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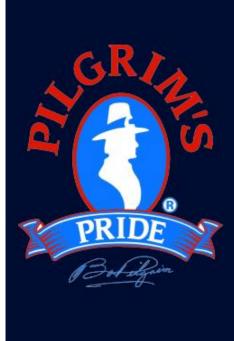
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## Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

ConAgra Chicken Division Acquisition Overview

June 9, 2003



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#### Important Legal Information

Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement regarding the proposed transaction when it becomes available because it will contain important information. The proxy statement will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement when it becomes available, and other documents filed with the SEC by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. The proxy statement, and other related documents filed with the SEC by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, may also be obtained for free by directing a request to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation at 110 South Texas, Pittsburg, Texas, 75686. Investors may obtain a detailed list of names, affiliations and interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation stockholders to approve the transaction at the following address: 110 South Texas, Pittsburg, Texas, 75686.



### TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

ConAgra Chicken Division	<ul> <li>#4 U.S. chicken producer</li> <li>Net sales of \$2.4 billion and EBIT of \$20 million (LTM March 2003)</li> <li>Full-service chicken business with extensive product line and customer base</li> </ul>	
Rationale	<ul> <li>Stronger poultry industry platform</li> <li>Expanded and enhanced prepared foods mix</li> <li>Improved distribution capabilities</li> <li>Enhanced operational and customer service capabilities</li> <li>Broader geographic reach in fresh chicken</li> <li>Attractive synergy potential</li> </ul>	
Value and Valuation	<ul> <li>\$590 million purchase price</li> <li>Attractive valuation         <ul> <li>Discount to book value</li> <li>Cashflow multiple post-synergies: less than 5x</li> <li>EPS impact: accretive in Year 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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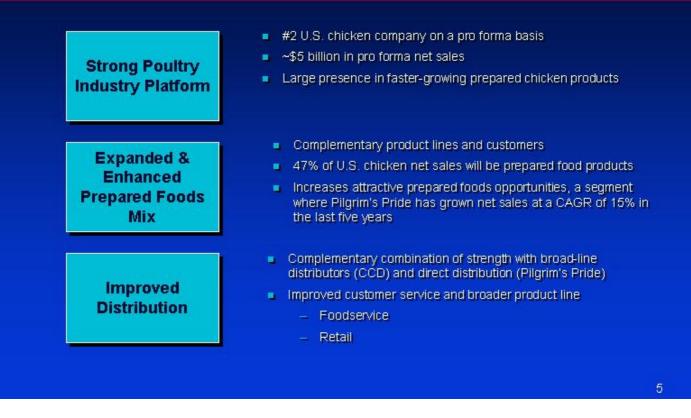
### TRANSACTION OVERVIEW



	<ul> <li>Cash: \$100 million (borrowed under additional credit lines from existing lenders)</li> </ul>
Financing	<ul> <li>Senior subordinated note: \$255 million (issued to ConAgra)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Market terms, 10.5% coupon and due 2011</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Class A common stock: \$235 million (based on June 6<sup>th</sup> close)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Seek to issue equity for 45% of total consideration</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Average price from the day after announcement to five days before closing</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Cap of 39.4 million shares</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>ConAgra maximum ownership: 49% economic and 7% voting</li> </ul>
	Structured to be leverage neutral
	<ul> <li>Current total debt / capitalization: 55%</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Pro forma total debt / capitalization: 56%</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Senior debt / capitalization improves by 15 percentage points</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Pilgrim majority shareholders have agreed to vote for equity issuance required to complete transaction</li> </ul>
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### TRANSACTION RATIONALE

<ul> <li>New geographic coverage</li> <li>New prepared foods production capabilities</li> <li>Optimization of production capacity</li> <li>Addition of processing and distribution facilities in Southeastern U.S.         <ul> <li>Next-day delivery to large majority of U.S. population</li> <li>Nationwide capabilities for all product lines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Addition of #1 chicken business in profitable Puerto Rican mark
Cost saving potential in excess of \$50 million by Year 3
<ul> <li>Optimization of expanded processing and distribution assets</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Best practices in purchasing, production and freight</li> </ul>

#### **INTEGRATION PROCESS**

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- Planning currently underway
- Joint transition team of senior executives
  - Production
  - Sales and marketing
  - Supply chain / purchasing
- Function specific sub-teams
  - Human resources
  - Accounting / credit
  - Information technology
- Timing: begins immediately



### U.S. INDUSTRY LANDSCAPE

#### U.S. Chicken Market(1)

COMPANY	2002 MARKET SHARE	
Tyson Foods, Inc.	23.03%	
New Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	16.34	
Gold Kist, Inc.	9.15	
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	8.53	
ConAgra Foods, Inc.	7.81	
Perdue Farms, Inc.	7.11	
Wayne Farms, LLC	4.00	
Sanderson Farms, Inc.	3.56	
Foster Farms	3.11	
Mountaire Farms, Inc.	2.96	
Cagle's Inc.	2.31	
Ten Largest Producers	71.57	
All Others	28.43	
Total	100.00%	

Note: (1) Pro forma for acquisitions.

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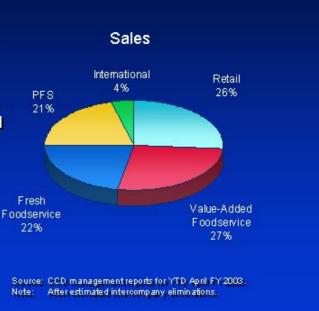
### ANTICIPATED TRANSACTION TIMING

June 9, 2003	Announcement
By June 13	HSR Filing
Mid - July	Proxy Filing
Q3 2003	Shareholder Vote
Q3 2003	Closing



#### CCD COMMERCIAL OVERVIEW

- Fresh Foodservice: fresh chicken parts prepared and sold primarily to quick service / fast food restaurants and food service distributors
- Value-Added Foodservice: processed fresh chicken parts (e.g. seasoned, breaded) prepared and sold primarily to quick service / fast food restaurants and food service distributors
- Retail: chill-pack / tray-pack chicken for supermarket sale
- International: dark meat sales primarily into Russia, China and other export markets
- Professional Food Systems: resale distribution of various meat categories, primarily beef



#### CCD OPERATIONS OVERVIEW



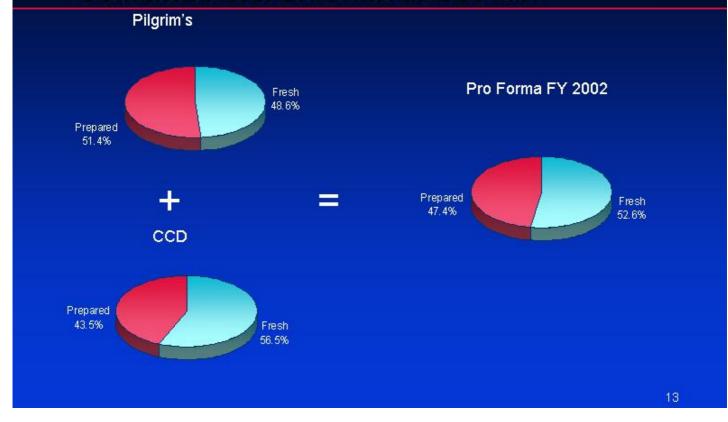


### CCD FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



		LTM
	FYE 5/02	3/03
ales	\$2.4 billion	\$2.4 billion
віт	\$82 million	\$21 million
epreciation	\$60 million	\$60 million
apex	\$59 million	\$38 million

### COMBINED U.S. CHICKEN SALES MIX





#### **EXISTING OPERATING FACILITIES**



#### **COMBINED FACILITIES OVERVIEW**





#### Twelve Months Ending March 2003

	PILGRIM'S PRIDE		COMBINED PRO FORMA
Net Sales	\$2.5 billion	\$2.4 billion	\$4.9 billion
EBIT	\$23 million	\$21 million	\$44 million
Depreciation	\$70 million	\$60 million	\$130 million
Net Interest Expense	\$36 million	÷	\$69 million <sup>(2)</sup>
Capex	\$73 million	\$38 million	\$111 million

(1) Unaudited; subject to revision.

(2) Based on \$100 million new senior debt at 6.25% borrowing rate and \$255 million new subordinated debt at 10.5% borrowing rate.