairs at inflated prices. John Deere denies any wrongdoing, and the case has not been decided on the merits. A proposed settlement of **$99 million in cash** (plus interest) and significant injunctive relief has been reached, with the total value estimated between $392.9 million and $747 million when injunctive relief is included.

Announcements

FTC Parallel Settlement Notice: The Federal Trade Commission and attorneys general of five states have entered into a separate settlement with Deere for injunctive relief only (the "FTC Settlement"). Class members will receive a separate notice regarding that settlement. Importantly, the FTC Settlement does *not* provide any monetary recovery for individual class members — to receive money, you must file a claim in this settlement.

Preliminary Approval Status: The Court has not yet granted final approval of the settlement. A Final Approval (Fairness) Hearing is scheduled for **January 19, 2027**. Settlement benefits will not be distributed unless and until the Court grants final approval and the settlement becomes final.

Settlement Amount

$99 million in cash, plus interest accruing since January 15, 2026, plus injunctive relief. Plaintiffs' expert estimates the total value of the settlement (cash plus injunctive relief) at between **$392.9 million and $747 million**, with injunctive relief valued between $293.9 million and $648 million.

Per-claimant estimate: Not yet available. The distribution plan and per-claimant payment amounts will depend on the number of valid claims filed and the approved Plan of Allocation.

Class Period

January 10, 2018 through May 18, 2026.

Filing Deadline

December 31, 2026. Claim forms must be submitted online or received by this date to be eligible for a payment from the Net Settlement Fund. Note that the exclusion and objection deadline is the earlier date of **December 4, 2026**.

Who Qualifies

The Settlement Class includes **all persons and entities** who:

- Purchased Repair Services for Deere Large Agricultural Equipment
- From John Deere or its authorized Dealers
- In the United States
- Between January 10, 2018 and May 18, 2026

"Repair Services" refers to the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of Deere-manufactured Large Agricultural Equipment that depends on electronic control units. "Large Agricultural Equipment" is Deere-manufactured equipment that relies in part on electronic control units for functioning.

Note: Class members do *not* need to file a claim to receive the benefit of the injunctive relief — that applies automatically to all Settlement Class members. Filing a claim is required only to receive monetary compensation.

Who Is Excluded

Specific exclusions are not detailed on the available settlement website pages. Class members who submit a timely opt-out (exclusion request) by **December 4, 2026** will be excluded from the settlement and will not receive any monetary payment, but will preserve their right to bring independent claims against John Deere. Standard exclusions (such as the defendant and its affiliates, judges assigned to the case, etc.) typically apply in settlements of this type but are not enumerated in the available source pages.

How to File

- **Step 1:** Visit the official settlement website and navigate to the "Submit Claim" section.
- **Step 2:** If you received a Notice, locate your Notice ID and Confirmation Code — these may be used to access a pre-populated Repair Services file for your equipment. If your file is missing repairs or equipment, or contains incorrect information, the settlement website provides a process to correct it (see FAQ #12). If you lost your Notice ID or Confirmation Code, or did not receive a Notice, see FAQ #13 on the settlement website.
- **Step 3:** Complete the Claim Form online, providing all required information about your purchase of Repair Services for Deere Large Agricultural Equipment during the class period (January 10, 2018 – May 18, 2026).
- **Step 4:** Submit the completed Claim Form online **on or before December 31, 2026**, or ensure a paper submission is received by that date.
- **Step 5:** Retain a copy of your submitted claim for your records.

Important: Filing a claim is the *only* way to receive monetary compensation from this settlement. You do not need to file a claim to benefit from the injunctive relief provisions.

Multiple Notices / Deceased Class Members: If you received more than one Notice, need to file for more than one person or business, or received a Notice for a deceased class member, see FAQs #14 and #15 on the settlement website for specific instructions.

Supporting Documentation: Specific documentation requirements are not detailed on the available source pages. Check the official settlement website or Claim Form instructions for any required supporting materials.

Defendants

- **Deere & Company (d/b/a John Deere)** — Alleged to have engaged in an anticompetitive scheme to withhold repair tools (including diagnostic software and tools dependent on electronic control units) from customers and independent repair providers (IRPs), thereby forcing owners of Deere Large Agricultural Equipment to use only Deere-authorized dealers for repair, maintenance, and diagnostic services, and causing customers to

pay supracompetitive prices for those services.

John Deere denies all allegations of wrongdoing. The Court has made no finding on the merits.

Case History

- **Case filed:** Consolidated class action complaint filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division (Case No. 3:22-cv-50188; MDL No. 3030). The "3:22" designation indicates the case was initiated in 2022.
- **MDL consolidation:** The litigation was consolidated as MDL No. 3030 in the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division.
- **Settlement agreement reached:** Parties agreed to a proposed settlement including $99 million in cash plus injunctive relief.
- **Interest accrual begins:** January 15, 2026 (per settlement terms).
- **Motion for Preliminary Approval filed:** Filed with the Court (exact date not specified in available source pages).
- **FTC parallel settlement:** The FTC and attorneys general of five states entered into a separate injunctive-only settlement with Deere around the same period.
- **Class period ends:** May 18, 2026.
- **Exclusion/Objection deadline:** December 4, 2026.
- **Claim filing deadline:** December 31, 2026.
- **Final Approval Hearing:** January 19, 2027.

Source

- Settlement Homepage: *https://[official Deere Repair Settlement website — URL not captured in source content]*
- FAQs Page: Same settlement website, FAQs section
- Important Documents Page: Page returned a 502 Bad Gateway error and could not be retrieved

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Reviewer Flags

- **Changes from previous version:**
  - **How to File** — Expanded with additional guidance drawn from FAQ topic headings on the FAQs page: added Step 2 referencing Notice ID and Confirmation Code usage, the process for correcting a pre-populated file (FAQ #12), and instructions for lost/missing Notice IDs (FAQ #13). Added a new paragraph addressing multiple Notices and deceased class members (FAQs #14 and #15). The original Step 2 and Step 3 have been renumbered accordingly to Step 3 and Step 4.
  - **Source — Important Documents page** — Error description updated from "WEBSITE_ERROR" to "502 Bad Gateway error" to match the specific error now returned by the source.
  - **Last Updated** — Updated from 2026-09-22 to 2026-11-22.
  - All other sections are unchanged from the previous version.
- **Homepage** provided: settlement overview, class period, filing deadline, exclusion/objection deadlines, Final Approval Hearing date, settlement amount and valuation range, injunctive relief description, FTC parallel settlement notice, and legal options table.
- **FAQs page** provided: FAQ topic list (30 questions) — individual FAQ answers were not expanded or captured in the source content. Additional How to File detail was inferred from FAQ topic headings only (#12, #13, #14, #15). FRS staff should review full FAQ answers on the settlement website, particularly FAQ #9

(distribution plan and per-claimant amounts) and FAQ #19 (attorney fees), to supplement this article when available.

- **Important Documents page** returned a 502 Bad Gateway error and could not be retrieved. Documents listed on the homepage include: Consolidated Class Action Complaint, Settlement Agreement, Addendum to the Settlement Agreement, Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement, and additional unidentified documents (19 total per homepage). FRS staff should attempt to access the Important Documents page directly to obtain the Plan of Allocation, Notice, and Claim Form details.
- **Per-claimant payment estimate:** Still not available — FAQ #9 addresses this but the answer text was not captured. Flag for follow-up.
- **Excluded parties:** Standard exclusions still not enumerated in available source content.
- **Exact settlement website URL:** Still not explicitly stated in the captured page content. Verify and update the Source section with the full URL.
- **Supporting documentation requirements for claims:** Still not available from captured pages.
- **Attorney fee amounts:** Still not available from captured pages. FAQ #19 addresses this but the answer was not captured.
- **No internal contradictions detected.** The settlement remains pre-final-approval, all key deadlines are in the future relative to today's date (2026-11-22), and all dates are consistent across the homepage and FAQs page content.