Beef Commercial and Institutional Indirect — Settlement Summary

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Beef Antitrust Litigation – Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser (CIIPP) / Tyson Settlement

Summary

A class action antitrust lawsuit alleges that Tyson Foods and other beef processors conspired to limit the supply and fix the prices of boxed and case-ready beef sold to commercial and institutional indirect purchasers in the United States. A settlement has been reached with Tyson Foods, Inc. and related entities for **$47,000,000**, covering purchases made between January 1, 2015, and May 6, 2026. The Court granted final approval of the Tyson Settlement on October 8, 2026; class members will be notified when a claims period opens.

Announcements

- **Final approval granted:** On **October 8, 2026**, the Court granted final approval of the Tyson Settlement and approved attorneys' fees, expenses, and class representative awards. The corresponding Final Approval Order and Final Judgment and Order Approving Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Class Representative Awards have been posted to the Documents page.
- **No claims filing yet:** The settlement website continues to state there will be no payments to the Settlement Class at this time. Class members will be notified later of an opportunity to file a Claim Form.
- **Objection and exclusion deadline passed:** The deadline to object to or exclude yourself from the settlement was **August 10, 2026**.
- **Prior JBS settlement:** A separate settlement with JBS USA Food Company and related entities was previously announced in 2023 within the same litigation. This Tyson settlement is a new, separate settlement in the same case.

Settlement Amount

Tyson Foods, Inc. and related entities have agreed to pay **$47,000,000**. No per-claimant estimate is currently available, as a claims process has not yet been opened. Distribution amounts will depend on the number of valid claims filed and Court-approved deductions for attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and class representative awards.

Class Period

January 1, 2015 through May 6, 2026.

Filing Deadline

No claim form deadline has been set yet. The settlement website states that class members will be notified at a later time of their opportunity to file a Claim Form. FRS should monitor this case for the opening of the claims period now that final approval was granted on October 8, 2026.

Who Qualifies

You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you:

- Purchased **boxed or case-ready beef** processed from fed cattle;
- Made such purchases between **January 1, 2015, and May 6, 2026**;
- Made such purchases **for business use in commercial food preparation** in the United States (i.e., as a commercial or institutional indirect purchaser — for example, restaurants, hotels, hospitals, schools, and similar food service establishments).

The full class definition is available in the Settlement Agreement and Long Form Notice posted on the settlement's Documents page.

Who Is Excluded

The settlement website does not list specific excluded parties on the pages reviewed. Typical exclusions in antitrust class actions include defendants, their subsidiaries and affiliates, government entities, and persons who timely submitted valid requests for exclusion. Class members who submitted a valid opt-out request postmarked by **August 10, 2026** will be excluded from the Settlement Class. Refer to the Long Form Notice and Settlement Agreement for the complete exclusion definition.

How to File

- **Step 1 – Register now:** Although a formal Claim Form is not yet available, the settlement website offers a **Class Member Registration** option. FRS should register eligible clients now so they receive future notifications when the claims period opens.
- **Step 2 – Monitor for claims notice:** Class members will receive notice when the opportunity to file a Claim Form becomes available. Final approval was granted October 8, 2026; a claims period opening is anticipated.
- **Step 3 – File a Claim Form:** When the claims period opens, eligible class members will need to submit a Claim Form. Details on required documentation and the claims process are not yet published.
- **Contact the Settlement Administrator:** Epiq — Email: **info@beefcommercialcase.com** | Phone: **1-888-570-3771** (Toll-Free)
- **Settlement website:** www.beefcommercialcase.com

Defendants

This settlement is with the **Tyson** defendants only:

- Tyson Foods, Inc.
- Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.
- Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc.
- Related or affiliated Tyson entities

The underlying lawsuit, *In re Cattle and Beef Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiff Action)*, Case No. 22-md-3031 (D. Minn.), names additional defendants who are **not** part of this settlement. Legal claims against those other defendants remain pending. A prior settlement with **JBS USA Food Company, Swift Beef Company, JBS Packerland, Inc., JBS S.A.,** and related entities was separately reached in 2023.

The alleged conduct involves a conspiracy among Tyson, other named defendants, and unnamed co-conspirators to **limit the supply and fix the prices of beef** sold to commercial and institutional indirect purchasers in the United States, in violation of federal and state antitrust laws, from at least January 1, 2015 onward.

Case History

- **2022:** Multidistrict litigation consolidated as Case No. 22-md-3031 in the District of Minnesota; Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiff (CIIPP) Class Action Complaint filed.
- **2023:** Settlement reached with JBS defendants; notice provided to class members regarding JBS settlement. JBS Long Form Notice, Settlement Agreement, and Preliminary Approval Order issued. Final Approval Order and Order regarding attorneys' fees entered for the JBS settlement.
- **Class certification:** Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order granting in part DPP, CIPP, and CIIPP Motions for Class Certification and denying defendants' motions to exclude expert testimony (date not specified on source pages).
- **Tyson Settlement:** Settlement Agreement between CIIPPs and Tyson reached; Motion for Preliminary Approval filed; Order Granting Preliminary Approval entered.
- **August 10, 2026:** Deadline for class members to opt out of or object to the Tyson settlement; Notice of Appearance deadline for the Final Fairness Hearing.
- **August 2026:** CIIPPs' Motion for Final Approval with Tyson and Motion for Award of Attorneys' Fees filed; Notice of Hearing on Final Approval and Attorneys' Fees issued.
- **October 1, 2026, 11:30 a.m.:** Final Fairness Hearing (via Video Conference).
- **October 8, 2026:** Court granted final approval of the Tyson Settlement and approved attorneys' fees, expenses, and class representative awards. Final Approval Order and Final Judgment entered.

Source

- Settlement Home Page: **https://www.beefcommercialcase.com**
- Settlement Documents Page: **https://www.beefcommercialcase.com/documents**

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- **Changes from previous version:**
  - **Announcements section updated:** Added new lead bullet noting that the Court granted final approval on October 8, 2026, and approved attorneys' fees, expenses, and class representative awards. Removed the now-obsolete "Final Fairness Hearing scheduled" bullet (hearing has occurred). Removed the "Motions for final approval and attorneys' fees filed" bullet (superseded by the final approval event).
  - **Summary updated:** Replaced reference to pending October 1, 2026 hearing with confirmation that final approval was granted October 8, 2026.
  - **Filing Deadline section updated:** Replaced forward-looking language about monitoring after the October 1 hearing with language reflecting that final approval has been granted and a claims period opening is anticipated.
  - **How to File updated:** Step 2 updated to reflect that final approval was granted October 8, 2026, replacing forward-looking language about the hearing.
  - **Case History updated:** Added October 8, 2026 entry for final approval and final judgment. Updated October 1 entry to reflect it has occurred.
  - **Last Updated date changed** from 2026-09-29 to 2026-11-25.
- **Source for final approval update:** Beef Commercial Home Page (Current Status section and footer timestamp of 10/9/2026); Beef Commercial Court Documents page (Final Approval Order and Final Judgment, Order Approving Attorneys' Fees listed).
- **No internal contradictions identified** in current source pages. Final approval is confirmed; the settlement

website still indicates no claims process has opened, which is consistent with a post-approval distribution process not yet initiated.

- **Action item for FRS:** Final approval has been granted. Register eligible clients via the Class Member Registration feature on the settlement website and monitor closely for announcement of the claims filing period, which could open at any time.
- **Missing information (ongoing):** Specific excluded parties are not listed on either source page; the Who Is Excluded section continues to rely on standard antitrust class action practice. The full exclusion definition should be confirmed against the Long Form Notice document. No per-claimant distribution estimate is available.