

Pilgrim's Pride Reports Fourth Quarter and Year-End 2023 Results

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GREELEY, Colo., Feb. 26, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (NASDAQ: PPC), one of the world's largest poultry producers, reports its fourth quarter and year-end 2023 financial results.

2023 Highlights

- Net Sales of \$17.4 billion.
- Consolidated GAAP Operating Income margin of 3.0%.
- GAAP Net Income of \$321.6 million and GAAP EPS of \$1.36. Adjusted Net Income of \$400.3 million, or adjusted EPS of \$1.69.
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$1.0 billion, or a 6.0% margin, with adjusted EBITDA margins of 5.3% in the U.S., 6.1% in the U.K. and Europe, and 8.7% in Mexico.
- Our U.S. fresh portfolio demonstrated its resiliency, overcoming challenging supply and demand fundamentals and
 elevated input costs earlier in the year through its diversified offerings across bird sizes, growth with Key Customers, and
 improved production efficiencies through operational excellence.
- Prepared Foods continues to accelerate its momentum in fully cooked branded offerings as *Just Bare*® and *Pilgrim's*® grew over 59% year over year. Digital platforms remain a key driver as sales more than doubled compared to 2022.
- U.K. and Europe business reinforced the foundation to scale profitable growth with Key Customers, to further diversify its portfolio through branded innovation, and to drive operational excellence efforts in manufacturing and back-office consolidation.
- Mexico enhanced its capacity to grow with Key Customers and increased the diversification of its offerings through the introduction of new brands and further investments in live operations.
- Sustainability efforts continue to drive reduction in production emissions intensity as all regions improved performance compared to 2022. Our progress was recognized externally as key Sustainability-related scores improved.
- Strong liquidity position and net leverage ratio of 2.5x Adjusted EBITDA through prudent management of working capital, consistent execution of our strategies, and improved market fundamentals.
- Progress of our investments to support Key Customer growth, drive operational excellence, and further diversify our
 portfolio are on target as we initiated production at our expanded Athens, GA facility and start-up our new protein
 conversion plant is slated by the end of Q1 of 2024.

Fourth Quarter

- Net Sales of \$4.5 billion.
- Consolidated GAAP Operating Income margin of 4.1%.
- GAAP Net Income of \$134.7 million and GAAP EPS of \$0.57. Adjusted Net Income of \$139.3 million and adjusted EPS of \$0.59.
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$309.5 million, or a 6.8% margin, with adjusted EBITDA margins of 7.5% in the U.S., 7.6% in U.K. and Europe, and 1.3% in Mexico.
- Our U.S. portfolio continued its momentum throughout the period given promotional activity and new distribution with Key
 Customers in Case Ready and Small Bird, branded momentum across Retail and Food Service in Prepared Foods, and
 operational excellence efforts in Big Bird.
- Our U.K. and Europe business increased year-over-year and quarter-over-quarter sales and adjusted EBITDA from growth of branded offerings, benefits from network and back-office optimization, and enhanced Key Customer relationships.
- Our Mexico business grew branded offerings, increased presence with Key Customers, and achieved better than breakeven results despite weakened market fundamentals.

Unaudited	Three Months Ended	Year Ended	

	De	ecember 31, 2023		December 25, 2022	Y/Y Change		December 31, 2023		December 25, 2022	Y/Y Change		
		(In millions, except per share and percentages)										
Net sales	\$	4,528.3	\$	4,127.4	+9.7%	\$	17,362.2	\$	17,468.4	(0.6)%		
U.S. GAAP EPS	\$	0.57	\$	(0.66)	(186.4)%	\$	1.36	\$	3.10	(56.1)%		
Operating income	\$	184.3	\$	(77.5)	(337.7)%	\$	522.3	\$	1,176.6	(55.6)%		
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$	309.5	\$	62.9	+392.4%	\$	1,034.2	\$	1,648.4	(37.3)%		
Adjusted EBITDA margin ⁽¹⁾		6.8 %	,	1.5 %	+5.3 pts		6.0%		9.4%	(3.4)pts		

(1) Reconciliations for non-U.S. GAAP measures are provided in subsequent sections within this release.

During 2023, commodities were exceptionally volatile as markets began at near record lows given supply and demand imbalance and availability of other proteins combined with unsettling consumer sentiment. Throughout the year values gradually returned to more seasonal levels, while cost inflation remained elevated compared to historical standards.

"While our business faced a unique set of challenging conditions in 2023, we persevered as our team members maintained a leadership mindset and elevated their focus and execution of our strategy. As a result, we demonstrated an ability to drive profitable growth even under the most difficult circumstances as our sales and adjusted EBITDA strengthened throughout the year and showed increased momentum as we entered 2024," said Fabio Sandri, Pilgrim's CEO.

In the 4th quarter, the U.S. portfolio continued to profitably grow as Case Ready and Small Bird realized benefits from additional promotional activity with Key Customers, more distribution, and increased retail pricing spreads from competing proteins. Prepared Foods also gained further momentum as branded offerings expanded throughout retail and distribution improved in foodservice. As for Big Bird, operating costs continued to improve from increased production efficiencies and better market conditions.

"Given the actual market conditions, the affordability and availability of chicken resonated with consumers. As such, we worked closely with our Key Customers in both retail and food service to drive increased traffic through promotions and broaden their lineup of chicken offerings across fresh and prepared items," remarked Fabio Sandri.

The U.K. and Europe demonstrated progress again in profitability improvement in the 4th quarter through Key Customer partnerships, branded innovation, and operational excellence. The efforts were accelerated by recent actions to further streamline our production networks and support activities.

"While we've improved profitability throughout the year, we recognize that speed to market with our diversified portfolio will be critical to meet our growth aspirations, especially with Key Customers. We implemented a more nimble organizational structure that promotes ownership and discipline throughout our diversified portfolio. Moving forward, we will continue to explore alternatives across all aspects of the organization to cultivate profitable growth," remarked Fabio Sandri.

As for Mexico, supply and demand fundamentals were challenging in October but gained strength throughout the quarter. Despite market conditions, the team maintained an intense focus on our strategy and our operations.

"While Mexico has continually faced volatile market conditions quarter over quarter, it continues to generate strong, steady results year over year. In the 4th quarter, we further diversified our portfolio as our brands continue to gain strong traction with consumers and retailers alike. Our investments to increase capacity and reduce production risk through operational excellence are proceeding as planned. Key Customer relationships continue to strengthen as volumes ended up nearly double digits compared to full year 2022," said Fabio Sandri.

Pilgrim's continues to make progress in sustainability as all regions reduced their natural gas and electrical usage intensity compared to 2022. External agencies have also recognized our progress with improvements in key scores compared to 2022.

"While we had challenging market conditions during the year, our commitment to sustainability remained firm. Our team identified ways to embed innovative practices in our business to simultaneously drive sustainability and enhance profitable growth. This leadership mindset enables a better future for our team members, strengthening our vision of becoming the best and most respected company in our industry," remarked Fabio Sandri.

Conference Call Information

A conference call to discuss Pilgrim's quarterly results will be held on the morning of February 26, at 7:00 a.m. MT (9 a.m. ET). Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the conference call using the link below. Callers who pre-register will be given a unique PIN to gain immediate access to the call and bypass the live operator. Participants may pre-register at any time, including up to and after the call start time.

To pre-register, go to: https://services.choruscall.com/links/ppc240226.html

You may also reach the pre-registration link by logging in through the investor section of our website at www.pilgrims.com and clicking on the link under "Upcoming Events."

For those who would like to join the call but have not pre-registered, access is available by dialing +1 (844) 883-3889 within the US, or +1 (412) 317-9245 internationally, and requesting the "Pilgrim's Pride Conference."

Replays of the conference call will be available on Pilgrim's website approximately two hours after the call concludes and can be accessed through the "Investor" section of www.pilgrims.com.

About Pilarim's Pride

Pilgrim's employs over 61,200 people and operates protein processing plants and prepared-foods facilities in 14 states, Puerto Rico, Mexico, the U.K.,

the Republic of Ireland and continental Europe. The Company's primary distribution is through retailers and foodservice distributors. For more information, please visit www.pilgrims.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this press release that state the intentions, plans, hopes, beliefs, anticipations, expectations or predictions of the future of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and its management are considered forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "should," "targets," "will" and the negative thereof and similar words and expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. It is important to note that actual results could differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements include: matters affecting the poultry industry generally; the ability to execute the Company's business plan to achieve desired cost savings and profitability; future pricing for feed ingredients and the Company's products; outbreaks of avian influenza or other diseases, either in Pilgrim's Pride's flocks or elsewhere, affecting its ability to conduct its operations and/or demand for its poultry products; contamination of Pilgrim's Pride's products, which has previously and can in the future lead to product liability claims and product recalls; exposure to risks related to product liability, product recalls, property damage and injuries to persons, for which insurance coverage is expensive, limited and potentially inadequate; management of cash resources; restrictions imposed by, and as a result of, Pilgrim's Pride's leverage; changes in laws or regulations affecting Pilgrim's Pride's operations or the application thereof; new immigration legislation or increased enforcement efforts in connection with existing immigration legislation that cause the costs of doing business to increase, cause Pilgrim's Pride to change the way in which it does business, or otherwise disrupt its operations; competitive factors and pricing pressures or the loss of one or more of Pilgrim's Pride's largest customers; currency exchange rate fluctuations, trade barriers, exchange controls, expropriation and other risks associated with foreign operations; disruptions in international markets and distribution channels, including, but not limited to, the impacts of the Russia-Ukraine conflict; the risk of cyber-attacks, natural disasters, power losses, unauthorized access, telecommunication failures, and other problems on our information systems; and the impact of uncertainties of litigation and other legal matters described in our most recent Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, including the In re Broiler Chicken Antitrust Litigation, as well as other risks described under "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements in this release speak only as of the date of this release, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable law.

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PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	Dece	mber 31, 2023	Dece	mber 25, 2022
	(In	thousands, ex	cept sh	nare and par
			data)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	697,748	\$	400,988
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		33,475		33,771
Trade accounts and other receivables, less allowance for credit losses		1,129,178		1,097,212
Accounts receivable from related parties		1,778		2,512
Inventories		1,985,399		1,990,184
Income taxes receivable		161,062		155,859
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		195,831		211,092
Total current assets		4,204,471		3,891,618
Deferred tax assets		4,890		1,969
Other long-lived assets		35,646		41,574
Operating lease assets, net		266,707		305,798
Identified intangible assets, net		853,983		846,020
Goodwill		1,286,261		1,227,944
Property, plant and equipment, net		3,158,403		2,940,846
Total assets	\$	9,810,361	\$	9,255,769
Accounts payable	\$	1,410,576	\$	1,587,939
Accounts payable to related parties		41,254		12,155
Revenue contract liabilities		84,958		34,486
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		926,727		850,899
Income taxes payable		31,678		58,411
Current maturities of long-term debt		674		26,279
Total current liabilities		2,495,867		2,570,169
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities, less current maturities		203,348		230,701
Long-term debt, less current maturities		3,340,841		3,166,432
Deferred tax liabilities		385,548		364,184
Other long-term liabilities		40,180		71,007

Total liabilities	6,465,784	6,402,493
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 800,000,000 shares authorized; 261,931,080 and 261,610,518 shares		
issued at year-end 2023 and year-end 2022, respectively; 236,789,927 and 236,469,365 shares		
outstanding at year-end 2023 and year-end 2022, respectively	2,620	2,617
Treasury stock, at cost, 25,141,153 shares at year-end 2023 and year-end 2022.	(544,687)	(544,687)
Additional paid-in capital	1,978,849	1,969,833
Retained earnings	2,071,073	1,749,499
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	 (176,483)	(336,448)
Total Pilgrim's Pride Corporation stockholders' equity	3,331,372	2,840,814
Noncontrolling interest	 13,205	12,462
Total stockholders' equity	 3,344,577	2,853,276
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 9,810,361	\$ 9,255,769

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended			Ended	Year Ended			
	De	ecember 31, 2023	De	ecember 25, 2022	D	ecember 31, 2023	D	ecember 25, 2022
			(In th	ousands, exc	ept	per share data	1)	
Net sales	\$	4,528,302	\$	4,127,365	\$	17,362,217	\$	17,468,377
Cost of sales		4,207,255		4,031,583		16,243,816		15,656,574
Gross profit		321,047		95,782		1,118,401		1,811,803
Selling, general and administrative expense		131,087		142,840		551,770		604,742
Restructuring activities		5,661		30,466		44,345		30,466
Operating income (loss)		184,299		(77,524)		522,286		1,176,595
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest		66,813		41,369		202,272		152,672
Interest income		(12,308)		(4,071)		(35,651)		(9,028)
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains)		(22,892)		16,469		20,570		30,817
Miscellaneous, net		(3,942)		(1,505)		(30,127)		(23,339)
Income before income taxes		156,628		(129,786)		365,222		1,025,473
Income tax expense		22,417		25,256		42,905		278,935
Net income (loss)		134,211		(155,042)		322,317		746,538
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests		(442)		(66)		743		608
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	\$	134,653	\$	(154,976)	\$	321,574	\$	745,930
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding:								
Basic		236,790		236,469		236,725		239,766
Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents		675		_		572		628
Diluted	_	237,465	_	236,469	_	237,297		240,394
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per share of common stock outstanding:								
Basic	\$	0.57	\$	(0.66)	\$	1.36	\$	3.11
Diluted	\$	0.57	\$	(0.66)	\$	1.36	\$	3.10

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended					
	December 31, 2023			mber 25, 2022		
	(In thousands)					
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net income	\$	322,317	\$	746,538		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		419,900		403,110		
Loss on early extinguishment of debt recognized as a component of interest expense		20,694		_		
Loan cost amortization		7,366		4,753		
Share-based compensation		7,226		6,985		

Deferred income tax expense		6,675		21,295
Gain on property disposals		(6,052)		(18,908)
Asset impairment		4,010		3,559
Accretion of bond discount		2,278		1,717
Gain on equity method investments		328		(2)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Trade accounts and other receivables		(19,007)		(149,599)
Inventories		12,602		(472,224)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		17,776		18,264
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(68,677)		263,288
Income taxes		(8,878)		(142,455)
Long-term pension and other postretirement obligations		(9,993)		(4,128)
Other operating assets and liabilities		(30,688)		(12,330)
Cash provided by operating activities		677,877		669,863
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment		(543,816)		(487,110)
Proceeds from insurance recoveries		20,681		16,034
Proceeds from property disposals		19,784		35,516
Purchase of acquired businesses, net of cash acquired		_		(9,692)
Cash used in investing activities		(503,351)		(445,252)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from revolving line of credit and long-term borrowings		1,768,236		362,540
Payments on revolving line of credit, long-term borrowings, and finance lease obligations		(1,616,321)		(388,299)
Payment of capitalized loan costs		(19,816)		(4,741)
Payment on early extinguishment of debt		(13,780)		_
Distribution of capital under the TSA		(1,592)		(1,961)
Purchase of common stock under share repurchase program		_		(199,553)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		116,727		(232,014)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		5,211		(7,959)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		296,464		(15,362)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		434,759		450,121
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	731,223	\$	434,759
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Interest paid (net of amount capitalized)	\$	131,205	\$	156,292
Income taxes paid	Ψ	19,749	Ψ	385,585
Accounts payable and accrued expenses for capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment		85,943		
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PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

Selected Financial Information

(Unaudited)

"EBITDA" is defined as the sum of net income (loss) plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. "Adjusted EBITDA" is calculated by adding to EBITDA certain items of expense and deducting from EBITDA certain items of income that we believe are not indicative of our ongoing operating performance consisting of: (1) foreign currency transaction losses (gains), (2) transaction costs related to business acquisitions, (3) costs related to litigation settlements, (4) restructuring activities losses, (5) property insurance recoveries, and (6) net income attributable to noncontrolling interest. EBITDA is presented because it is used by management and we believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties, in addition to and not in lieu of results prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP"), to compare the performance of companies. We believe investors would be interested in our Adjusted EBITDA because this is how our management analyzes EBITDA applicable to continuing operations. The Company also believes that Adjusted EBITDA, in combination with the Company's financial results calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, provides investors with additional perspective regarding the impact of certain significant items on EBITDA and facilitates a more direct comparison of its performance with its competitors. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measurements of financial performance under U.S. GAAP. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for an analysis of our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. In addition, other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently limiting their usefulness as a comparative measure. Because of these limitations, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to net income as indicators of our operating performance or any other measures of performance derived in accordance with U.S. GAAP. These limitations should be compensated for by relying primarily on our U.S. GAAP results and using EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA only on a supplemental basis.

		Three Months Ended			Year Ended			
	De	cember 31, 2023	December 25, 2022		December 31, 2023		De	cember 25, 2022
		_	(In th	ısands)			_	
Net income (loss)	\$	134,211	\$ (155,04	12)	\$	322,317	\$	746,538
Add:								
Interest expense, net ^(a)		54,505	37,29	98		166,621		143,644
Income tax expense		22,417	25,25	56		42,905		278,935
Depreciation and amortization		112,486	102,14	18		419,900		403,110
EBITDA		323,619	9,66	60		951,743		1,572,227
Add:								
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains) ^(b)		(22,892)	16,46	69		20,570		30,817
Transaction costs related to acquisitions(c)		_	(2	24)		_		948
Litigation settlements ^(d)		4,700	5,80)4		39,400		34,086
Restructuring activities losses ^(e)		5,661	30,46	66		44,345		30,466
Minus:								
Property insurance recoveries ^(f)		2,038	(4	17)		21,124		19,580
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest		(442)	(66)		743		608
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	309,492	\$ 62,8	58	\$	1,034,191	\$	1,648,356

- (a) Interest expense, net, consists of interest expense less interest income.
- (b) The Company measures the financial statements of its Mexico reportable segment as if the U.S. dollar were the functional currency. Accordingly, we remeasure assets and liabilities, other than nonmonetary assets, of the Mexico reportable segment at current exchange rates. We remeasure nonmonetary assets using the historical exchange rate in effect on the date of each asset's acquisition. Currency exchange gains or losses resulting from these remeasurements, as well as, from our U.K. and Europe reportable segment are included in the line item *Foreign currency transaction losses* (gains) in the Consolidated Statements of Income.
- (c) Transaction costs related to acquisitions includes those charges that are incurred in conjunction with business acquisitions.
- (d) This represents expenses recognized in anticipation of probable settlements in ongoing litigation.
- (e) Restructuring charges is primarily related to restructuring initiatives at multiple production facilities throughout our U.K. and Europe reportable segment.
- (f) This represents property insurance recoveries for property damage losses.

The summary unaudited consolidated income statement data for the 12 months ended December 31, 2023 (the LTM Period) have been calculated by summing each of the unaudited three month periods within the audited year ended December 31, 2023.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of LTM Adjusted EBITDA (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended							LTM Ended		
	March 26, 2023			June 25, 2023	September 24, 2023		December 31, 2023		De	cember 31, 2023
					(In th	nousands)				
Net income	\$	5,631	\$	60,908	\$	121,567	\$	134,211	\$	322,317
Add:										
Interest expense, net		39,062		39,524		33,530		54,505		166,621
Income tax expense		(8,840)		(15,225)		44,553		22,417		42,905
Depreciation and amortization		98,257		104,857		104,300		112,486		419,900
EBITDA		134,110		190,064		303,950		323,619		951,743
Add:										
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains)		18,143		16,395		8,924		(22,892)		20,570
Litigation settlements		11,200		13,000		10,500		4,700		39,400
Restructuring activities losses		8,026		29,718		940		5,661		44,345
Minus:										
Property insurance recoveries		19,086		_		_		2,038		21,124
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest		444		452		289		(442)		743
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	151,949	\$	248,725	\$	324,025	\$	309,492	\$	1,034,191

EBITDA margins have been calculated by taking the relevant unaudited EBITDA figures, then dividing by net sales for the applicable period. EBITDA margins are presented because they are used by management and we believe they are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties, as a supplement to our results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, to compare the performance of companies.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of EBITDA Margin (Unaudited)

	Three Moi	nths Ended	Year	Ended	Three Mon	ths Ended	Year	Ended
	December 31, 2023	December 25, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 25, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 25, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 25, 2022
			(In thou	ısands, excep	t percent of n	et sales)		
Net income (loss)	\$ 134,211	\$ (155,042)	\$ 322,317	\$ 746,538	2.96%	(3.76)%	1.86%	4.27%
Add:								
Interest expense, net	54,505	37,298	166,621	143,644	1.20%	0.90%	0.96%	0.82%
Income tax expense	22,417	25,256	42,905	278,935	0.50%	0.61%	0.25%	1.60%
Depreciation and amortization	112,486	102,148	419,900	403,110	2.48%	2.47%	2.42%	2.31%
EBITDA	323,619	9,660	951,743	1,572,227	7.14%	0.22%	5.48%	9.00%
Add:								
Foreign currency								
transaction losses (gains)	(22,892)	16,469	20,570	30,817	(0.50)%	0.41%	0.13%	0.18%
Transaction costs related to								
acquisitions	_	(24)	_	948	- %	- %	- %	0.01%
Litigation settlements	4,700	5,804	39,400	34,086	0.10%	0.14%	0.21%	0.19%
Restructuring activities losses	5,661	30,466	44,345	30,466	0.13%	0.74%	0.26%	0.17%
Minus:								
Property insurance recoveries	2,038	(417)	21,124	19,580	0.05%	(0.01)%	0.12%	0.11%
Net income (loss) attributable								
to noncontrolling interest	(442)	(66)	743	608	(0.01)%	%	_%	%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 309,492	\$ 62,858	\$ 1,034,191	\$ 1,648,356	6.83%	1.52%	5.96%	9.44%
Net sales	\$4,528,302	\$4,127,365	\$17,362,217	\$17,468,377	\$ 4,528,302	\$ 4.127.365	\$ 17,362,217	\$ 17,468,377

Adjusted EBITDA by segment figures s are presented because they are used by management and we believe they are frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties, as a supplement to our results prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, to compare the performance of companies.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA (Unaudited)

		Three Moi	nths Ended		Three Months Ended						
		Decembe	er 31, 2023		December 25, 2022						
	•	U.K. &				U.K. &		_			
	U.S.	Europe	Mexico	Total	U.S.	Europe	Mexico	Total			
		(In tho	usands)			(In tho	usands)				
Net income (loss)	\$ 76,321	\$ 46,181	\$ 11,709	\$ 134,211	\$ (86,893)	\$ (22,193)	\$ (45,956)	\$(155,042)			
Add:											
Interest expense, net ^(a)	66,779	(1,458)	(10,816)	54,505	38,094	633	(1,429)	37,298			
Income tax expense (benefit)	4,047	18,635	(265)	22,417	(22,097)	20,673	26,680	25,256			
Depreciation and amortization	68,004	38,707	5,775	112,486	63,370	32,899	5,879	102,148			
EBITDA	215,151	102,065	6,403	323,619	(7,526)	32,012	(14,826)	9,660			
Add:											
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains) ^(b)	(19,594)	(3,355)	57	(22,892)	17,060	442	(1,033)	16,469			
Transaction costs related to acquisitions ^(c)	_	_	_	_	_	(24)	_	(24)			
Litigation settlements ^(d)	4,700	_	_	4,700	5,804	_	_	5,804			
Restructuring activities ^(e)	_	5,661	_	5,661	_	30,466	_	30,466			
Minus:											
Property insurance recoveries ^(f)	_	1,921	117	2,038	(417)	_	_	(417)			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest			(442)	(442)			(66)	(66)			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 200,257	\$ 102,450	\$ 6,785	\$ 309,492	\$ 15,755	\$ 62,896	\$ (15,793)	\$ 62,858			

- (a) Interest expense, net, consists of interest expense less interest income.
- (b) The Company measures the financial statements of its Mexico reportable segment as if the U.S. dollar were the functional currency. Accordingly, we remeasure assets and liabilities, other than nonmonetary assets, of the Mexico reportable segment at current exchange rates. We remeasure nonmonetary assets using the historical exchange rate in effect on the date of each asset's acquisition. Currency exchange gains or losses resulting from these remeasurements, as well as, from our U.K. and Europe reportable segment are included in the line item *Foreign currency transaction losses* (gains) in the Consolidated Statements of Income.
- (c) Transaction costs related to acquisitions includes those charges that are incurred in conjunction with business acquisitions.
- (d) This represents expenses recognized in anticipation of probable settlements in ongoing litigation.
- (e) Restructuring charges is primarily related to restructuring initiatives at multiple production facilities throughout our U.K. and Europe reportable segment.
- (f) This represents property insurance recoveries for property damage losses.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA (Unaudited)

		Year	Ended		Year Ended								
		Decembe	er 31, 2023			Decembe	er 25, 2022						
		U.K. &				U.K. &							
	U.S.	Europe	Mexico	Total	U.S.	Europe	Mexico	Total					
		(In tho	usands)			usands)							
Net income (loss)	\$ 32,520	\$ 114,666	\$ 175,131	\$ 322,317	\$ 706,704	\$ (3,642)	\$ 43,476	\$ 746,538					
Add:													
Interest expense, net(a)	194,013	(2,928)	(24,464)	166,621	143,941	2,126	(2,423)	143,644					
Income tax expense (benefit)	(5,848)	23,378	25,375	42,905	220,245	8,290	50,400	278,935					
Depreciation and amortization	255,052	142,190	22,658	419,900	244,617	134,374	24,119	403,110					
EBITDA	475,737	277,306	198,700	951,743	1,315,507	141,148	115,572	1,572,227					
Add:													
Foreign currency transaction losses													
(gains) ^(b)	35,433	(2,520)	(12,343)	20,570	35,702	(3,008)	(1,877)	30,817					
Transaction costs related to													
acquisitions ^(c)	_		_	_	847	101	_	948					
Litigation settlements(d)	39,400	_	_	39,400	34,086	_	_	34,086					
Restructuring activities losses ^(e)	_	44,345	_	44,345	_	30,466	_	30,466					
Minus:													
Property insurance recoveries ^(f)	19,086	1,921	117	21,124	19,580	_	_	19,580					
Net income attributable to													
noncontrolling interest			743	743			608	608					
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 531,484	\$ 317,210	\$ 185,497	\$1,034,191	\$1,366,562	\$ 168,707	\$ 113,087	\$1,648,356					

- (a) Interest expense, net, consists of interest expense less interest income.
- (b) The Company measures the financial statements of its Mexico reportable segment as if the U.S. dollar were the functional currency. Accordingly, we remeasure assets and liabilities, other than nonmonetary assets, of the Mexico reportable segment at current exchange rates. We remeasure nonmonetary assets using the historical exchange rate in effect on the date of each asset's acquisition. Currency exchange gains or losses resulting from these remeasurements, as well as, from our U.K. and Europe reportable segment are included in the line item *Foreign currency transaction losses* (gains) in the Consolidated Statements of Income.
- (c) Transaction costs related to acquisitions includes those charges that are incurred in conjunction with business acquisitions.
- (d) This represents expenses recognized in anticipation of probable settlements in ongoing litigation.
- (e) Restructuring charges is primarily related to restructuring initiatives at multiple production facilities throughout our U.K. and Europe reportable segment.
- (f) This represents property insurance recoveries for the property damage losses.

Adjusted Operating Income is calculated by adding to Operating Income certain items of expense and deducting from Operating Income certain items of income. Management believes that presentation of Adjusted Operating Income provides useful supplemental information about our operating performance and enables comparison of our performance between periods because certain costs shown below are not indicative of our current operating performance. A reconciliation of GAAP operating income to adjusted operating income as follows:

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended					Year Ended						
De	ecember 31, 2023	De	ecember 25, 2022	De	ecember 31, 2023	D	ecember 25, 2022				
\$	128,353	\$	(52,796)	\$	238,894	\$	1,094,025				

Litigation settlements ^(a)	4,700	5,804	39,400	34,086
Transaction costs related to acquisitions ^(b)	 		 	847
Adjusted operating income, U.S. operations	\$ 133,053	\$ (46,992)	\$ 278,294	\$ 1,128,958
Adjusted operating income margin, U.S. operations	5.0%	(1.9)%	2.8%	10.5%
GAAP operating income, U.K. and Europe operations	\$ 57,568	\$ (1,340)	\$ 128,151	\$ (934)
Restructuring activities losses	 5,661	30,466	44,345	 30,466
Adjusted operating income, U.K. and Europe operations	\$ 63,229	\$ 29,126	\$ 172,496	\$ 29,532
Adjusted operating income margin, U.K. and Europe operations	4.7%	2.4%	3.3%	0.6%
GAAP operating income, Mexico operations No adjustments	\$ (1,621)	\$ (23,400)	\$ 155,455	\$ 83,450
Adjusted operating income, Mexico operations	\$ (1,621)	\$ (23,400)	\$ 155,455	\$ 83,450
Adjusted operating income margin, Mexico operations	(0.3)%	(5.1)%	7.3%	4.5%

⁽a) This represents expenses recognized in anticipation of probable settlements in ongoing litigation.

Adjusted Operating Income Margin for each of our reportable segments is calculated by dividing Adjusted operating income by Net Sales. Management believes that presentation of Adjusted Operating Income Margin provides useful supplemental information about our operating performance and enables comparison of our performance between periods because certain costs shown below are not indicative of our current operating performance. A reconciliation of GAAP operating income margin for each of our reportable segments to adjusted operating income margin for each of our reportable segments is as follows:

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of GAAP Operating Income Margin to Adjusted Operating Income Margin (Unaudited)

	Three Mon	ths Ended	Year E	nded	
	December 31, 2023	December 25, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 25, 2022	
		(In per	cent)		
GAAP operating income margin, U.S. operations	4.8%	(2.2)%	2.4%	10.2%	
Litigation settlements	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	
Transaction costs related to acquisitions	%	_%	_%	_%	
Adjusted operating income margin, U.S. operations	5.0%	(1.9)%	2.8%	10.5%	
GAAP operating income margin, U.K. and Europe operations	4.3%	(0.1)%	2.5%	_ %	
Restructuring activities losses	0.4%	2.5%	0.8%	0.6%	
Adjusted operating income margin, U.K. and Europe operations	4.7%	2.4%	3.3%	0.6%	
GAAP operating income margin, Mexico operations	(0.3)%	(5.1)%	7.3%	4.5%	
No adjustments	%	_%	_%	_ %	
Adjusted operating income margin, Mexico operations	(0.3)%	(5.1)%	7.3%	4.5%	

Adjusted net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation ("Pilgrim's") is calculated by adding to net income attributable to Pilgrim's certain items of expense and deducting from net income attributable to Pilgrim's certain items of income, as shown below in the table. Adjusted net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per common diluted share is presented because it is used by management, and we believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties, in addition to and not in lieu of results prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP, to compare the performance of companies. Management also believe that this non-U.S. GAAP financial measure, in combination with our financial results calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP, provides investors with additional perspective regarding the impact of such charges on net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per common diluted share. Adjusted net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per common diluted share is not a measurement of financial performance under U.S. GAAP, has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for an analysis of our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. Management believes that presentation of adjusted net income attributable to Pilgrim's provides useful supplemental information about our operating performance and enables comparison of our performance between periods because certain costs shown below are not indicative of our current operating performance. A reconciliation of net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per common diluted share is as follows:

⁽b) These costs represent charges incurred related to the acquisition of Pilgrim's Food Masters (formerly, Kerry Consumer Foods' Meats and Meals businesses).

Reconciliation of Adjusted Net Income (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended					Year Ended				
	December 31, 2023		December 25, 2022		December 31, 2023		D:	ecember 25, 2022		
			(In t	housands, exc	ept p	er share data)			
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's	\$	134,653	\$	(154,976)	\$	321,574	\$	745,930		
Add:										
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains)		(22,892)		16,469		20,570		30,817		
Transaction costs related to acquisitions		_		(24)		_		948		
Litigation settlements		4,700		5,804		39,400		34,086		
Restructuring activities losses		5,661		30,466		44,345		30,466		
Loss on early extinguishment of debt recognized as a component of interest expense $^{(a)}$		20,694		_		20,694		_		
Minus:										
Property insurance recoveries		2,038				21,124		19,580		
Adjusted net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's before tax impact		140,778		(102,261)		425,459		822,667		
Net tax impact of adjustments(b)		(1,483)		(12,757)		(25,140)		(19,115)		
Adjusted net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's	\$	139,295	\$	(115,018)	\$	400,319	\$	803,552		
Weighted average diluted shares of common stock outstanding		237,465		236,469		237,297		240,394		
Adjusted net income attributable to Pilgrim's per common diluted share	\$	0.59	\$	(0.49)	\$	1.69	\$	3.34		

⁽a) The loss on early extinguishment of debt recognized as a component of interest expense was due to the repurchase of the Senior Notes due 2027.

Adjusted EPS is calculated by dividing the adjusted net income attributable to Pilgrim's stockholders by the weighted average number of diluted shares. Management believes that Adjusted EPS provides useful supplemental information about our operating performance and enables comparison of our performance between periods because certain costs shown below are not indicative of our current operating performance. A reconciliation of U.S. GAAP to non-U.S. GAAP financial measures is as follows:

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of GAAP EPS to Adjusted EPS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended			Year Ended				
	December 31, 2023		December 25, 2022		December 31, 2023		De	cember 25, 2022
			(In thous)				
U.S. GAAP EPS	\$	0.57	\$	(0.66)	\$	1.36	\$	3.10
Add:								
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains)		(0.10)		0.08		0.09		0.13
Transaction costs related to acquisitions		_		_		_		_
Litigation settlements		0.02		0.02		0.16		0.14
Restructuring activities losses		0.02		0.13		0.19		0.13
Loss on early extinguishment of debt recognized as a component of								
interest expense		0.09		_		0.08		_
Minus:								
Property insurance recoveries		0.01				0.09		0.08
Adjusted EPS attributable to Pilgrim's before tax impact		0.59		(0.43)		1.79		3.42
Net tax impact of adjustments ^(a)		_		(0.06)		(0.10)		(0.08)
Adjusted EPS	\$	0.59	\$	(0.49)	\$	1.69	\$	3.34
Weighted average diluted shares of common stock outstanding	:	237,465		236,469		237,297		240,394

⁽a) Net tax impact of adjustments represents the tax impact of all adjustments shown above.

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⁽b) Net tax impact of adjustments represents the tax impact of all adjustments shown above.

	December 31, 2023		Do	December 25, 2022		December 31, 2023		ecember 25, 2022
			(In thousands)					
Sources of net sales by country of origin:								
U.S.	\$	2,660,649	\$	2,430,343	\$	10,027,742	\$	10,748,350
Europe		1,341,103		1,234,609		5,203,322		4,874,738
Mexico		526,550		462,413		2,131,153		1,845,289
Total net sales	\$	4,528,302	\$	4,127,365	\$	17,362,217	\$	17,468,377
Sources of cost of sales by country of origin:								
U.S.	\$	2,461,255	\$	2,406,386	\$	9,505,258	\$	9,312,445
Europe		1,233,572		1,154,440		4,828,623		4,634,066
Mexico		512,427		470,769		1,909,721		1,710,117
Elimination		1		(12)		214		(54)
Total cost of sales	\$	4,207,255	\$	4,031,583	\$	16,243,816	\$	15,656,574
Sources of gross profit by country of origin:								
U.S.	\$	199,394	\$	23,957	\$	522,484	\$	1,435,905
Europe		107,531		80,169		374,699		240,672
Mexico		14,123		(8,356)		221,432		135,172
Elimination		(1)		12		(214)		54
Total gross profit	\$	321,047	\$	95,782	\$	1,118,401	\$	1,811,803
Sources of operating income (loss) by country of origin:								
U.S.	\$	128,353	\$	(52,796)	\$	238,894	\$	1,094,025
Europe		57,568		(1,340)		128,151		(934)
Mexico		(1,621)		(23,400)		155,455		83,450
Elimination		(1)		12		(214)		54
Total operating income (loss)	\$	184,299	\$	(77,524)	\$	522,286	\$	1,176,595



Source: Pilgrim's Pride Corporation