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2010 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Fellow Pilgrim's Shareholders:

Fiscal 2010 marked a year of continued progress for Pilgrim's as we worked to reposition the company for sustained growth and profitability following a successful reorganization in 2009.

Pilgrim's reported net income of \$87.1 million on sales of \$6.9 billion in fiscal 2010. For the comparable 12-month period in the previous year, Pilgrim's reported net income of \$110.8 million on sales of \$6.8 billion. Adjusted EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization, excluding restructuring and reorganization charges) was \$481.9 million, compared to \$495.4 million for the comparable period in 2009.

Today Pilgrim's is a market-driven company clearly focused on delivering the highest levels of service, selection and value to our customers as efficiently as possible. Plant cost, yield, price improvement and sales mix are the fundamental drivers of performance and represent our biggest opportunities for improvement. We are making good progress on cost control – a critical component in light of sharply higher grain costs this year. Last year we intensified our benchmarking of live and plant costs – as well as sales – against the industry. Performance and action plans are reviewed with the management team on a monthly basis. We carried some good momentum into 2011, and we will continue to focus on the fundamentals of our business.

Based on our progress in 2010 and additional opportunities we have targeted this year, we intend to achieve a total of \$400 million in plant-related costs and mix improvements by the end of 2011. We are making fundamental process improvements across the organization. For example, our conversion from automated to manual deboning should be completed by late spring and improve yield by at least 1%. In addition, we are reducing the number of outside cold storage warehouses from 51 to 17 to improve our supply chain and reduce distribution costs.

We remain cautiously optimistic about the outlook for chicken in 2011. While all of us are concerned about sharply higher grain prices and the uncertain economy, there are a number of positive signs for our industry. Given the reduction in beef supply and the higher prices that are expected for beef and pork in 2011, chicken should be attractively positioned with budget-conscious consumers. We are seeing increased demand from foodservice accounts and exports should strengthen this year, particularly as we pursue new market opportunities through our partnership with JBS. We're committed to balancing our production with forecasted demand from our customers, and we will target further expansion based on that demand.

This year will be challenging with regard to being able to match increasing chicken pricing with escalating feed costs. While we expect the front end of the year will be relatively soft in terms of chicken prices, we also believe that the onset of grilling season and a reduction in the overall meat supply will create a better pricing environment.

We are encouraged about industry exports in 2011 and on Pilgrim's long-term export position in particular. With current high prices for beef and pork, chicken is very attractive to export markets. That should hold up in 2011. We have done a good job of expanding our distribution network to 95 countries, and our partnership with JBS has improved our access to growing markets such as Africa and the Middle East.

Yet as far as we have come over the past year, it's clear that significant opportunities for continued growth and improvement remain. Given sharply higher feed costs, it is absolutely critical that we continue taking out unnecessary costs and capturing efficiencies through improved yields, labor productivity and

mix. At the same time, we must find new ways to help our customers grow their business. I have challenged our sales team to improve our penetration with existing customers and to gain new business in selected channels where we are currently under-represented. We also intend to strengthen our balance sheet by improving our inventory levels and reducing accounts receivable.

Since joining Pilgrim's earlier this year, I have had an opportunity to visit most of our processing facilities and meet with employees across the complexes. What has impressed me most is the commitment and passion that is evident in their voices when they talk about this company and our future.

We have a lot of hard work in front of us, but there is no doubt in my mind that this team will build Pilgrim's into the most respected, best managed chicken company in the world. Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Lenth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

President & Chief Executive Officer  
March 25, 2011

# Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held April 29, 2011

The annual meeting of stockholders of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation will be held at the Grand Hyatt New York, at 109 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, New York, on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., local time, to consider and vote on the following matters:

1. To elect six JBS Directors for the ensuing year;
2. To elect two Equity Directors and the Founder Director for the ensuing year;
3. To conduct a stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation;
4. To conduct a stockholder advisory vote on the frequency of advisory voting to approve executive compensation;
5. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 25, 2011; and
6. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

No other matters are expected to be voted on at the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 21, 2011, as the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. If you owned shares of our common stock at the close of business on that date, you are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please vote at your earliest convenience. Most stockholders have three options for submitting their votes prior to the meeting:

- (1) via the internet;
- (2) by phone; or
- (3) by mail.

Please refer to the specific instructions set forth on the enclosed proxy card.

Admission to the annual meeting will be limited to our stockholders, proxy holders and invited guests. If you are a stockholder of record, please bring photo identification to the annual meeting. If you hold shares through a bank, broker or other third party, please bring photo identification and a current brokerage statement.



WILLIAM W. LOVETTE  
*President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Greeley, Colorado  
March 25, 2011

### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY OR VOTE YOUR SHARES ON THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROXY CARD**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 29, 2011: The Proxy Statement and the 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at [www.envisionreports.com/PPC](http://www.envisionreports.com/PPC). Enter the 12-digit control number located on the proxy card and click "View 2011 Stockholder Material."**

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## PROXY STATEMENT

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Why did I receive this proxy statement?**

The Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation is soliciting stockholder proxies for use at our annual meeting of stockholders to be held at the Grand Hyatt New York, at 109 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, New York, on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., local time, and any adjournments thereof (the "Annual Meeting" or the "meeting"). This proxy statement, the accompanying proxy card and the annual report to stockholders of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation are being mailed on or about March 30, 2011. Throughout this proxy statement, we will refer to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation as "Pilgrim's Pride," "Pilgrim's," "PPC," "we," "us" or the "Company."

#### **What is the record date for the Annual Meeting and why is it important?**

The Board of Directors has fixed March 21, 2011 as the record date for determining stockholders who are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting (the "record date"). At the close of business on the record date, Pilgrim's Pride had 214,481,914 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issued and outstanding.

#### **What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?**

Most stockholders of Pilgrim's Pride hold their shares through a broker, bank or other nominee, rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between shares held of record and those owned beneficially.

*Stockholders of Record:* If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to vote in person at the meeting.

*Beneficial Owner:* If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name." As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker on how to vote your shares, and you are also invited to attend the meeting. Since you are not the stockholder of record, however, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you obtain a signed proxy from the holder of record giving you the right to vote the shares.

#### **What is a proxy?**

A proxy is your legal designation of another person (the "proxy") to vote on your behalf. By completing and returning the enclosed proxy card, you are giving the proxies appointed by the Board and identified on the proxy card the authority to vote your shares in the manner you indicate on your proxy card.

#### **What if I receive more than one proxy card?**

You will receive multiple proxy cards if you hold shares of our common stock in different ways (e.g., joint tenancy, trusts, custodial accounts) or in multiple accounts. If your shares are held in "street name" (i.e., by a broker, bank or other nominee), you will receive your proxy card or voting information from your nominee, and you must return your voting instructions to that nominee. You should complete, sign and return each proxy card you receive or submit your voting instructions for each proxy card.

**What are the voting rights of the common stock?**

Each holder of record of our common stock on the record date is entitled to cast one vote per share on each matter presented at the meeting.

**What are the three categories of Directors?**

In connection with the Company's emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009, the Company adopted an Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (our "certificate of incorporation") and entered into a stockholders agreement (the "JBS stockholders agreement") with our largest stockholder, JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ("JBS USA"). Our certificate of incorporation establishes three categories of directors: JBS Directors, Equity Directors and the Founder Director.

JBS Directors are the initial six Directors designated as JBS Directors in the JBS stockholders agreement or their successors. Successor JBS Directors will be nominated by the JBS Nominating Committee. The current JBS Directors are Wesley Mendonça Batista, Joesley Mendonça Batista, Don Jackson, William W. Lovette, Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes and Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior.

Equity Directors are the initial two Directors designated as Equity Directors in the JBS stockholders agreement or their successors nominated or appointed by the Equity Nominating Committee or any stockholders other than JBS USA and its affiliates ("Minority Investors"). The current Equity Directors are Michael L. Cooper and Charles Macaluso.

The Founder Director is Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim or, if Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim is unable to continue serving on the Board, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim. Currently, the Founder Director is Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim.

**What are the differences between the categories of Directors?**

All of our Directors serve coequal one-year terms. However, only JBS Directors can serve as members of the JBS Nominating Committee, and only Equity Directors can serve on the Equity Nominating Committee.

The JBS stockholders agreement requires JBS USA and its affiliates to vote all of Pilgrim's Pride common stock that they hold in the same manner as the shares held by all Minority Investors with respect to the election or removal of Equity Directors. Consequently, the vote of the Minority Investors will determine the outcome of the election of Equity Directors.

In addition, the JBS stockholders agreement requires JBS USA and its affiliates to vote their shares for the election of the Founder Director until neither of Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim is able to continue serving on the Board. Because JBS USA owned or controlled over 50% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock on the record date, the Founder Director is assured of election to the Board.

With respect to all other matters submitted to a vote of holders of common stock, including the election or removal of any JBS Directors, JBS USA and its affiliates may vote shares of common stock held by them in their sole and absolute discretion.

**What is the "Say on Pay" Vote?**

With Proposal 3, the Board is providing stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. This proposal, commonly known as a "Say on Pay" proposal, gives you, as a stockholder, the opportunity to endorse or not endorse our executive compensation programs and policies and the compensation paid to our named executive officers.

### **What is the Frequency on Pay Vote?**

Proposal 4 gives our stockholders the opportunity to advise our Board how often we should conduct an advisory Say on Pay vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. Accordingly, we are requesting your advisory vote to determine whether a vote on the type of resolution described above will occur every one, two or three years.

### **How do I vote my shares?**

If you are a “stockholder of record,” you have several choices. You can vote your proxy:

- by completing, dating, signing and mailing the enclosed proxy card;
- over the telephone; or
- via the internet.

Please refer to the specific instructions set forth on the enclosed proxy card.

If you hold your shares in “street name,” your broker, bank or nominee will provide you with materials and instructions for voting your shares.

### **What are the Board’s recommendations on how I should vote my shares?**

The Board recommends that you vote your shares as follows:

- Proposal 1:     **FOR** the election of all six nominees for JBS Director.
- Proposal 2:     **FOR** the election of both nominees for Equity Directors and the nominee for Founder Director.
- Proposal 3:     **FOR** the approval of the advisory vote on executive compensation.
- Proposal 4:     **FOR** conducting an annual Say on Pay vote.
- Proposal 5:     **FOR** ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 25, 2011.

### **What are my choices when voting?**

With respect to:

- Proposal 1:     You may either (i) vote “FOR” the election of all JBS Director nominees as a group; (ii) withhold your vote on all JBS Director nominees as a group; or (iii) vote “FOR” the election of all JBS Director nominees as a group except for certain nominees identified by you in the appropriate area on the proxy card or voting instructions.
- Proposal 2:     You may either (i) vote “FOR” the election of both Equity Director nominees and the Founder Director nominee as a group; (ii) withhold your vote on both Equity Director nominees and the Founder Director nominee as a group; or (iii) vote “FOR” the election of both Equity Director nominees and the Founder Director nominee as a group except for certain nominees identified by you in the appropriate area on the proxy card or voting instructions.
- Proposal 3:     In each case, you may vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposal, or you may elect to abstain from voting your shares. Abstaining will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal, as discussed below.

Proposal 4: You may either vote for conducting a Say on Pay vote every one, two or three years, or you may elect to abstain from voting your shares. Abstentions will not be counted for the proposal on the frequency of advisory vote on executive compensation and, therefore, will have no effect on the outcome of the proposal, as discussed below.

Proposal 5: In each case, you may vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the proposal, or you may elect to abstain from voting your shares. Abstaining will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal, as discussed below.

### **How will my shares be voted if I do not specify my voting instructions?**

If you sign and return your proxy card without indicating how you want your shares to be voted, the proxies appointed by the Board will vote your shares as follows:

Proposal 1: **FOR** the election of all six nominees for JBS Director.

Proposal 2: **FOR** the election of both nominees for Equity Director and the nominee for Founder Director.

Proposal 3: **FOR** the approval of this advisory vote on executive compensation.

Proposal 4: **FOR** conducting an annual Say on Pay vote.

Proposal 5: **FOR** ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 25, 2011.

### **What is a quorum?**

A “quorum” is necessary to hold the meeting. A quorum consists of a majority of the voting power of our common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting, including the voting power that is present in person or by proxy. If a quorum is not represented in person or by proxy at the meeting or any adjourned meeting, the chairman of the meeting may postpone the meeting from time to time until a quorum will be represented. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum is represented, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called. JBS USA owned or controlled over 50% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock on the record date. Therefore, JBS USA will be able to assure a quorum is present.

### **What vote is required to approve the proposals for the election of the JBS Directors, the Equity Directors and the Founder Director?**

Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting. This means that the director who receives the most votes will be elected.

Because JBS USA owned or controlled over 50% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock on the record date, they will be able to elect all of the nominees for JBS Directors and, with certain exceptions, determine the outcome of all other matters presented to a vote of the stockholders. The JBS stockholders agreement, however, requires JBS USA and its affiliates to vote all of our common stock owned by them in the same manner as the shares held by the Minority Investors with respect to the election or removal of Equity Directors. Consequently, the vote of the Minority Investors will determine the outcome of Proposal 2 to the extent it relates to the election of Messrs. Cooper and Macaluso as Equity Directors.

In addition, the JBS stockholders agreement requires JBS USA and its affiliates to vote their shares for the election of the Founder Director until neither of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim is able to continue serving on the Board. Because JBS USA owned or controlled a majority of our outstanding common stock on the record date, Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, as the nominee for the Founder Director in Proposal 2, is assured of election to the Board at the meeting.

### **How Many Votes Are Required for Advisory Approval of Executive Compensation?**

With regard to Proposal 3, the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation, the results of this vote are not binding on the Board, meaning that our Board will not be obligated to take any compensation actions, or to adjust our executive compensation programs or policies, as a result of the vote. Notwithstanding the advisory nature of the vote, the resolution will be considered passed with the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present at the Annual Meeting. With respect to Proposal 3, JBS USA and its affiliates may vote shares of Pilgrim's Pride common stock held by them in their sole and absolute discretion.

### **How Many Votes Are Required to Approve the Frequency of the Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation?**

The advisory vote on the frequency of conducting the advisory vote to approve executive compensation is a non-binding vote, meaning that the Company will not be obligated to conduct the advisory vote to approve executive compensation with the frequency chosen by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding the advisory nature of the vote, the vote on the frequency of advisory vote on executive compensation in Proposal 4 will be determined based on a plurality of the votes cast. This means that the option that receives the most votes will be recommended by the stockholders to the Board of Directors. With respect to Proposal 4, JBS USA and its affiliates may vote shares of Pilgrim's Pride common stock held by them in their sole and absolute discretion.

### **What vote is required to approve the proposals for the election of the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP and any other item of business to be voted upon at the meeting?**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of our common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting is required for the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm and approval of any other item of business to be voted upon at the meeting.

With respect to approval of any other item of business to be voted upon at the meeting, including the election or removal of any JBS Directors, JBS USA and its affiliates may vote shares of Pilgrim's Pride common stock held by them in their sole and absolute discretion.

### **How are abstentions and broker non-votes treated?**

Abstentions from voting on any matter will be counted in the tally of votes. Abstentions will have no effect on the election of Directors or on the advisory vote on the frequency of advisory vote on executive compensation. However, an abstention will have the same effect as a vote against any other proposals.

A broker "non-vote" occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. A broker non-vote will be deemed "present" at the Annual Meeting and will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists. Under the rules that govern brokers who are voting with respect to shares held by them in street name, if the broker has not been furnished with voting instructions by its client at least ten days before the meeting, those brokers have the discretion to vote such shares on routine matters, but not on non-routine matters. Routine matters include the appointment of auditors, submitted to the stockholders in Proposal 5. Non-routine matters include the election of Directors, the advisory vote on executive compensation and the frequency of such voting, submitted to stockholders in Proposal 1, Proposal 2, Proposal 3 and Proposal 4. As a result, with regard to Proposal 1, Proposal 2, Proposal 3 and Proposal 4, brokers have no discretion to vote shares where no voting instructions are received, and no vote will be cast if you do not vote on those proposals. Consequently, broker non-votes will have no effect on the elections of Directors, the advisory vote on executive compensation and the frequency of such voting. ***We urge you to vote on ALL voting items.***

**Can I change my vote after I have mailed in my proxy card?**

Yes. You may revoke your proxy by doing one of the following:

- by sending to the Secretary of the Company a written notice of revocation that is received prior to the meeting;
- by submitting a new proxy card bearing a later date to the Secretary of the Company so that it is received prior to the meeting; or
- by attending the meeting and voting your shares in person.

**Who will pay the cost of this proxy solicitation?**

We will pay the cost of preparing, printing and mailing this proxy statement and of soliciting proxies. We will request brokers, custodians, nominees and other like parties to forward copies of proxy materials to beneficial owners of our common stock and will reimburse these parties for their reasonable and customary charges or expenses.

**Is this proxy statement the only way that proxies are being solicited?**

No. In addition to mailing these proxy materials, certain of our Directors, officers or employees may solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or personal contact. They will not be specifically compensated for doing so.

**Stockholder Proposals for 2012 Annual Meeting**

We currently expect that our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on April 27, 2012. Our bylaws state that a stockholder must have given our Secretary written notice, at our principal executive offices, of the stockholder's intent to present a proposal at the 2012 Annual Meeting by December 29, 2011, but not before August 1, 2011. Additionally, in order for stockholder proposals submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), to be considered for inclusion in the proxy materials for the 2012 Annual Meeting, they must be received by our Secretary at our principal executive offices no later than the close of business on December 1, 2011.

## PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF JBS DIRECTORS

Subject to limited exceptions, our certificate of incorporation specifies that the Board of Directors will consist of nine members. Our Board currently has nine members. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the nine nominees named.

Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation and the JBS stockholders agreement, our Board of Directors includes six JBS Directors, including the Chairman of the Board, who are designated by JBS USA. Under our employment agreement with William W. Lovette, our President and Chief Executive Officer, we are required to use reasonable efforts to cause William W. Lovette to be appointed to the Board. Consequently, Mr. Lovette was appointed to the Board on February 21, 2011 as a JBS Director and is included in the nominees as a JBS Director.

At the meeting, nine Directors, including six JBS Directors, are to be elected, each to hold office for one year or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Unless otherwise specified on the proxy card or voting instructions, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted for the election of the six nominees named below. If any JBS Director nominee becomes unavailable for election, it is intended that such shares will be voted for the election of a substitute nominee selected by the JBS Nominating Committee. Our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any substitute nominee or nominees will be required.

### Nominees for JBS Directors

**Wesley Mendonça Batista**, 40, has served as a Director and Chairman of the Board of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation since December 2009. Mr. Batista became President and Chief Executive Officer of JBS S.A. in February 2011. Mr. Batista previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of JBS USA from July 2007 until January 2011. Mr. Batista also serves as Chairman of the Board of JBS USA and is the Vice President of JBS S.A.'s Board of Directors. Mr. Batista has served in various capacities at JBS S.A. since 1987. Mr. Batista is the brother of Joesley Mendonça Batista, Chairman of the Board of JBS S.A., and José Batista Júnior, a Director of JBS S.A., and is the son of José Batista Sobrinho, the founder of JBS S.A. and a member of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Batista brings to the Board of Pilgrim's Pride significant senior leadership and industry experience. Mr. Batista has long been one of the most respected executives in Brazil's protein industry, and his reputation is now firmly established worldwide. Mr. Batista grew up in the protein industry, and it is his strategic insight and entrepreneurial spirit that has facilitated the growth of JBS through numerous acquisitions, expanding its reach across the globe. As Chairman of the Board, Mr. Batista has direct responsibility for Pilgrim's Pride's strategy and operations.

**Joesley Mendonça Batista**, 39, is currently the President of the Board of Directors of JBS S.A. and served as the Chief Executive Officer of JBS S.A. from March 2006 until January 2011. Mr. Batista has served as a Director of the Company since December 2009. Mr. Batista has served in various capacities at JBS S.A. since 1988. Mr. Batista is the brother of Wesley Mendonça Batista, a Director of the Company, and José Batista Júnior, a Director of JBS S.A., and the son of José Batista Sobrinho, the founder of JBS S.A. and a member of its Board of Directors.

Mr. Batista has worked in the protein industry for 20 years, most recently rising to the post of President and Chief Executive Officer of JBS S.A. During his tenure as President and CEO, JBS S.A. has expanded dramatically in the United States, acquiring Swift & Company in 2007, Smithfield Beef Group and Five Rivers Ranch Cattle Feeding in 2008, and a 64% interest in the Company last year. Mr. Batista brings to the Board significant leadership, sales and marketing, industry, technical, and global experience.

**William W. Lovette**, 51, joined Pilgrim's Pride as President and Chief Executive Officer on January 3, 2011. He brings more than 28 years of industry leadership experience to Pilgrim's. He previously served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Case Foods, Inc. from October 2008 to December 2010. Before joining Case Foods, Inc., Mr. Lovette spent 25 years with Tyson Foods in various roles in senior management, including

President of its International Business Unit, President of its Foodservice Business Unit and Senior Group Vice President of Poultry and Prepared Foods. Mr. Lovette earned a B.S. degree from Texas A&M University. In addition, he is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

Mr. Lovette brings invaluable industry-specific experience to the Board, having worked in the poultry industry his entire life. Mr. Lovette grew up in a family poultry business, which became the Holly Farms Corporation. Through his formative years, he worked in virtually all aspects of the business including farm labor and management on his family's broiler farm, catching chickens, working in all areas of a processing plant during summers, working as a customer service rep and as a trading floor clerk on the Chicago Board of Trade. Mr. Lovette's experience learned over a lifetime in the industry enables him to offer a valuable insight on the business, financial and regulatory issues currently being faced by the poultry industry.

**Don Jackson**, 60, has served as a Director of the Company since January 2009 and is currently serving as Chief Executive Officer of JBS USA. He previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company from January 2009 to January 2011. Previously, Dr. Jackson served as President of Foster Farms' poultry division, based in Livingston, California, since 2000. Prior to that, he served as Executive Vice President for foodservice of the former ConAgra Poultry Company in Duluth, Georgia. Before that he worked for 22 years for Seaboard Farms of Athens, Georgia, including four years as President and CEO of their poultry division. Dr. Jackson served as our President and Chief Executive Officer during the pendency of our Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

In addition to his 32 years of leadership and experience in various executive positions at five different companies as detailed above, Dr. Jackson brings invaluable industry-specific expertise to the Board. After earning his PhD in Animal Science from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, Dr. Jackson advanced through the Seaboard Farms organization and led Live Production there before serving as Seaboard's President and CEO. Accordingly, Dr. Jackson brings unparalleled industry insight which has proven integral to the Company's success during and subsequent to its emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes**, 71, has served as a Director since December 2009. He is currently President of the Business Strategy Committee of JBS Friboi, Vice Chairman of the Board of COSAN Ltd., a member of the Board of COSCEX – Superior Council of Foreign Trade at FIESP (Foreign Trade Board of the Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo), and Director of DEAGRO Division – Agrobusiness Department for Products of Animal Origin at FIESP (Foreign Trade Board of the Federation of Industries of the State of Sao Paulo). Dr. Pratini de Moraes was Chairman of the Advisory Board of Solvay and Cie., Brazil and a former member of the Advisory Council of BM&F (Brazilian Mercantile & Futures Exchange). Dr. Pratini de Moraes was a member of the Supervisory Board of ABN AMRO Bank from 2003 to 2007 and was Chairman of the Brazilian Chapter of CEAL (Business Council of Latin America). He also had a long career in Brazil's public sector.

Dr. Pratini de Moraes brings to the Board of Directors continuing experience in dealing with foreign governments and substantial expertise in matters affecting international commerce. Dr. Pratini de Moraes has served in various roles in Brazilian government including, but not limited to, the Deputy Minister of Planning, the Minister of Industry and Trade, a Congressman, the Minister of Mines and Energy and the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply. Additionally, as a director for other multinational companies, Dr. Pratini de Moraes also provides cross-board experience.

**Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior**, 53, has been a Director since December 2009. He has served as a Partner of Iposeira Partners Ltd, a provider of advisory services for mergers and acquisitions and restructuring transactions since 2003. Mr. Vasconcellos served as a Consultant to IFC/World Bank from 2003 to 2008. He is currently a Member of the Board of Santos Brasil S.A. and served as a Member of the Board of Cremer S.A. from 2006 to 2008.

Regarded as one of Brazil's preeminent business strategists, Mr. Vasconcellos brings to the Board real-time experience in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, finance, and restructurings, and offers

unique insights into global market strategies. In addition, Mr. Vasconcellos' experience working on behalf of public financial institutions enables him to provide perspective and oversight with regard to the Company's financial strategies.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of all of the individuals who have been nominated to serve as JBS Directors. Proxies will be so voted unless stockholders specify otherwise.**

## **PROPOSAL 2. ELECTION OF EQUITY DIRECTORS AND THE FOUNDER DIRECTOR**

Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation and the JBS stockholders agreement, our Board of Directors includes two members designated by the statutory Equity Committee, our Equity Directors, and one member who is the Founder Director. Our two Equity Director nominees are Michael L. Cooper and Charles Macaluso. Our Founder Director is Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim.

The JBS stockholders agreement requires JBS USA and its affiliates to vote all of the Pilgrim’s Pride common stock that they hold in the same manner as the shares held by the Minority Investors with respect to the election or removal of Equity Directors. Consequently, the vote of the Minority Investors will determine the outcome of this Proposal 2 to the extent it relates to the election of Messrs. Cooper and Macaluso.

In addition, the Company and Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim entered into a consulting agreement dated September 16, 2009 (the “Consulting Agreement”), which became effective upon our emergence from Chapter 11 proceedings on December 28, 2009. Pursuant to the terms of the Consulting Agreement, among other things, the Company agreed that Mr. Pilgrim would be nominated for subsequent terms on the Board during the term of the Consulting Agreement. The JBS stockholders agreement also requires JBS USA and its affiliates to vote their shares for the election of the Founder Director at the meeting. Because JBS USA owned or controlled a majority of our outstanding common stock on the record date, the Founder Director is assured of election to the Board at the meeting.

At the meeting, nine Directors, including two Equity Directors and the Founder Director, are to be elected, each to hold office for one year or until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. Unless otherwise specified on the proxy card or voting instructions, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted for the election of the three nominees named below. If either nominee for Equity Director becomes unavailable for election, it is intended that such shares will be voted for the election of a substitute nominee selected by the Equity Nominating Committee. If Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim becomes unavailable for election, it is intended that such shares will be voted for the election of Lonnie Ken Pilgrim in accordance with the provisions of our certificate of incorporation and the JBS stockholders agreement. Our Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any substitute nominee or nominees will be required.

### **Nominees for Equity Director and Founder Director**

**Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim**, 82, has served as a Director since July 1968. He served as the Senior Chairman of the Board from July 2007 to December 2009. He served as Chairman of the Board from our organization in July 1968 until July 2007. He also served as Chief Executive Officer from July 1968 to June 1998. Prior to our incorporation, Mr. Pilgrim was a partner in our predecessor partnership business founded in 1946.

Mr. Pilgrim is a director and former chairman of the National Chicken Council. As a past leader in the Midwest Feed Manufacturer’s Association, the Texas Water Resources Board and the Texas Governor’s Task Force for Agriculture, he has been an ardent spokesman for the agriculture industry. Mr. Pilgrim is also a former member of the Dallas Baptist University Board of Trustees and is Chairman and majority owner of Pilgrim Bank in northeast Texas. As an original partner in the Company’s predecessor partnership founded in 1946, Mr. Pilgrim brings vast experience and a unique perspective to our Board. His experience with the Company is unparalleled, and his involvement with numerous other companies provides cross-board and industry-wide expertise.

**Michael L. Cooper**, 61, has served as a Director since December 2009. He is the Executive Vice President, Managing Partner, Chief Financial Officer and a Director of Kincannon & Reed, an executive search firm for the food and agribusiness sectors, where he has been employed since July 2004. He also currently serves on the National Chicken Council’s Allied Leader Board. From September 2002 to July 2004, Mr. Cooper served as the Chief Executive Officer of Meyer Natural Angus. From January 1996 to July 2002, Mr. Cooper was employed by Perdue Farms, Inc., where he served in various roles, including as President, Retail Products, from February 2000

to July 2002, and as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 1996 through February 2000. From August 1992 to January 1996, he served as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of Rocco Enterprises. Mr. Cooper also served in various senior financial roles with Dial Corporation over a 14 year career with that company.

Mr. Cooper brings to the Board significant senior leadership, management, operational, financial, and brand management experience. His extensive poultry industry experience enables him to offer a valuable insight on the business, financial and regulatory issues currently being faced by the poultry industry.

**Charles Macaluso**, 67, has served as a Director since December 2009. He has been a principal of Dorchester Capital, LLC, a management consulting and corporate advisory service firm focusing on operational assessment, strategic planning and workouts since 1998. From 1996 to 1998, he was a partner at Miller Associates, Inc., a workout, turnaround partnership, focusing on operational assessment, strategic planning and crisis management. Mr. Macaluso currently serves as a director of the following public companies: Global Crossing Ltd., where he is also a member of the audit committee; Lazy Days RV SuperCenters, Inc., where he is also a member of the audit committee; and Darling International, as Lead Director. He also serves as a Chairman of the Board of three private companies.

Mr. Macaluso brings fundamental expertise to our Board in the areas of operational assessment, strategic planning, crisis management, and turnaround advisory services, which expertise supports the Board's efforts in overseeing and advising on strategy and financial matters. In addition, Mr. Macaluso brings to the Board substantial cross-board expertise due to his tenure on a number of public and private company boards and committees.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of all of the individuals who have been nominated to serve as Equity Directors and as the Founder Director. Proxies will be so voted unless stockholders specify otherwise.**

### **PROPOSAL 3. APPROVAL OF THIS ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

The Board is providing stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. This proposal, commonly known as a “Say on Pay” proposal, is being submitted to stockholders as required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act and gives you, as a stockholder, the opportunity to endorse or not endorse our executive compensation programs and policies and the compensation paid to our named executive officers.

The Say on Pay vote is advisory and thus not binding on the Compensation Committee or Board. The advisory vote will not affect any compensation already paid or awarded to any named executive officer and will not overrule any decisions by the Board. The Board values the opinions of the Company’s stockholders as expressed through their votes and other communications. Although the vote is non-binding, the Compensation Committee and the Board will review and carefully consider the outcome of the advisory vote on executive compensation and those opinions when making future decisions regarding executive compensation programs.

We design our executive compensation programs to implement our core objectives of attracting key leaders, motivating our executives to remain with the Company for long and productive careers, rewarding sustained financial and operating performance and leadership excellence and aligning the long-term interests of our executives with those of our stockholders. Stockholders are encouraged to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis (“CD&A”) section of this proxy statement. In the CD&A, we have provided stockholders with a description of our compensation programs, including the principles and policies underpinning the programs, the individual elements of the compensation programs and how our compensation plans are administered. The Board believes that the policies and practices described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis are effective in achieving the Company’s goals. In furtherance of these goals, among other things, our compensation programs have been designed so that a significant portion of our executives’ total compensation is tied not only to how well they perform individually, but also, where applicable, should be “at risk” based on how well the Company performs relative to applicable financial objectives. For 2010, the Compensation Committee also believes that our named executive officers’ compensation is consistent with periods of economic stress and lower earnings, and equity incentives are aligned with our actions to stabilize the Company and to position it for a continued recovery. Accordingly, the Board recommends that you vote in favor of the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the CD&A, the compensation tables and any related material disclosed in this proxy statement, is hereby APPROVED.”

Approval of this proposal will require the majority of affirmative votes cast in person or represented by proxy. Abstentions will count as votes cast on this proposal, but will not count as votes “for” this proposal and will thus have the same effect as a vote “against” this proposal. Additionally, broker non-votes will not be considered to have voted on this proposal and will therefore have no effect on the proposal. The individuals named as proxies on the enclosed proxy card will vote your proxy “FOR” this proposal unless you instruct otherwise on the proxy or you withhold authority to vote.

The advisory vote on executive compensation is non-binding, meaning that our Board will not be obligated to take any compensation actions, or to adjust our executive compensation programs or policies, as a result of the vote. Notwithstanding the advisory nature of the vote, the resolution will be considered passed with the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present at the Annual Meeting.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote “FOR” the approval of this advisory vote on executive compensation. Proxies will be so voted unless stockholders specify otherwise.**

#### **PROPOSAL 4. ADVISORY VOTE ON FREQUENCY OF CONDUCTING THE ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Periodically, the Company will include in the proxy materials for a meeting of stockholders where compensation disclosure is required, a resolution subject to an advisory vote to approve the compensation of named executive officers. This proposal gives our stockholders the opportunity to advise our Board how often we should conduct an advisory Say on Pay vote on the compensation of our named executive officers and is being submitted to stockholders as required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act. Accordingly, we are requesting your advisory vote to determine whether a vote on the type of resolution described above will occur every one, two or three years.

The frequency of the Say on Pay vote is advisory and thus not binding on the Compensation Committee or Board. The Board values the opinions of the Company's stockholders as expressed through their votes and other communications. Although the vote is non-binding, the Compensation Committee and the Board will review and carefully consider the outcome of this advisory vote and those opinions when considering how frequently we should conduct an advisory Say on Pay vote on the compensation of our named executive officers.

After careful consideration of the various arguments supporting each frequency level, the Board believes that submitting the advisory vote on executive compensation to stockholders on an annual basis is appropriate for the Company and its stockholders at this time. An annual vote allows our stockholders to provide us with regular and comprehensive input on important issues such as our executive compensation programs and practices as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement each year.

Accordingly, the Board recommends that you vote in favor of holding an advisory vote of the stockholders of the Company to approve the compensation of named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, every year at an annual meeting of stockholders beginning with the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The enclosed proxy card gives you four choices for voting on this item. You can choose whether the Say on Pay vote should be conducted every one year, every two years, or every three years. You may also abstain. Stockholders are not voting to approve or disapprove the Board's recommendation.

The advisory vote on the frequency of conducting the Say on Pay vote is a non-binding vote, meaning that the Company will not be obligated to conduct the Say on Pay vote with the frequency chosen by our stockholders at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the proposal. Notwithstanding the advisory nature of the vote, the frequency option that receives the highest number of votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be considered passed.

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote for conducting an ANNUAL Say on Pay vote. Proxies will be so voted unless stockholders specify otherwise.**

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors has the responsibility for establishing broad corporate policies and for our overall performance, but it is not involved in our day-to-day operating decisions. Members of the Board are informed of our business through discussions with the Chief Executive Officer and other officers, and through their review of analyses and reports sent to them each month, as well as through participation in Board and committee meetings.

### Board of Directors Independence

Our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that each of Michael L. Cooper, Charles Macaluso, Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes and Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior, has no material relationship with the Company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with us) and is independent within the meaning of our Corporate Governance Policy's categorical independence standards and the NYSE listing standards.

### Committees of the Board of Directors

To assist in carrying out its duties, the Board of Directors has delegated certain authority to the Audit, Compensation, JBS Nominating and Equity Nominating Committees. Each committee of the Board meets to examine various facets of our operations and take appropriate action or make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

***Audit Committee.*** The Audit Committee members include Michael L. Cooper, Charles Macaluso and Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior. Our Audit Committee's responsibilities include selecting our independent registered public accounting firm, reviewing the plan and results of the audit performed by our independent registered public accounting firm and the adequacy of our systems of internal accounting controls, and monitoring compliance with our conflicts of interest and business ethics policies. The Audit Committee is composed entirely of Directors who the Board of Directors has determined to be independent within the meaning of the NYSE listing standards. The Board has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is financially literate for purposes of the applicable listing standards of the NYSE ("financially literate") and Michael L. Cooper is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of the regulations of the SEC. The Audit Committee has an Audit Committee Charter, which is available on our website at [www.pilgrims.com](http://www.pilgrims.com), under the "Investors – Corporate Governance" caption.

***Compensation Committee.*** The Compensation Committee members include Wesley Mendonça Batista, Michael Cooper and Wallim Cruz de Vasconcellos Junior. Our Compensation Committee reviews our remuneration policies and practices and establishes the salaries of our officers. The Compensation Committee does not have a Charter.

***Special Nominating Committees.*** Under our certificate of incorporation, the Board also has two Special Nominating Committees, which include the JBS Nominating Committee and the Equity Nominating Committee. The JBS Nominating Committee is required to consist solely of JBS Directors and presently includes Wesley Mendonça Batista, Joesley Mendonça Batista, Don Jackson, William W. Lovette, Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes and Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior. The Equity Nominating Committee is required to consist solely of all of the Equity Directors and presently includes Michael L. Cooper and Charles Macaluso.

The JBS Nominating Committee has the exclusive authority to nominate the JBS Directors, fill JBS Director vacancies and select the members of the JBS Nominating Committee. The Equity Nominating Committee has the exclusive authority to nominate the Equity Directors, fill Equity Director vacancies, select the members of the Equity Nominating Committee, and to call a special meeting of stockholders under certain circumstances. The Equity Nominating Committee, acting by majority vote, also has the exclusive right to control the exercise of our

rights and remedies under the JBS stockholders agreement. Any member or alternate member of the Equity Nominating Committee may be removed only by the approval of a majority of the members of the Equity Nominating Committee.

For so long as JBS USA and its affiliates beneficially own 35% or more of our outstanding common stock, no person may be nominated as an Equity Director by the Equity Nominating Committee if JBS USA reasonably determines that such person (i) is unethical or lacks integrity or (ii) is a competitor or is affiliated with a competitor of the Company. Two Equity Directors (or one if there is only one Equity Director on the Board) must satisfy the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and be financially literate, and, for so long as there are two or more Equity Directors on the Board, at least one Equity Director must qualify as an “audit committee financial expert” as that term is used in Item 407 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act (or any successor rule).

If JBS USA and its affiliates own at least 50% of our outstanding common stock, at least one JBS Director is required:

- to be an independent director,
- to satisfy the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act, and
- to be financially literate.

Each of the Board’s Special Nominating Committees has a Charter, current copies of which are available on our website at [www.pilgrims.com](http://www.pilgrims.com), under the “Investors – Corporate Governance” caption.

Our Special Nominating Committees do not have a policy with regard to the consideration of any Director candidates recommended by our stockholders. The Board of Directors does not view the establishment of a formal policy in this regard as necessary, given the extent of the ownership of the Company’s common stock by JBS USA and its affiliates and the existing JBS stockholders agreement. Further, our Special Nominating Committees do not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying Director nominees. However, the Special Nominating Committees strive to achieve a balance of knowledge, experience and perspective such that the Board reflects a diversity of backgrounds and experiences. In addition, the Special Nominating Committees will consider stockholder recommendations for candidates for the Board, which should be sent to Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, Corporate Secretary, 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634.

## **Meetings**

During the fiscal year ended December 26, 2010, the Board of Directors held seven meetings, the Audit Committee held 14 meetings, the Compensation Committee held four meetings and there were four executive sessions including only non-management Directors. During 2010, each member of the Board of Directors, with the exception of José Batista Júnior, attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and Board Committees on which the Director served. All Directors attended our 2010 Annual Meeting either in person or telephonically, with exception of José Batista Júnior, who was traveling. While we do not have a formal policy regarding Director attendance at annual meetings of stockholders, we encourage each Director to attend each annual meeting of stockholders.

## **Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight**

The position of our Chairman of the Board and the office of the President and Chief Executive Officer are held by different persons. Our Chairman of the Board is Wesley Mendonça Batista, and our President and Chief Executive Officer is William W. Lovette.

We separate the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board in recognition of the differences between the two roles. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Company and the day-to-day leadership and performance of the Company, while the Chairman of the

Board provides guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and sets the agenda for Board meetings and presides over meetings of the full Board. We believe the division of duties is especially appropriate as legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Board and its committees continue to expand, and it facilitates the appropriate levels of communication between the Board of Directors and executive management for Board oversight of the Company and its management.

Because Wesley Mendonça Batista, Joesley Mendonça Batista, William W. Lovette, Don Jackson and Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim are not independent Directors, the Board will either designate an independent Director to preside at the meetings of the non-management and independent Directors or they will prescribe a procedure by which a presiding Director is selected for these meetings. In the absence of another procedure being adopted by the Board, the person appointed will be the independent Director with the longest tenure on the Board in attendance at the meeting. The Board generally holds meetings of non-management directors four times per year and meetings of independent directors four times per year.

The Company’s management is responsible for the ongoing assessment and management of the risks the Company faces, including risks relating to capital structure, strategy, liquidity and credit, financial reporting and public disclosure, operations and governance. Working with JBS USA, we have integrated sophisticated risk management techniques into our operations through the adoption of an Enterprise Risk Management (“ERM”) approach. In implementing ERM, we have taken steps to avoid, reduce and insure the different risks inherent in our business from a holistic viewpoint. We focus not only on operational risk, but financial and strategic risk as well. These areas of focus include input costs (commodity pricing, live and processed product cost and spoilage), revenue risk (sales price and mix), financial risk (adequate controls, timely and effective reporting systems and other management and governance systems) as well as competitive risks and market trends. We aim to identify, categorize and respond to these risks in a systematic manner to manage as much of their impact on our business as possible. The Board oversees management’s policies and procedures in addressing these and other risks. Additionally, each of the Board’s four committees (the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the two Special Nominating Committees) monitor and report to the Board those risks that fall within the scope of such committees’ respective areas of oversight responsibility. For example, the full Board directly oversees strategic risks. The Special Nominating Committees directly oversee risk management relating to Director nominations and independence. The Compensation Committee directly oversees risk management relating to employee compensation, including any risks of compensation programs encouraging excessive risk-taking. Finally, the Audit Committee directly oversees risk management relating to financial reporting, public disclosure and legal and regulatory compliance. The Audit Committee is also responsible for assessing the steps management has taken to monitor and control these risks and exposures and discussing guidelines and policies with respect to the Company’s risk assessment and risk management.

### **Communications with the Board of Directors**

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate directly with our Board of Directors, any of its committees, all independent Directors, all non-management Directors, or any one Director serving on the Board by sending written correspondence to the desired person or entity attention of our Corporate Counsel at Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634. Communications are distributed to the Board, or to any individual Director or Directors as appropriate, depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication.

### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Corporate Governance Policies**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Corporate Governance Policies of the Board of Directors. The full texts of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Corporate Governance Policies are posted on our website at [www.pilgrims.com](http://www.pilgrims.com), under the “Investors – Corporate Governance” caption and are also available in print to any stockholder who requests them. We intend to disclose future amendments to, or waivers from, certain provisions of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on our website within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

**Controlled Company Exemption**

We are a “controlled company” under the NYSE listing standards because JBS USA owns or controls over 50% of the voting power for the election of directors as of the record date. Accordingly, we take advantage of the exemptions in Sections 303A.01, 303A.04 and 303A.05 of the NYSE listing standards.

## REPORT OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (the "Company") has reviewed and discussed with management the following Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of the Company's Proxy Statement for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2010 (the "Proxy Statement"). Based on our review and discussions, we have recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### Compensation Committee

Wesley Mendonça Batista  
Michael L. Cooper  
Wallim Cruz de Vasconcellos Junior

*The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" or incorporated by reference in future filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.*

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following discusses the material elements of the compensation for our current and former Principal Executive Officer and our current Principal Financial Officer listed in the “Summary Compensation Table” on page 27 (collectively, the “named executive officers”) during our fiscal year ended December 26, 2010. To assist in understanding compensation for 2010, we have included a discussion of our compensation policies and decisions for periods before and after 2010, where relevant.

We emerged from our Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009. On that date, Wesley Mendonça Batista, Michael Cooper and Wallim Cruz de Vasconcellos Junior were appointed to the Compensation Committee who replaced the prior compensation committee of the Company serving prior to our emergence. All actions, determinations and decisions made by the Compensation Committee during 2010 were made by the new Compensation Committee. During 2010, the Compensation Committee and the Board had the overall responsibility for approving executive compensation and overseeing the administration of our incentive plans and employee benefit plans.

### **Executive Compensation Principles, Policies and Objectives**

The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing the principles that underlie our executive compensation program and that guide the design and administration of specific plans, agreements and arrangements for our executives. Our compensation principles are intended to implement our core objectives of attracting key leaders, motivating our executives to remain with the Company for long and productive careers, rewarding sustained financial and operating performance and leadership excellence and aligning the long-term interests of our executives with those of our stockholders. Our executive compensation principles and policies, which are established and refined from time to time by the Compensation Committee, are described below:

- a significant portion of our executives’ total compensation should be tied not only to how well they perform individually, but also, where applicable, should be “at risk” based on how well the Company performs relative to applicable financial objectives;
- compensation should be subject to performance-based awards as an executive officer’s range of responsibility and ability to influence the Company’s results increase;
- compensation should be competitive in relation to the marketplace; and
- outstanding achievement should be recognized.

In addition, we believe that our compensation programs for executive officers should be appropriately tailored to encourage employees to grow our business, but not encourage them to do so in a way that poses unnecessary or excessive material risk to us. For 2010, the Compensation Committee believes that our named executive officers’ compensation is consistent with periods of economic stress and lower earnings, and equity incentives are aligned with our actions to stabilize the Company and to position it for a continued recovery. The Compensation Committee did not retain a compensation consultant in 2010, nor did it use benchmarking of peer groups in setting our named executive officers’ compensation for 2010.

### **Role of the Compensation Committee and Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions**

The Compensation Committee was responsible for establishing and overseeing the overall compensation structure, policies and programs of the Company and assessing whether our compensation structure resulted in appropriate compensation levels and incentives for executive management of the Company. The Compensation Committee’s objective is to ensure that the total compensation paid to each executive officer was fair, reasonable, competitive and motivational. The Compensation Committee conducts a review of all compensation for our executive officers, including our named executive officers, and works with our Chief Executive Officer to evaluate and approve compensation of our executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer. Our other named executive officer, the Principal Financial Officer, reports directly to our Chief Executive Officer who

supervises the day to day performance of the Principal Financial Officer. Accordingly, the Chief Executive Officer evaluates the Principal Financial Officer's individual performance against the Company-based performance factors, and makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding his compensation. The Compensation Committee strongly considers the compensation recommendations and the performance evaluations by our Chief Executive Officer in making its decisions and any recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to non-CEO compensation.

### **Components of Compensation**

During 2010, the principal elements of compensation for our executive officers were as follows:

- base salaries;
- bonuses, including annual cash incentive compensation and discretionary bonuses;
- other compensation consisting primarily of Company contributions to the Company's 401(k) salary deferral plan and health and welfare benefits; and
- certain perquisites and other personal benefits.

Additionally, we provide our executive officers certain severance benefits if the executive is terminated other than for cause, as described below. The Compensation Committee and the Board believe that these severance benefits are necessary and advisable to keep executive officers focused on the best interests of the Company at times that may otherwise cause a lack of focus due to personal economic exposure. Further, the Compensation Committee and the Board believes that these severance benefits are necessary and advisable for retentive purposes to provide a measure of support to our named executive officers who may receive offers of employment from competitors that would provide severance benefits. See "2010 Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control" table for a description of the severance payable to our named executive officers.

We have entered into agreements relating to the employment of our named executive officers, including Don Jackson, our former Chief Executive Officer and President, William W. Lovette, our current Chief Executive Officer and President, and Gary Tucker, our Principal Financial Officer, as discussed below under "Jackson Employment Agreement," "Lovette Employment Agreement" and "Tucker Letter Agreement." As discussed further below, the Compensation Committee and the Board believe it is prudent to use these arrangements as a means to attract and/or retain these executives. We have granted equity awards to our current and former Chief Executive Officer at a level in which the Board and the Compensation Committee believes will provide the executive long-term incentives and align their interests with those of our stockholders. We also maintain a performance-based, omnibus long-term incentive plan (the "LTIP"), which provides for the grant of a broad range of long-term equity-based and cash-based awards. No awards were made under the LTIP during 2010 and we do not have a formal stock ownership requirement for our executive officers.

#### *Base Salary*

We provide our named executive officers and other employees with a base salary to provide a fixed amount of compensation for services during the fiscal year. The base salaries of Don Jackson and Gary Tucker are governed by agreements, which are discussed below under "Jackson Employment Agreement" and "Tucker Letter Agreement," respectively. Base salary increases are subjectively determined by the Compensation Committee for each of the executive officers on an individual basis, taking into consideration a subjective assessment of individual contributions to Company performance, length of tenure, compensation levels for comparable positions, internal equities among positions and, with respect to executives other than the Chief Executive Officer, the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer. During 2010, Dr. Jackson's base compensation was governed by an employment agreement, which was entered into on January 27, 2009 and is discussed below under "Jackson Employment Agreement." The Compensation Committee did not increase the base salary of Dr. Jackson in 2010. The Compensation Committee completed its annual compensation review

with respect to the executive officers of the Company and determined to increase the base compensation level for Gary Tucker, our Principal Financial Officer, to \$300,000 annually effective June 1, 2010 as described below under “Tucker Letter Agreement.” The Compensation Committee decided that it was appropriate to increase the base compensation of Mr. Tucker in connection with his December 2009 promotion to the position of the Principal Financial Officer and the corresponding increase in responsibilities and his agreement to terminate his change in control agreement with the Company.

#### *Annual Cash Incentive Compensation*

Cash incentive awards are determined by the Compensation Committee and granted under the terms of the Short Term Management Incentive Plan (the “STIP”). Additionally, we may also provide short-term incentives to executives by awarding annual cash bonuses determined by the Compensation Committee on a discretionary basis. The bonuses reward achievement of short-term goals and allow us to recognize individual and team achievements. The STIP is an annual incentive program providing for the grant of bonus awards payable upon achievement of specified performance goals. In September 2009, our Board approved the STIP, subject to confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization by the Bankruptcy Court and the approval of our stockholders. The Bankruptcy Court and the stockholders approved the STIP in connection with the confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization in December 2009. The STIP permits the grant of 162(m) awards and bonus awards that are not intended to so qualify. Full-time salaried, exempt employees of the Company and its affiliates who are selected by the administering committee are eligible to participate in the STIP.

As part of developing the Company’s compensation strategy for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2010, the Compensation Committee established new annual performance goals and target payout amounts under the STIP for Dr. Jackson, our former President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Tucker, our Principal Financial Officer. The committee determined to establish the 2010 fiscal year performance measure under STIP solely based on income (loss) from continuing operations plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“EBITDA”). The Compensation Committee elected to use EBITDA as our sole performance measure under the STIP because EBITDA is a common analytical indicator within our industry and it provides a simple and understandable measure of our liquidity. For Dr. Jackson and Mr. Tucker, the committee approved the target EBITDA amount of \$500 million and a threshold EBITDA amount of \$425 million (85% of the EBITDA target) relating to 2010 performance.

For Dr. Jackson, the Compensation Committee established a sliding scale to determine the amount of annual cash bonus. For 2010 performance, Dr. Jackson was eligible to receive a bonus payout of (i) 50% of his base salary if the Company achieved 85% of target EBITDA, (ii) between 50% and 100% of his base salary if the Company achieved over 85% and less than 100% of target EBITDA, (iii) 100% of his base salary if the Company achieved 100% of target EBITDA and (iv) 100% of his base salary plus a percentage of EBITDA in excess of \$500 million if the Company achieved over 100% of target EBITDA. The maximum bonus that Dr. Jackson was eligible to receive under the STIP for 2010 performance was \$9.0 million. Under the terms of Mr. Tucker’s letter agreement, he was eligible to receive a bonus payout of 50% of his base salary if the Company achieved 85% of target EBITDA.

Under the terms of the STIP, our Compensation Committee is responsible for determining whether the Company meets its performance targets for a performance period. For 2010, the Compensation Committee determined the threshold EBITDA amount for payment of bonuses set forth in the STIP was not met. Nevertheless, in January 2011, the Compensation Committee proposed, and the Board agreed, that it was in the best interests of the Company for the Board to authorize discretionary bonus payments under the STIP to all eligible employees other than executive officers equal to 73.3% of each eligible employee’s target bonus. In February 2011, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, the Board approved discretionary bonuses for executive officers calculated in the same manner, 73.3% of each executive officer’s target bonus. In support of the discretionary bonus payments, the Board cited several non-economic factors, including the diligent work of our employees in guiding the Company out of bankruptcy and their continued focus on extracting

maximum synergies from our combination with JBS USA (including the relocation of our corporate functions from Pittsburg, Texas to Greeley, Colorado). The total discretionary bonuses paid to Dr. Jackson and Mr. Tucker pursuant to Board action were \$1,100,000 and \$110,000, respectively.

#### *Other Compensation*

Our executive officers receive no special employee benefits. During 2010, our executive officers were able to participate on the same basis as other employees in the Company's 401(k) salary deferral plan. Contributions to the Company's 401(k) salary deferral plan are made up of a 30% matching contribution on the first 6% of pay and an additional matching contribution on up to 6% of an executive's compensation, subject to an overall contribution limit for all employees' 401(k) and other profit sharing plans of 5% of domestic income before taxes. All full-time employees in the U.S. are eligible to participate in the 401(k) salary deferral plan. We do not have any other pension plan for our executive officers.

The Company has also historically maintained an Employee Stock Investment Plan pursuant to which we contributed an amount equal to 33 1/3% of an officer's payroll deduction for purchases of our common stock under the plan. In November 2008, matching contributions that employees had previously elected to be invested in our common stock were permanently suspended. In December 2009, we terminated the Employee Stock Investment Plan. Contributions to named executive officers made in 2010 under our 401(k) salary deferral plan and under the Employee Stock Investment Plan are reported in the Summary Compensation Table.

During 2010, we maintained and continue to maintain the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan") to help provide for the long-term financial security of our US employees who meet the Internal Revenue Service definition of a "highly compensated employee," which include all of our named executive officers and certain other key personnel. Under the Deferred Compensation Plan, participants may elect to defer up to 80% of their base salary and/or up to 100% of their annual cash bonus payments as part of their personal retirement or financial planning. Executive officers who elect to defer compensation in the Deferred Compensation Plan must do so annually prior to the beginning of each calendar year and may direct the investment of the amount deferred and retained by us. The Deferred Compensation Plan is administered by the administrative committee appointed by our Board, and deferred compensation may be invested in authorized funds which are similar to the investment options available under our 401(k) salary deferral plan. None of our named executive officers participated in the Deferred Compensation Plan during 2010.

We also provide a variety of health and welfare programs to all eligible employees to offer employees and their families, protection against catastrophic loss and to encourage healthy lifestyles. The health and welfare programs we offer include medical, wellness, pharmacy, dental, vision, life insurance and accidental death and disability. Our executive officers and management generally are eligible for the same benefit programs on the same basis as our other domestic employees.

#### *Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits*

During 2010, we provided our named executive officers with perquisites and other personal benefits that we believed to be reasonable and consistent with our overall compensation program to better enable us to attract and retain competent executives for key positions. The Compensation Committee periodically reviewed the levels of perquisites and other personal benefits that we provided to our named executive officers. During 2010, our executive officers were eligible to receive company-paid or company-subsidized life insurance and disability coverage on the same basis as our other domestic payroll employees. In 2010, we also reimbursed Dr. Jackson's moving expenses incurred in relocating his principal residence to the Greeley, Colorado area and provided a tax gross-up for the benefit. Information regarding these perquisites is reported below in the Summary Compensation Table. In establishing the compensation of the executive officers, the Compensation Committee considered all perquisites and other personal benefits.

### *Long Term Incentive Plan*

In September 2009, our Board approved, subject to confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization by the Bankruptcy Court and stockholder approval, the LTIP. The Bankruptcy Court and the stockholders approved the LTIP in connection with the confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization in December 2009. The LTIP is administered by the Board. The LTIP provides for the grant of a broad range of long-term equity-based and cash-based awards to the Company's officers and other employees, members of the Board and any consultants. The equity-based awards that may be granted under the LTIP include "incentive stock options," within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, non-qualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and other stock based awards. Currently, the maximum number of shares reserved for issuance under the LTIP is 6,688,068 shares and the maximum number of shares with respect to which awards of any and all types may be granted during a calendar year to any participant is limited, in the aggregate, to 5,000,000 shares. The maximum amount that may be paid in cash during any fiscal year with respect to any award (including any performance bonus award) is \$10,000,000. Except as may otherwise be provided in any applicable award agreement or other written agreement entered into between the Company and a participant in the LTIP, if a "change in control" occurs and the participant's awards are not converted, assumed, or replaced by a successor entity, then immediately prior to the change in control the awards will become fully exercisable and all forfeiture restrictions on the awards will lapse. As of March 25, 2011, no awards have been made under the LTIP.

### **Jackson Employment Agreement**

In December 2008, in an effort to bring a fresh perspective to the Company and to maximize the opportunities available to the Company through its restructuring, Dr. Jackson was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer and President. Dr. Jackson replaced the former Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operating Officer of the Company. As an inducement to join the Company, as well as to create an incentive for Dr. Jackson to forego other career opportunities, the then Compensation Committee determined it was necessary to offer an employment agreement to Dr. Jackson, setting forth specific elements of compensation, termination, and other arrangements (the "Jackson Employment Agreement").

Hewitt Consulting provided the then Compensation Committee a survey conducted in May 2008 of chief executive officer compensation of industry peers that included ConAgra Foods, Inc., Dean Foods Co., Seaboard Corporation, Smithfield Foods, Inc., Hormel Foods, Inc. and Tyson Foods, Inc. The Company negotiated the terms of the Jackson Employment Agreement with the Unsecured Creditors' Committee. On January 27, 2009, the Bankruptcy Court approved, and we entered into the Jackson Employment Agreement with Dr. Jackson. For 2010, Dr. Jackson's compensation was, in large part, dictated by the Jackson Employment Agreement.

### *Base Salary and Incentive Compensation*

Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson received an annual base salary of not less than \$1,500,000. Dr. Jackson is also eligible to participate in all incentive plans, practices, policies and programs applicable generally to other executive personnel of the Company, including, but not limited to, the STIP and the LTIP.

### *Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits*

Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson is entitled to participate in the Company's savings and retirement plans, practices and programs generally applicable to other executive personnel of the Company. Dr. Jackson is also eligible to participate in all group benefits plans and programs the Company had established for its executive employees.

### *Dr. Jackson's Separation from Pilgrim's Pride*

On December 16, 2010, Dr. Jackson informed the Board of his decision to resign as Chief Executive Officer and President effective as of January 2, 2011. Dr. Jackson resigned to assume the position of Chief Executive

Officer and President of JBS USA. Dr. Jackson will continue as a member of the Board as a JBS Director. Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson was not entitled to any severance payment in connection with his resignation and was obligated to repay a portion of the \$3,000,000 signing bonus he received in connection with his initial employment with the Company. On February 11, 2011, Dr. Jackson paid the Company \$1,083,333 of his signing bonus according to the terms of his agreement. In addition, in connection with Dr. Jackson's separation from the Company we terminated a change in control agreement with him.

### **Lovette Employment Agreement**

In December 2010, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Lovette, as our Chief Executive Officer and President, effective January 3, 2011. On January 14, 2011 (the "Effective Date"), we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Lovette (the "Lovette Employment Agreement"). Mr. Lovette brings more than 28 years of industry leadership experience to the Company. In light of Mr. Lovette's significant industry-specific experience, the Compensation Committee decided that it was necessary to offer an employment agreement to Mr. Lovette in order to incentivize him to join the Company. The Lovette Employment Agreement will expire on January 14, 2014, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to its terms.

#### *Base Salary and Incentive Compensation*

Under the Lovette Employment Agreement, Mr. Lovette is to receive an annual base salary of not less than \$1,000,000. Mr. Lovette also received a bonus of \$250,000, which is subject to repayment on a pro-rata basis over a one-year period if his employment with the Company ends for any reason prior to December 31, 2011 or he has not established a residence in the vicinity of the Company's headquarters in Colorado by such date. In addition, for each full year during the term of employment, Mr. Lovette will be eligible to earn an annual cash bonus under the STIP. Mr. Lovette's individual performance targets and bonus for 2011 are as follows:

<u>2011 EBITDA</u>	<u>Bonus Amount</u>
\$400 million	\$500,000
\$500 million	\$1,000,000
Above \$500 million	\$1,000,000 plus .5% (i.e., .005) of the excess above \$500 million EBITDA

If applicable, any bonus for 2011 will be prorated for amounts between \$400 and \$500 million EBITDA. Mr. Lovette's bonus for 2011 will not be less than \$500,000 and not more than \$10,000,000. For purposes of Mr. Lovette's bonus, "EBITDA" for each applicable period shall be determined by the Board in accordance the Company's audited financial statements and U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applied on a consistent basis to the Company.

#### *Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits*

Under the Lovette Employment Agreement, Mr. Lovette is entitled to participate in the Company's savings and retirement plans, practices and programs generally applicable to other executive personnel of the Company. Mr. Lovette is also eligible to participate in all group benefits plans and programs the Company has established or may establish for its executive employees, including the Company's executive relocation policy and repayment agreement, which provides moving and other relocation related expenses, including assistance selling a home and temporary housing. Any amounts under the executive relocation policy and repayment agreement must be repaid if employment is terminated within one year from the hire date.

Additionally, the Company has arranged to purchase Mr. Lovette's current residence in Arkansas on reasonable and customary commercial terms and at a purchase price not to exceed approximately \$2.13 million.

### *Restricted Stock Grant*

As an inducement to Mr. Lovette's employment with the Company and Mr. Lovette's execution of the Lovette Employment Agreement, the Company awarded Mr. Lovette 200,000 restricted shares of Pilgrim's Pride common stock. One-half of his restricted shares will vest on the second anniversary of the Effective Date and the remaining restricted shares will vest on the third anniversary of the Effective Date, in each case, subject to Mr. Lovette's continued employment with the Company through the applicable vesting date.

### *Severance Payments*

Mr. Lovette's employment agreement can be terminated at any time by the Company. If the Company terminates him other than for "cause" during the term of his agreement, the Company will continue to pay him his base salary for two years following such termination, subject to certain requirements, including the delivery of a customary release. Under the Lovette Employment Agreement, no other severance or termination payments or benefits will be payable to Mr. Lovette as a result of his termination or resignation of employment, including under the Severance Plan, as described below.

For the purposes of the Lovette Employment Agreement "cause" means, as determined by the Board: (i) Mr. Lovette's conviction in a court of law of, or entry of a guilty plea or plea of no contest to, a felony charge (regardless of whether subject to appeal); (ii) Mr. Lovette's willful and continued failure to perform substantially his duties for the Company (other than any such failure resulting from Mr. Lovette's incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (iii) any willful act that constitutes on Mr. Lovette's part fraud, dishonesty in any material respect, breach of fiduciary duty, misappropriation, embezzlement or gross misfeasance of duty; (iv) Mr. Lovette's willful disregard or continued breach in any material respect of published Company policies and procedures or codes of ethics or business conduct; or (v) any other material breach by Mr. Lovette of any provision of the Lovette Employment Agreement.

### **Tucker Letter Agreement**

As discussed above, Gary Tucker was appointed as the Company's Principal Financial Officer upon the Company's emergence from the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009. Mr. Tucker also serves as the Company's Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller. On June 1, 2010, Mr. Tucker entered into a letter agreement with us (the "Letter Agreement") pursuant to which Mr. Tucker received a specific compensation package in exchange for his commitment to terminate the change in control agreement with the Company dated October 10, 2008, and to retain his services with the Company. Under the agreement, Mr. Tucker's annual base salary was increased from \$250,215 to \$300,000, effective June 1, 2010. The Letter Agreement provides that Mr. Tucker will be eligible to receive a target bonus equal to 50% of his annual base salary, contingent upon Mr. Tucker's continued employment through the 2010 calendar year, as well as the Company making a threshold earnings goal. The potential bonus award was granted under the STIP. For additional information regarding Mr. Tucker's bonus award, see "Components of Compensation – Annual Cash Incentive Compensation."

In addition, under the Letter Agreement, Mr. Tucker will receive a one-time cash payment equal to \$650,000 payable upon the earliest of (i) the mandatory exchange transaction (the "Mandatory Exchange Transaction") of the Company's common stock for shares of common stock of JBS USA, (ii) any similar event to the Mandatory Exchange Transaction whereby the Company would cease to be deemed a publicly-traded company or would merge with JBS USA and (iii) the date of termination of Mr. Tucker's employment for any reason other than "cause" as defined below.

### **Severance Plan**

During 2010, we maintained the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Severance Plan (the "Severance Plan"), pursuant to which we provided severance payments to eligible employees, including our named executive officers, if their employment was terminated "without cause" (as defined below). The Severance Plan does not

cover termination due to death, disability or retirement, termination for cause or termination at the end of the leave of absence that exceeded the maximum permitted by the Company. Under the Severance Plan, in exchange for signing an enforceable waiver and release agreement, upon termination without cause, a named executive officer was entitled to receive as severance pay an amount equal to: one week per year of service with the Company, plus a minimum of 16 supplemental weeks (in addition to years of service amount), with a total maximum of 52 weeks of pay. In addition, if the Company provided less than two weeks notice of termination without cause, an executive officer would have been entitled to up to two additional weeks of severance in lieu of notice. Additional benefits available to eligible employees under the Severance Plan included career transition services as determined by the Company, including without limitation, written materials, company sponsored training and job fairs. Under the Lovette Employment Agreement, Mr. Lovette is not entitled to any severance or termination payments or benefits under the Severance Plan.

### **Tax Considerations**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 imposes limitations on the deductibility for federal income tax purposes of compensation over \$1,000,000 paid to each of our named executive officers in a taxable year. Compensation above \$1,000,000 may only be deducted if it is “performance-based compensation” within the meaning of the Code. Amounts payable under the Bonus Plan are intended to be performance-based compensation meeting these requirements and, as such, be fully deductible. However, the Company has not adopted a policy requiring all compensation to be deductible. For 2010, certain amounts paid (including the discretionary bonus) to Dr. Jackson did not qualify as performance-based compensation and were not deductible.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The table below summarizes compensation paid to or earned by our named executive officers comprising of our Chief Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer who were serving at December 26, 2010.

### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

<u>Name and Principal Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary (\$)</u>	<u>Bonus (\$)</u>	<u>Stock Awards (\$)</u>	<u>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)</u>	<u>All Other Compensation<sup>(a)</sup> (\$)</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Don Jackson	2010	1,500,000	1,100,000 <sup>(d)</sup>	-0-	-0-	63,501	2,663,501
Chief Executive Officer and President <sup>(b)</sup>	2009T <sup>(c)</sup>	375,000	-0-	1,789,680	-0-	1,414	2,166,094
	2009	975,000	1,916,667 <sup>(e)</sup>	-0-	3,674,713	5,484	6,571,864
Gary D. Tucker Principal Financial Officer <sup>(f)</sup>	2010	278,746	110,000 <sup>(d)</sup>	-0-	-0-	4,443	393,189

- (a) For 2010, the “All Other Compensation” column includes the following items of compensation:
- i. Our contribution to Gary D. Tucker made under our 401(k) Salary Deferral Plan was \$2,007.
  - ii. Section 79 income to the named individuals due to group term life insurance in the following amounts: Don Jackson, \$4,889; Gary D. Tucker, \$1,873.
  - iii. The Company reimburses employees for a portion of their long-term disability premium cost. The named individuals’ reimbursements for a portion of their long-term disability premium cost in the following amounts: Don Jackson, \$606 and Gary D. Tucker, \$563.
  - iv. Don Jackson received \$39,977 in relocation expenses from Pittsburg, Texas to the Greeley, Colorado area and \$18,029 as tax gross-up payment relating to the relocation relating to that benefit.
- (b) Don Jackson resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President effective as of January 2, 2011.
- (c) In December 2009, we changed the Company’s fiscal year end from the Saturday nearest September 30 of each year to the last Sunday in December of each year. The change was effective with the Company’s 2010 fiscal year, which began on September 27, 2009, and ended on December 26, 2010, and resulted in an approximate three-month transition period which began September 27, 2009 and ended December 27, 2009. The transition period is entitled “2009T.”
- (d) Discretionary bonus earned for 2010 performance.
- (e) As a result of Dr. Jackson’s resignation as our Chief Executive Officer and President effective as of January 2, 2011, under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson was obligated to repay a portion of the \$3,000,000 signing bonus he received in connection with his initial employment with the Company. On February 11, 2011, Dr. Jackson paid the Company \$1,083,333 of his signing bonus according to the terms of his agreement. The 2009 bonus amount is adjusted to reflect the repayment.
- (f) Gary Tucker was appointed Principal Financial Officer upon our emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings effective on December 28, 2009.

## 2010 GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS TABLE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards<sup>(a)</sup></u>		
	<u>Threshold</u> ( <u>\$</u> )	<u>Target</u> ( <u>\$</u> )	<u>Maximum</u> ( <u>\$</u> )
Don Jackson	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$9,000,000
Gary D. Tucker	\$150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000

- (a) The amounts reported in these columns reflect the threshold, target and maximum amounts available under the STIP. Threshold, target and maximum amounts were determined by the Compensation Committee in March 2010. Under the terms of the STIP, our Compensation Committee is responsible for determining whether the Company meets its performance targets for a performance period. For 2010, the Compensation Committee determined the threshold EBITDA amount for payment of bonuses under the STIP was not met.

### **Jackson Employment Agreement**

In December 2008, Dr. Jackson was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer and President. On January 27, 2009, the Bankruptcy Court approved, and we entered into the Jackson Employment Agreement with Dr. Jackson.

#### *Base Salary and Incentive Compensation*

Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson received an annual base salary of not less than \$1,500,000. Dr. Jackson is also eligible to participate in all incentive plans, practices, policies and programs applicable generally to other executive personnel of the Company, including, but not limited to, the STIP and the LTIP.

#### *Perquisites and Other Personal Benefits*

Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson was entitled to participate in the Company's savings and retirement plans, practices and programs generally applicable to other executive personnel of the Company. Dr. Jackson was also eligible to participate in all group benefits plans and programs the Company had established for its executive employees.

#### *Dr. Jackson's Separation from Pilgrim's Pride*

On December 16, 2010, Dr. Jackson informed the Board of his decision to resign as Chief Executive Officer and President effective as of January 2, 2011. Dr. Jackson resigned to assume the position of Chief Executive Officer and President of JBS USA. Dr. Jackson will continue as a member of the Board as a JBS Director. Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson was not entitled to any severance payment in connection with his resignation and was obligated to repay a portion of the \$3,000,000 signing bonus he received in connection with his initial employment with the Company. On February 11, 2011, Dr. Jackson paid the Company \$1,083,333 of his signing bonus according to the terms of his agreement.

### **Tucker Letter Agreement**

Gary Tucker was appointed as the Company's Principal Financial Officer upon the Company's emergence from the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009. Mr. Tucker also serves as the Company's Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller. On June 1, 2010, Mr. Tucker entered into the Letter Agreement with us pursuant to which Mr. Tucker received a specific compensation package in exchange for his commitment to forfeit the change in control agreement between the Company and Mr. Tucker dated October 10, 2008, and relocate his principal place of business to the Greeley, Colorado area. Under the agreement, Mr. Tucker's annual

base salary was increased from \$250,215 to \$300,000, effective June 1, 2010. The Letter Agreement provides that Mr. Tucker will be eligible to receive a target bonus equal to 50% of his annual base salary, contingent upon Mr. Tucker's continued employment through the 2010 calendar year, as well as the Company making a threshold earnings goal. The potential bonus award was granted under the STIP. For additional information regarding Mr. Tucker's bonus award, see "Components of Compensation – Annual Cash Incentive Compensation."

In addition, under the Letter Agreement, Mr. Tucker will receive a one-time cash payment equal to \$650,000 payable upon the earliest of (i) the mandatory exchange transaction (the "Mandatory Exchange Transaction") of the Company's common stock for shares of common stock of JBS USA, (ii) any similar event to the Mandatory Exchange Transaction whereby the Company would cease to be deemed a publicly-traded company or would merge with JBS USA and (iii) the date of termination of Mr. Tucker's employment for any reason other than "cause" as defined below.

Under the Letter Agreement, "cause" means any one of the following specific material acts or failure to act by an executive: (i) executive's conviction in a court of law of, or entry of a guilty plea or plea of no contest, to a felony charge (regardless of whether subject to appeal); (ii) the willful and continued failure of executive to perform substantially executive's duties with the Company (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness or following executive's delivery of a notice of termination for good reason); (iii) any willful act that constitutes, on the part of executive, fraud, dishonesty in any material respect, breach of fiduciary duty, misappropriation, embezzlement or gross misfeasance of duty; (iv) willful disregard or continued breach in any material respect of published Company policies and procedures, codes of ethics or business conduct or any material duty or obligation under the agreement; provided, however, that in the case of (ii) and (iv) above, such conduct or omission shall not constitute "cause" unless the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the Company shall have delivered to executive notice identifying with specificity (a) the conduct or omission the Board, Chief Executive Officer or the Company believes constitutes "cause," (b) reasonable action that would remedy such objection, and (c) a reasonable time (not less than 30 days) within which executive may take such remedial action, and executive shall not have taken such specified remedial action within the specified time.

### **Short Term Incentive Plan**

In September 2009, our Board approved, subject to confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization by the Bankruptcy Court and the approval of our stockholders, the STIP, a new annual incentive program for use following the Company's exit from bankruptcy, providing for the grant of bonus awards payable upon achievement of specified performance goals. The Bankruptcy Court and the stockholders approved the STIP in connection with the confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization in December 2009. The STIP permits the grant of 162(m) awards and bonus awards that are not intended to so qualify. Full-time salaried, exempt employees of the Company and its affiliates who are selected by the administering committee, in its sole discretion, will be eligible to participate in the STIP. The awards under the STIP may be paid, at the option of the Compensation Committee, in cash, or in the Company's common stock, or in any combination of cash and common stock. The Compensation Committee currently administers the STIP and establishes performance periods under the STIP, which may be of varying and overlapping durations. For each performance period, the Compensation Committee may establish one or more objectively determinable performance goals, based upon one or more of a variety of performance criteria specified in the STIP. In addition, for bonus awards not intended to qualify as qualified performance-based compensation, the Compensation Committee may establish performance goals based on other performance criteria as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

For each award under the STIP, the Committee, in its discretion, may make objectively determinable adjustments to one or more of the performance goals. Such adjustments may include or exclude one or more of the following: items that are extraordinary or unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence, including one-time or non-recurring items; items related to a change in accounting principles under GAAP; items related to financing activities; expenses for restructuring or productivity initiatives; other non-operating items; items related to acquisitions, including transaction-related charges and amortization; items attributable to the business operations

of any entity acquired by the Company during the performance period; items related to the disposal of a business or segment of a business; items related to discontinued operations that do not qualify as a segment of a business under GAAP; taxes; stock-based compensation; non-cash items; and any other items of significant income or expense which are determined to be appropriate adjustments.

Under the terms of the STIP, the maximum aggregate amount of all awards intended to constitute qualified performance-based compensation granted to a participant with regard to any fiscal year will not exceed \$10,000,000.

#### **401(k) Salary Deferral Plan and Employee Stock Investment Plan**

Our executive officers receive no special employee benefits. During 2010, our executive officers were able to participate on the same basis as other employees in the provisions of the Company's 401(k) salary deferral plan. Contributions to the Company's 401(k) salary deferral plan are made up of a 30% matching contribution on the first 6% of pay and an additional matching contribution on up to 6% of an executive's compensation, subject to an overall contribution limit for all employees' 401(k) and other profit sharing plans of 5% of domestic income before taxes. In November 2008, the Company notified its employees that any matching contributions to the Company's 401(k) salary deferral plan that he or she had previously elected to be invested in Company's common stock would be automatically invested in the plan's default investment option unless the employee elected a different investment. All full-time employees in the U.S. are eligible to participate in the 401(k) salary deferral plan. We do not have any other pension plan for our executive officers.

The Company has also historically maintained an Employee Stock Investment Plan pursuant to which we contributed an amount equal to 33 1/3% of an officer's payroll deduction for purchases of our common stock under the plan. In November 2008, matching contributions that employees had previously elected to be invested in Company common stock were permanently suspended. In December 2009, we terminated the Employee Stock Investment Plan.

Contributions to named executive officers made in 2010 under our 401(k) salary deferral plan are reported in the Summary Compensation Table above.

## 2010 POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION

The information below describes certain compensation that would be paid to Gary Tucker, our Principal Financial Officer in the event of a termination of his employment with the Company. The amounts shown in the table below assume that such a termination of employment occurred on December 26, 2010. Our other named executive officer, Dr. Jackson resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company effective as of January 2, 2011. Dr. Jackson resigned to assume the position of Chief Executive Officer and President of JBS USA. Under the Jackson Employment Agreement, Dr. Jackson was not entitled to any severance payment in connection with his resignation and was obligated to repay a portion of the \$3,000,000 signing bonus he received in connection with his initial employment with the Company. On February 11, 2011, Dr. Jackson paid the Company \$1,083,333 of his signing bonus according to the terms of his agreement. In addition, in connection with Dr. Jackson's separation from the Company, we terminated his change in control agreement that was entered into in September 2009.

<u>Executive Officer / Element of Compensation</u>	<u>Termination for Cause (\$)</u>	<u>Termination due to Death or Disability (\$)</u>	<u>Termination Other than for Cause, Death or Disability (\$)</u>
<b>Gary Tucker</b>			
Severance Payment <sup>(a)</sup>	-0-	782,692	782,692
Accrued vacation amount	12,692	12,692	12,692
<b>Total for Mr. Tucker</b>	<b>12,692</b>	<b>795,384</b>	<b>795,384</b>

- (a) Under the Letter Agreement, Mr. Tucker will receive a one-time cash payment equal to \$650,000 payable upon the earliest of (i) the Mandatory Exchange Transaction (ii) any similar event to the Mandatory Exchange Transaction whereby the Company would cease to be deemed a publicly-traded company or would merge with JBS USA and (iii) the date of termination of Mr. Tucker's employment for any reason other than "cause," as described above. Mr. Tucker's change in control agreement was terminated in connection with the Company and Mr. Tucker entering into the Letter Agreement. Additionally, Mr. Tucker would receive \$132,692 in severance pay under the Severance Plan.

### Severance Plan

During 2010, we maintained the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Severance Plan (the "Severance Plan"), pursuant to which we provided severance payments to eligible employees, including our named executive officers, if their employment was terminated "without cause." For the purposes of the Severance Plan, termination "for cause" means termination of employment because of (i) negligence or misconduct by the individual in the performance of his/her duties for the Company, (ii) non-performance by the individual of his/her duties for the Company, (iii) the individual's conviction for or admission of a felony offense, or the individual's indictment for a criminal offense involving or relating to the business of the Company, (iv) excessive tardiness or absenteeism pursuant to Company policies, (v) act of fraud, dishonesty, or embezzlement by the individual with respect to the Company, or (vi) misconduct by the individual, which, in the judgment of the Company, brings the reputation of the Company into disrepute or causes the individual to be unable to perform his/her duties.

The Severance Plan does not cover termination due to death, disability or retirement, termination for cause or termination at the end of the leave of absence that exceeded the maximum permitted by the Company. Under the Severance Plan, in exchange for signing an enforceable waiver and release agreement, upon termination without cause, a named executive officer was entitled to receive as severance pay an amount equal to: one week per year of service with the Company, plus a minimum of 16 supplemental weeks (in addition to years of service amount), with a total maximum of 52 weeks of pay. In addition, if the Company provided less than two weeks notice of termination without cause, an executive officer would have been entitled up to two additional weeks of severance in lieu of notice. Additional benefits available to eligible employees under the Severance Plan included career transition services as determined by the Company, including without limitation, written materials, company sponsored training and job fairs. Under the Lovette Employment Agreement, Mr. Lovette is not entitled to any severance or termination payments or benefits under the Severance Plan.

## 2010 DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

<u>Director</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash</u>	<u>Non-equity Incentive Plan Compensation</u>	<u>All Other Compensation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wesley Mendonça Batista	2010	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Joesley Mendonça Batista	2010	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Jose Batista Junior	2010	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes	2010	140,000	-0-	-0-	140,000
Wallim Cruz Vasconcellos Junior	2010	187,000	-0-	-0-	187,000
Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim	2010	140,000	-0-	-0-	140,000
Michael L. Cooper	2010	192,000	-0-	-0-	192,000
Charles Macaluso	2010	171,000	-0-	-0-	171,000

On December 28, 2009, upon the Company’s emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, the Board approved a new compensation program for Directors (the “Program”). Under the Program, directors who are employed by the Company following its emergence from bankruptcy or any of its subsidiaries will not receive any additional compensation for their services as directors. The Program provides that each non-employee Director will receive an annual retainer of \$140,000, paid quarterly in arrears, composed of \$70,000 in cash with the remainder consisting of either cash or a combination of cash and equity awards to be determined by the Board. During 2010, the entire retainer was paid in cash. In addition, non-employee directors will each receive \$1,500 per Board meeting they attend in person, plus expenses. The Chairmen of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee will each receive \$15,000 supplemental annual compensation, and other members of those committees will each receive an additional \$10,000 per year. The Chairmen of other Board committees will each receive \$10,000 supplemental annual compensation, with other members of such committees each receiving an additional \$5,000 per year. Committee Chairmen and other committee members will each also receive \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively, per committee meeting they attend in person, plus expenses.

### Compensation Risks

The Company has reviewed and assessed our compensation policies and practices to determine whether they are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Company’s management reviews compensation policies for the presence of certain elements that could encourage employees to take unnecessary or excessive risks; the ratios and level of incentive to fixed compensation, annual to long-term compensation and cash to equity compensation; and the comparison of compensation expense to earnings of the Company. Management’s assessment of the Company’s compensation policies is reviewed by the Compensation Committee as part of its risk oversight function.

The Company believes that its compensation programs for employees and executive officers are appropriately tailored to encourage employees to grow our business, but not to encourage them to do so in a way that poses unnecessary or excessive material risk. In particular, in 2010, the Company’s compensation programs were designed to provide the following:

- elements that reward short-term and, for the Chief Executive Officer, long-term performance;
- for our executive officers, incentive compensation that rewards performance based on Company performance; and
- compensation with fixed and variable components.

As a result, the Company believes that executive officers and key employees receive a balance between competitive remuneration to encourage retention and compensation designed to provide opportunities to earn more by successfully executing our business strategy. The Company believes the design of these programs

encourages our executive officers and key employees to perform at high levels and maximize Company performance without focusing exclusively on compensation performance metrics to the detriment of other important business metrics.

The Company also believes that its compensation program for the Chief Executive Officer does not encourage excessive risk taking because the above compensation elements coupled with his equity ownership in the Company provide a proper mix between long and short-term incentives. A significant portion of Mr. Lovette's total compensation is performance-based and tied to the profitability of the Company. Specifically, under the Lovette Employment Agreement, Mr. Lovette is eligible to receive an annual cash bonus payable in accordance with the STIP, based on the Company's EBITDA. Additionally, Mr. Lovette currently owns a level of equity that the Company believes provides sufficient long-term incentives. The Company believes that Mr. Lovette's beneficial ownership encourages long-term focus on sustainable performance, which aligns his interests with those of our stockholders.

Overall, the Company concluded that there were no risks arising from our compensation policies and practices that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

### **Related Party Transactions Policy**

During 2010, in accordance with its Charter, our Audit Committee was responsible for reviewing and approving the terms and conditions of all proposed transactions between us and any of our officers or Directors, or relatives or affiliates of any such officers or Directors. Furthermore, we adopted a restated certificate of incorporation upon our emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009, which provides that all transactions required to be disclosed under Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act ("related-party transactions") must first be reviewed, evaluated and approved by the Audit Committee or other committee comprised solely of independent directors, such approval to be evidenced by a resolution stating that such committee has, in good faith, unanimously determined that such transaction complies with the provisions our certificate of incorporation governing related-party transactions. Any Audit Committee or other independent body member who was or is not independent with respect to a related party transaction under review has been required by our Audit Committee Charter to disclose his or her lack of independence to the remaining committee members and abstain from the review and approval of that transaction.

See "Certain Transactions" for the description of the related party transactions in effect since the beginning of 2010.

### **Certain Transactions**

During 2010, we have been a party to certain transactions with our current and former Directors and executive officers. These transactions, along with all other transactions between us and affiliated persons, received the approval of the prior Audit Committee and our current Audit Committee, as applicable. Company management analyzed the terms of all contracts entered into with related parties and believed that they were substantially similar to, and contained terms not less favorable to us than, those obtainable from unaffiliated parties.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During 2010, the members of the Compensation Committee were Wesley Mendonça Batista, Michael L. Cooper and Wallim Cruz de Vasconcellos Junior. No member of the Committee was, during the 2010, an officer, former officer or employee of the Company or any of our subsidiaries. We did not have any compensation committee interlocks in 2010.

See "Certain Transactions" for the description of the related party transactions in effect since the beginning of 2010.

On January 19, 2010, we entered into an agreement with JBS USA in order to allocate costs associated with JBS USA's procurement of SAP licenses and maintenance services for its combined companies. Under this agreement, the fees associated with procuring SAP licenses and maintenance services are allocated between the Company and JBS USA in proportion to the percentage of licenses used by each company. The agreement expires on the date of expiration, or earlier termination, of each underlying SAP license agreement. During 2010, we paid JBS USA \$6,588,000 for such services.

On May 5, 2010, we also entered into an agreement with JBS USA in order to allocate the costs of supporting the business operations by one consolidated corporate team, which have historically been supported by their respective corporate teams. Expenditures paid by JBS USA on behalf of the Company will be reimbursed by the Company, and expenditures paid by the Company on behalf of JBS USA will be reimbursed by JBS USA. This agreement expires on May 5, 2015. During 2010, JBS USA incurred approximately \$20,229,680 in expenditures paid on our behalf. During 2010, we incurred approximately \$481,917 in expenditures paid on behalf of JBS USA.

We routinely enter transactions to purchase products from JBS USA and to sell our products to them. During 2010, such purchases from JBS USA totaled \$93,897,817 and sales to them totaled \$5,422,253.

In connection with the bankruptcy court order approving and confirming our joint plan of reorganization, the Company and Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim entered into the Consulting Agreement, which became effective on December 28, 2009, the effective date of the Plan of Reorganization. The terms of the Consulting Agreement include, among other things, the following:

- Mr. Pilgrim will provide services to the Company that are comparable in the aggregate with the services provided by him to the Company prior to the effective date;
- Mr. Pilgrim will be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company and during the term of the Consulting Agreement will be nominated for subsequent terms on the Board;
- Mr. Pilgrim will be compensated for services rendered to the Company at a rate of \$1.5 million a year for a term of 5 years;
- Mr. Pilgrim will be subject to customary non-solicitation and non-competition provision; and
- Mr. Pilgrim and his spouse will be provided with medical benefits (or will be compensated for medical coverage) that are comparable in the aggregate to the medical benefits afforded to employees of the Company.

We have entered into chicken grower contracts involving farms owned by certain of our officers, providing the placement of Pilgrim's Pride-owned flocks on their farms during the grow-out phase of production. These contracts are on terms substantially the same as contracts we enter into with unaffiliated parties and can be terminated by either party upon completion of the grow-out of each flock. The aggregate amount paid by us to Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim under these grower contracts was \$1,249,093 during 2010. Subsequent to 2010 and through February 27, 2011, the amount paid under the grower contracts was \$250,584.

During 2010, we processed the payroll for certain employees of Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. ("PPGP") as well as performed certain administrative bookkeeping services for Mr. Pilgrim's personal businesses. Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim is the sole proprietor of PPGP. PPGP paid the Company \$60,057 during 2010 for general supplies and the services described above. Subsequent to 2010 and through February 27, 2011, no payments have been made by PPGP.

PPGP also rented facilities to us for the production of eggs. On December 29, 2000, we entered into an agreement with PPGP to rent its egg production facilities for a monthly amount of \$62,500. We paid rental on the facilities of \$125,000 during 2010 to PPGP. On February 23, 2010, the Company purchased the commercial egg property from PPGP for \$12,000,000.

During 2010, the Company maintained depository accounts with a financial institution of which Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim is a major stockholder. Fees paid to this bank in 2010 were insignificant. At December 26, 2010, we had bank balances at this financial institution of approximately \$4.2 million.

On June 9, 2010, the Company sold two airplane hangars and undeveloped land to Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim for \$1.45 million.

From time to time, the Company has purchased grain from Pat Pilgrim, a son of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, in transactions pre-approved by the Audit Committee. We paid him \$351,998 for such purchases in 2010. Subsequent to 2010 and through February 27, 2011, we have not purchased grain from Pat Pilgrim. Pat Pilgrim also provided hauling services to us in 2010, for which he was paid \$9,600. Subsequent to 2010 and through February 27, 2011, Pat Pilgrim has not provided hauling services to the Company. In March 2011, he paid the Company \$24,521 for land he leased from us. On November 30, 2005, the Audit Committee pre-approved our entering into three contracts with Pat Pilgrim, a general services agreement, a transportation agreement and a lease. On January 28, 2008, the Audit Committee approved a new ground lease agreement with Pat Pilgrim and in February 2008, we entered into the new ground lease agreement pursuant to which Pat Pilgrim rents land from the Company. The lease agreement, which was for a one year initial term, renews for an additional year at the end of each term, but the agreement can be terminated by either party without cause.

In 2009, Mr. Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, our former Senior Vice President, Transportation and a son of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, our Founder Director, received a tax gross up payment of \$758,770. To the extent Mr. Lonnie Ken Pilgrim receives a tax refund from the Internal Revenue Service, he is obligated to repay the amount of the refund to the Company.

## **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fee Information**

### **Audit Fees**

Fees for audit services totaled \$1,496,000 in 2010, \$2,084,739 in 2009 and \$170,000 during the transition period from September 27, 2009 through December 27, 2009 (the “Transition Period”), including fees associated with the annual audit, the audit of internal controls over financial reporting (i.e., the Sarbanes-Oxley 404 Audit), the reviews of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, statutory audits required in Mexico and assistance with registration statements and accounting consultations.

### **Audit-Related Fees**

We incurred no fees for audit-related services during 2010, 2009 or the Transition Period. Audit-related services principally include transaction assistance, Sarbanes-Oxley 404 assistance and employee benefit plan audits.

### **Tax Fees**

Fees for tax services, including tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning, totaled \$0 in 2010, \$383,894 in 2009 and \$8,184 during the Transition Period.

### **All Other Fees**

We incurred no fees for other services not included above during 2010, 2009 or the Transition Period.

The Audit Committee has pre-approved all audit and non-audit fees of the independent registered public accounting firm during 2010, 2009 and the Transition Period.

### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

In accordance with its Charter, our Audit Committee has established policies and procedures by which it approves in advance any audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. Under these procedures, prior to the engagement of the independent registered public accounting firm for pre-approved services, requests or applications for the auditors to provide services must be submitted to our Principal Financial Officer or his designee, and the Audit Committee and must include a detailed description of the services to be rendered. The Principal Financial Officer or his designee and the independent registered public accounting firm must ensure that the independent registered public accounting firm is not engaged to perform the proposed services unless those services are within the list of services that have received the Audit Committee’s pre-approval and must cause the Audit Committee to be informed in a timely manner of all services rendered by the independent registered public accounting firm and the related fees.

Requests or applications for the independent registered public accounting firm to provide services that require additions or revisions to the 2010 pre-approval will be submitted to the Audit Committee (or any Audit Committee members who have been delegated pre-approval authority) by the Principal Financial Officer or his designee. Each request or application must include:

- a recommendation by the Principal Financial Officer (or designee) as to whether the Audit Committee should approve the request or application; and
- a joint statement of the Principal Financial Officer (or designee) and the independent registered public accounting firm as to whether, in their view, the request or application is consistent with the SEC’s regulations and the requirements for auditor independence of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

The Audit Committee also will not permit the engagement to provide any services to the extent that the SEC has prohibited the provision of those services by independent registered public accounting firms.

The Audit Committee delegated authority to the Chairman of the Audit Committee to:

- pre-approve any services proposed to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm and not already pre-approved or prohibited by this policy;
- increase any authorized fee limit for pre-approved services (but not by more than 30% of the initial amount that was pre-approved) before we or our subsidiaries engage the auditors to perform services for any amount in excess of the fee limit; and
- investigate further the scope, necessity or advisability of any services as to which pre-approval is sought.

The Chairman of the Audit Committee is required to report any pre-approval or fee increase decisions to the Audit Committee at the next committee meeting. The Audit Committee did not delegate to management any of the Audit Committee's authority or responsibilities concerning the services of the independent registered public accounting firm.

## Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities for general oversight of the integrity of the Company's financial statements, our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, the performance of our internal audit function and the independent registered public accounting firm, and risk assessment and risk management. The Audit Committee manages the Company's relationship with its independent registered public accounting firm (who reports directly to the Audit Committee). The Audit Committee has the authority to obtain advice and assistance from outside legal, accounting or other advisors as the Audit Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties and to receive appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, from the Company for such advice and assistance.

The Company's management has primary responsibility for preparing our financial statements and for our financial reporting process. Our independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of the Company's audited financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In this context, the Audit Committee hereby reports as follows:

1. The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with the Company's management.
2. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by SAS 61 (as amended or superseded).
3. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the independent registered public accounting firm's independence.
4. Based on the review and discussions set forth above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2010, that was filed with the SEC and that accompanies this proxy statement.

The undersigned members of the Audit Committee have submitted this report to the Board of Directors.

Audit Committee

Michael L. Cooper

Charles Macaluso

Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior

**PROPOSAL 5. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Our Board of Directors recommends the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2011. This independent registered public accounting firm has been our auditor pursuant to annual appointment since 1969, except for 1982 and 1983. If the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and to be available to respond to appropriate questions. They will be given the opportunity to make a statement if they wish to do so.

**Our Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2011. Proxies will be so voted unless stockholders specify otherwise.**

**Financial Statements Available**

Our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 26, 2010, is being mailed concurrently with this proxy statement. The annual report does not form any part of the material for the solicitation of proxies. Upon written request of a stockholder, the Company will furnish, without charge, a copy of our annual report. If you would like a copy of the annual report, please contact Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, at: 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634 Attn: Investor Relations. In addition, financial reports and recent filings with the SEC, are available on the Internet at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Company information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.pilgrims.com>. Information contained on the website is not part of this proxy statement.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP

The following table sets forth, as of March 21, 2011 certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock by (i) each person known by us to own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock (the only class of voting securities outstanding); (ii) each of our Directors, including employee Directors; (iii) our named executive officers; and (iv) all of our current Directors and executive officers as a group. Shares are beneficially owned when the person holding the shares has voting or investment power over the shares or the right to acquire voting or investment power within 60 days. Voting power is the power to vote the shares. Investment power is the power to direct the sale or other disposition of the shares.

<u>Name and Beneficial Owner</u>	<u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock</u>	<u>Percent of Outstanding Common Stock</u>	<u>Percent of Voting Power</u>
JBS USA Holdings, Inc. <sup>(a)</sup> 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634	144,140,425	67.20%	67.20%
Wesley Mendonça Batista <sup>(a)</sup> 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634	144,140,425	67.20%	67.20%
Joesley Mendonça Batista <sup>(a)</sup> 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634	144,140,425	67.20%	67.20%
Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. 110 South Texas St., Pittsburg, TX 75686	13,412,077	6.25%	6.25%
Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim <sup>(b)</sup> 110 South Texas St., Pittsburg, TX 75686	16,570,105	7.73%	7.73%
Lonnie Ken Pilgrim <sup>(b)(c)</sup> 110 South Texas St., Pittsburg, TX 75686	14,137,465	6.59%	6.59%
Don Jackson <sup>(d)</sup>	2,780,319	1.30%	1.30%
William W. Lovette	200,000	*	*
Michael L. Cooper	37,100	*	*
Charles Macaluso	—	*	*
Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes	—	*	*
Wallim Cruz De Vasconcellos Junior	—	*	*
Gary D. Tucker	8,170	*	*
All executive officers and Directors as a group <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	163,736,119	76.34%	76.34%

\* Less than 1%.

(a) JBS USA Holdings, Inc. is a subsidiary of JBS Hungary Holdings Kft., a wholly owned, indirect subsidiary of JBS S.A. JBS S.A. is ultimately controlled by the Batista family, which is comprised of José Batista Sobrinho, the founder of JBS S.A., Flora Mendonça Batista, and their six children, José Batista Júnior, Valéria Batista Mendonça Ramos, Vanessa Mendonça Batista, Wesley Mendonça Batista, Joesley Mendonça Batista and Vivianne Mendonça Batista. The Batista family indirectly owns 100.0% of the issued and outstanding shares of J&F Participações S.A., a Brazilian corporation which owns 44.0% of the outstanding capital of JBS S.A., and, except for Mr. José Batista Sobrinho and Mrs. Flora Mendonça Batista, directly owns 100% of the equity interests in ZMF Fundo de Investimento em Participações, a Brazilian investment fund which owns 6.1% of the outstanding capital of JBS S.A. Wesley Mendonça Batista and Joesley Mendonça Batista are members of our Board of Directors. Through J&F Participações S.A. and ZMF Fundo de Investimento em Participações, Wesley Mendonça Batista and Joesley Mendonça Batista are members of the Batista family and each beneficially own all shares of our common stock through their controlling interest in JBS S.A. As a result of the ownership structure and other relationships described above, each of JBS USA Holdings, Inc., Wesley Mendonça Batista and Joesley Mendonça Batista is the beneficial owner, with shared voting and dispositive power of the 144,140,425 shares of common stock.

- (b) Includes 13,412,077 shares of common stock held of record by Pilgrim Interests, Ltd., a limited partnership formed by Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim’s family, 68,013 shares of common stock held of record by PFCP, Ltd., another limited partnership formed by Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim’s family, 90,580 shares of common stock held of record by Pilgrim Family Trust I, an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim’s surviving spouse and children, of which Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, the son of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, and Patricia R. Pilgrim, Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim’s wife, are co-trustees, and 90,579 shares of common stock held of record by Pilgrim Family Trust II, an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim and his children, of which Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim are co-trustees. Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. is a limited partnership formed by Mr. Pilgrim’s family of which the managing general partner is the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust and the other general partner is Lonnie Ken Pilgrim and the limited partners are Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, The Lonnie A. “Bo” Pilgrim Endowment Fund, The Lonnie Ken Pilgrim Issue Trust, The Greta Pilgrim Owens Issue Trust and The Pat Pilgrim Issue Trust. PFCP, Ltd. is a limited partnership formed by Mr. Pilgrim’s family of which the managing general partner is the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust and the other general partner is Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, the class A limited partners are Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim and Patricia R. Pilgrim and the class B limited partners are Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, Patricia R. Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim. The agreement establishing the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust provides that Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim is the sole trustee during his life and, after his death, the trustee shall be a board of trustees currently comprised of Patricia R. Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, S. Key Coker, Charles Black and Donald Wass. The agreement establishing the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust provides that Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim as the sole trustee shall have sole voting and dispositive power over the shares of common stock and, after his death, most voting matters require a majority vote of the board of trustees except the direct or indirect sale of the shares of common stock requires a unanimous vote of the board of trustees. Additionally, Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd. have entered into a Voting Agreement, which may be terminated at any time by the unanimous action of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, acting in his individual capacity and as trustee of the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust (acting as managing general partner of Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd.), Patricia R. Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim which provides that Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Greta Pilgrim Owens, the daughter of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, S. Key Coker, Charles L. Black and Donald L. Wass (the “Voting Representatives”) shall have the sole power to vote the shares of common stock owned by Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd. All voting decisions require a majority of the Voting Representatives except that (i) the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, (ii) the sale or liquidation of the Company, or (iii) the merger of the Company requires a unanimous vote of the Voting Representatives. All other decisions regarding common stock held by Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd. will be made by the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust. Includes 1,790 shares and 1,478 shares held in trust by our 401(k) Salary Deferral Plan for Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, respectively, and 2,650 shares held by UGMA for Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim. Each of Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim disclaims beneficial ownership of our common stock held, except to the extent of their actual pecuniary interest therein.
- (c) Includes 16,497 shares of common stock held by his wife. Also includes 63,070 shares of common stock held in two irrevocable trusts dated December 15, 1994 and October 31, 1989, of which Lonnie Ken Pilgrim is a co-trustee for the benefit of his children. Lonnie Ken Pilgrim disclaims any beneficial interest in the foregoing shares.
- (d) The shares of common stock held beneficially by Don Jackson are pledged to secure certain loans.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides certain information about our common stock that may be issued under the LTIP, as of December 31, 2010. For additional information concerning terms of the LTIP, see “Compensation Discussion and Analysis – Components of Compensation – Long Term Incentive Plan.”

Plan Category	Number of Securities to Be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (1)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Option, Warrants and Rights (2)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column) (3)
Equity compensation plans approved by securities holders . . . .	—	—	6,688,068
Equity compensation plans not approved by securities holders . . . . .	—	—	—
Total . . . . .	—	—	6,688,068

## Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company’s officers and Directors, and persons who own more than ten percent of our common stock, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the NYSE. Officers, Directors and greater than ten-percent stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based on our review of the copies of such forms, we believe that all other filing requirements applicable to our officers, Directors and greater than ten-percent stockholders for 2010 were complied with, except that JBS USA Holdings, Inc.; VVMB Participações LTDA.; ZMF Participações LTDA.; WWMB Participações LTDA.; ZMF Fundo de Investimento em Participações; J&F Participações S.A.; JBS S.A.; JBS Global A/S; JBS Hungary Holdings KFT; José Batista Sobrinho; Joesley Mendonça Batista; Wesley Mendonça Batista; and José Batista, Jr. filed their Form 3 late in January 2010.

## HOUSEHOLDING OF STOCKHOLDER MATERIALS

Some banks, brokers and other nominee record holders may be participating in the practice of “householding” proxy statements and annual reports. This means that only one copy of this proxy statement or annual report to stockholders may have been sent to multiple stockholders in the same household. We will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to any stockholder who requests by writing to our Investor Relations Department at the following address: 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634 or by telephoning (903) 434-1495. Any stockholder who currently is receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy for his or her household should contact his or her bank, broker or other nominee record holder.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 29, 2011

This proxy statement and the Company’s 2010 Annual Report are also available electronically on our hosted website. You may view these directly at: [www.envisionreports.com/PPC](http://www.envisionreports.com/PPC).

To access and review the materials made available electronically:

1. Go to [www.envisionreports.com/PPC](http://www.envisionreports.com/PPC).
2. Enter the 12-digit control number located on the proxy card.
3. Click “View 2011 Stockholder Material.”

We encourage you to review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors is not aware of, and it is not anticipated that there will be presented to the Annual Meeting, any business other than the election of the Directors, to conduct a stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation, to conduct a stockholder advisory vote on the frequency of advisory voting to approve executive compensation and the proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm described above. If other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, the persons named on the accompanying proxy card will vote the returned proxies as the Board of Directors recommends.

By order of the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Lovette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WILLIAM W. LOVETTE  
*President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Greeley, Colorado  
March 25, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 26, 2010

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File number 1-9273



**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

75-1285071

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado

80634-9038

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(970) 506-8000**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01

New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-accelerated Filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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The aggregate market value of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of June 27, 2010, was \$347,373,396. For purposes of the foregoing calculation only, all directors, executive officers and 5% beneficial owners have been deemed affiliates.

Number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of February 11, 2011 was 214,281,914.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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## PART I

### Item 1. Business

#### Company Overview

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (referred to herein as "Pilgrim's," "PPC," "the Company," "we," "us," "our," or similar terms) is the second-largest chicken producer in the world with operations in the United States ("US"), Mexico and Puerto Rico. We are primarily engaged in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of fresh, frozen and value-added chicken products to retailers, distributors and foodservice operators. We employ approximately 42,300 people and have the capacity to process more than 38 million birds per week for a total of more than 10.3 billion pounds of live chicken annually. In 2010, we generated \$6.9 billion in total revenue, and produced 7.7 billion pounds of chicken products.

In December 2009, we adopted Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws (the "Restated Bylaws"), which changed our fiscal year end from the Saturday nearest September 30 of each year to the last Sunday in December of each year. This change aligns our reporting cycle with the fiscal calendar of our majority stockholder, JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ("JBS USA"). The change was effective for our 2010 fiscal year, which began December 28, 2009 and ended December 26, 2010 and resulted in an approximate three-month transition period which began September 27, 2009 and ended December 27, 2009 (the "Transition Period"). We now operate on the basis of a 52/53-week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday falling on or before December 31. The reader should assume any reference we make to a particular year (for example, 2010) in this report applies to our fiscal year and not the calendar year.

In January 2007, we completed the acquisition of Gold Kist Inc. ("Gold Kist"), which we refer to as the Gold Kist acquisition. Gold Kist operated a fully-integrated chicken production business that included live production, processing, marketing and distribution. This acquisition positioned us as one of the largest chicken companies in the US, and that position provided us with opportunities to expand our geographic reach and customer base and further pursue value-added and prepared chicken opportunities.

We have a broad geographic reach and we offer our diverse customer base a balanced portfolio of fresh and prepared chicken products. We have consistently provided our customers with high quality products and service with a focus on delivering higher-value, higher-margin, prepared food products. As such we have become a valuable partner to our customers and a recognized industry leader. Our sales efforts are largely targeted towards the foodservice industry, principally chain restaurants and food processors such as Yum! Brands®, Burger King®, Wendy's®, Chick-fil-A® and retail customers including grocery store chains and wholesale clubs such as Kroger®, Wal-Mart®, Costco®, Publix® and Sam's Club®. We also export products to customers in approximately 95 countries, including Mexico, Russia and China.

Mexico represented approximately 9.4% of our net sales in 2010. We are the second-largest producer and seller of chicken in Mexico and are one of the lower-cost producers of chicken in the country. While the market for chicken products in Mexico is less developed than in the US, with sales attributed to fewer, more basic products, we have been successful in differentiating our products through high-quality client service and product improvements such as dry-air chilled, eviscerated products. Additionally, we are an important player in the live market, which accounts for 30% of the chicken sales in Mexico. We believe that Mexican supermarket chains consider us one of the leaders in innovation for fresh products. Our strategy is to capitalize on this trend through our vast US experience in products, quality and our well-known service.

Our primary product types are fresh chicken products, prepared chicken products and export chicken products. We sell our fresh chicken products to the foodservice and retail markets. Our fresh chicken products consist of refrigerated (non-frozen) whole or cut-up chicken, either pre-marinated or non-marinated and prepackaged case-ready chicken. Our case-ready chicken includes various combinations of freshly refrigerated, whole chickens and chicken parts in trays, bags or other consumer packs labeled and priced ready for the retail grocer's fresh meat counter. Our fresh chicken sales in 2010 accounted for 49.9% of our total US chicken sales.

We also sell prepared chicken products, including portion-controlled breast fillets, tenderloins and strips, delicatessen products, salads, formed nuggets and patties and bone-in chicken parts. These products are sold either refrigerated or frozen and may be fully cooked, partially cooked or raw. In addition, these products are breaded or non-breaded and either pre-marinated or non-marinated. Our prepared chicken products sales in 2010 accounted for 39.9% of our total US chicken sales.

Export and other chicken products primarily consist of whole chickens and chicken parts sold mostly in bulk, non-branded form either refrigerated to distributors in the US or frozen for distribution to export markets. In the US, prices of these products are negotiated daily or weekly and are generally related to market prices quoted by the US Department of Agriculture ("USDA") or other public price reporting services. We sell US-produced chicken products for export to Eastern Europe (including Russia), the Far East (including China), Mexico and other world markets.

Our primary end markets consist of the foodservice and retail channels, as well as selected export markets. The foodservice market principally consists of chain restaurants, food processors, broad-line distributors and certain other institutions located throughout the continental US. We supply chicken products ranging from portion-controlled refrigerated chicken parts to fully-cooked and frozen, breaded or non-breaded chicken parts or formed products.

Our categories within foodservice include frozen, fresh and corporate accounts. Fresh and frozen chicken products are usually pre-cut to customer specifications and are often marinated to enhance value and product differentiation. Corporate accounts include further-

processed and value-added products supplied to select foodservice customers improving their ability to manage product consistency and quality in a cost efficient manner. We believe we are positioned to be the primary or secondary supplier to national and international chain restaurants who require multiple suppliers of chicken products. Additionally, we believe we are well suited to be the sole supplier for many regional chain restaurants. Regional chain restaurants often offer better margin opportunities and a growing base of business. We believe we have operational strengths in terms of full-line product capabilities, high-volume production capacities, research and development expertise and extensive distribution and marketing experience relative to smaller and non-vertically integrated producers. Foodservice growth is anticipated to continue, despite the effects resulting from the ongoing economic slowdown in the US. Due to internal growth and the impact of the Gold Kist acquisition, our sales to the foodservice market from 2006 through 2010 grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 5.1% and represented 64.3% of our total US chicken sales in 2010.

The retail market consists primarily of grocery store chains, wholesale clubs and other retail distributors. We concentrate our efforts in this market on sales of branded, prepackaged cut-up and whole chicken and chicken parts to grocery store chains and retail distributors. For many years, we have invested in both trade and retail marketing designed to establish high levels of brand name awareness and consumer preferences. We utilize numerous marketing techniques, including advertising, to develop and strengthen trade and consumer awareness and increase brand loyalty for consumer products marketed under the Pilgrim's Pride® and Pilgrim's™ brands. We believe our efforts to achieve and maintain brand awareness and loyalty help to provide more secure distribution for our products. We also believe our efforts at brand awareness generate greater price premiums than would otherwise be the case in certain markets. Additionally, we maintain an active program to identify consumer preferences. The program primarily consists of discovering and validating new product ideas, packaging designs and methods through sophisticated qualitative and quantitative consumer research techniques in key geographic markets. Due to internal growth and the impact of the Gold Kist acquisition, our sales to the retail market from 2006 through 2010 grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 14.8% and represented 25.5% of our total US chicken sales in 2010.

Our third end market is our export business. Export and other chicken products primarily consist of whole chickens and chicken parts sold mostly in bulk, non-branded form either refrigerated to distributors in the US or frozen for distribution to export markets. We believe that US chicken exports will continue to grow as worldwide demand increases for high-grade, low-cost meat protein sources. We also believe that worldwide demand for higher-margin prepared foods products will increase over the next several years.

Historically, we have targeted international markets to generate additional demand for our dark chicken meat, which is a natural by-product of our US operations given our concentration on prepared chicken products and the US customers' general preference for white chicken meat. We have also begun selling prepared chicken products for export to the international divisions of our US chain restaurant customers. Utilizing the extensive sales network of JBS USA, we believe that we can accelerate the sales of value-added chicken

products into international channels. We believe that the history of our successful export sales and our relationship with JBS USA position us favorably to capitalize on international growth.

As a vertically integrated company, we control every phase of the production of our products. We currently operate in 14 US states, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Our plants are strategically located to supply our distribution network and ensure that customers timely receive the freshest products. We operate nine fresh foodservice processing plants, eight case-ready processing plants, nine prepared fresh foods plants, 12 prepared foods cook plants, three processing plants in Mexico and 14 distribution centers (five in the US, one in Puerto Rico, and eight in Mexico). Additionally, we reopened an idled processing plant in Douglas, Georgia, which we plan to have at full capacity by fall 2011. This plant will contribute additional capacity as we anticipate higher market demand due to continued increase in chicken consumption and a broader economic recovery. Seven additional processing plants and two prepared foods plants are currently idle. Combined with our network of approximately 4,100 growers, 32 feed mills and 40 hatcheries, we are well positioned to keep up with the growing demand for our products. We believe that vertical integration helps us better manage food safety and quality, as well as more effectively control margins and improve customer service.

Since December 2008, we have engaged in restructuring our business through significant operational changes to reduce costs and operate more efficiently. As a result of this restructuring, we have realigned our operations to flatten the organization, expedite decision-making and reduce costs. We have initiated programs to promote lean manufacturing within the organization and processes to create a fully integrated supply chain structure. The operational changes were directed in two phases and generated approximately \$190 million in total savings. Phase I focused on preserving cash and mitigating losses through tactical moves including shift reductions, associated headcount reductions and other lean manufacturing initiatives. Phase II reduced our production footprint and served to mitigate capacity utilization and efficiency issues created by previously enacted production cuts. Additionally, we are further benefitting from cost savings through our integration with JBS USA, with estimated annual synergy savings to date of approximately \$170.0 million across transportation, purchasing, logistics, insurance and legal.

Since 2008, we have recognized costs related to these restructuring and integration efforts totaling \$231.5 million.

### **Emergence from Bankruptcy**

On December 1, 2008, we and six of our subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division, seeking reorganization relief under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. We emerged from our Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009. In connection with our emergence from bankruptcy, our common stock outstanding immediately prior to the emergence was cancelled and converted into the right to receive

newly-issued shares of common stock of the reorganized Company based on a one-for-one exchange ratio, which constitutes 36.0% of the total number of shares of our newly-issued common stock. The remaining shares of our newly-issued common stock, constituting 64.0% of our total issued and outstanding common stock on the date of our emergence from bankruptcy, were purchased by JBS USA, a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of JBS S.A., a Brazil-based meat producer, for \$800.0 million in cash. Subsequently, JBS USA increased its stake in our Company to 67.3%. Upon exiting from bankruptcy, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into an exit credit facility that provides for an aggregate commitment of \$1.75 billion (the "Exit Credit Facility"). The facility consisted of a three-year \$600.0 million revolving credit facility, a three-year \$375.0 million Term A facility and a five-year \$775.0 million Term B facility. As of December 26, 2010, a principal amount of \$205.3 million under the revolving loan commitment and a principal amount of \$632.5 million under the Term B facility were outstanding.

## **The Industry**

### *Industry Overview*

The US consumes more chicken than any other protein (approximately 30 billion pounds projected in calendar year 2010) and chicken is the second most consumed protein globally after pork. The US is the world's largest producer of chicken and was projected to produce approximately 36 billion pounds of ready-to-cook broiler meat in calendar year 2010, representing 22.0% of the total world production. China and Brazil produce the second and third most broiler meat, with 16.9% and 15.3% of the world market, respectively.

The US is the second-largest exporter of broiler meat behind Brazil. The US was projected to export 6.5 billion pounds in calendar year 2010 which would account for 34.0% of the total world exports and 18.0% of the total US production. The top five exporters control over 90% of the market. The broiler export marketplace has grown at a rapid pace since the early 1990s. The growth has been driven by various geopolitical events such as the collapse of the former Soviet Union as well as changing consumer preferences. Key importers of broilers include Russia, China, the EU, Mexico and Saudi Arabia. Other export markets such as Hong Kong, Vietnam, the Middle East and Africa are projected to increase their imports of US chicken.

The US market is concentrated with four major chicken producers accounting for over 50% of production. The US chicken industry is largely vertically integrated with major producers owning and operating feed mills, processing plants and further processing plants while contracting out breeding and broiler production to thousands of contractually bound chicken farmers. More than 90% of all chickens raised for consumption are produced by farmers under a contract with processing companies. Processing companies provide the growers with chickens, feed, vaccines and medicines required for the production of broilers. The grower supplies all systems and labor required to bring the broilers up to slaughter weight. The grower is then paid based on the weight gain exhibited by the flock.

According to the USDA, chicken production in the US has increased at a compounded annual growth rate of 3.5% over the past 20 years. Similarly, per capita consumption of chicken has increased at a compounded annual growth rate of 1.6%. During this same period of time, per capita beef consumption has declined at a compounded annual growth rate of 0.7% while pork has declined at a compounded annual growth rate of 0.3%. The growth in chicken demand is attributable to (i) relative affordability compared to other proteins such as beef and pork, (ii) the increasingly health conscious nature of US consumers, (iii) chicken's consistent quality and versatility and (iv) its introduction on many foodservice menus. In addition, global protein demand has remained strong, and we believe protein demand will continue to expand consistent with rising standards of living and a growing middle class in developing countries around the world.

We benefit from a shorter production lifecycle of chickens compared to other proteins. While production for beef takes approximately 28 to 30 months from breeding to slaughter and the hog production required for pork takes 11 to 12 months, the production lifecycle for the broiler is only ten weeks. There are three key components of broilers that are sold for consumption: the breast, the wing and the leg quarters. An estimated 80% of broiler production in the US is sold in separate parts, rather than as a whole bird. This is due primarily to an increase in demand associated with the white meat of the breast, as well as demand for boneless breasts and wings.

The chicken industry has two major customer categories—foodservice and retail. While the overall chicken market has grown consistently, the majority of this growth in recent years has been in the foodservice market. According to estimates from the National Chicken Council, from calendar year 1999 through calendar year 2010, the value of wholesale shipments of chicken products to the foodservice market were estimated to grow at a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 5.5%, compared to 5.1% growth for the chicken industry overall.

### *Key Industry Dynamics*

**Pricing.** Like other commodities, changes to either the supply or demand components of the market can largely impact the profitability of key players in the industry. Specifically, given the low margins associated with the broiler industry, a change in pricing of commodity chicken products has a significant impact on the income generated by the producer. Items that impact chicken pricing in the US include international demand, changes in production by other broiler exporting countries, input costs, and the demand associated with substitute products such as beef and pork. While broiler producers attempt to match supply and demand, a minor change in downstream demand can impact whether the planned supply meets the market need.

**Feed.** Broilers are fed corn and soybean meal as well as certain vitamins and minerals. Corn and soybean meal account for approximately 65% and 24% of the feed, respectively. Broiler production is significantly more efficient from a feed perspective than cattle or hogs.

Approximately 1.9 pounds of feed are required for each pound of chicken, as compared to approximately 8.3 and 3.5 pounds for cattle and hogs, respectively.

In the past, cost of feed had been largely steady, with occasional spikes resulting from externalities. These externalities often took the form of poor weather conditions, such as droughts or excessive rains leading to poor crop yields. More recently, however, feed prices have risen significantly due in part to the increased use of corn for ethanol production in the US.

### **Relationship with JBS USA**

JBS USA currently owns 67.3% of our total issued and outstanding common stock. As a majority owned subsidiary of JBS USA, we work closely with JBS USA management to identify areas where both companies can seek synergies and benefit together. As part of our broader reorganization plan, we moved our headquarters to Greeley, Colorado, the headquarters of JBS USA.

Over the past two years, we have closed, idled or sold ten plants and eight distribution centers, reduced or consolidated production at other facilities, streamlined our workforce and reduced administrative and corporate expenses, including closing our corporate headquarters and satellite headquarters as part of our relationship with JBS USA. We reopened the idled processing plant in Douglas, Georgia, which we plan to have at full capacity by fall 2011. We are further benefitting from cost savings through our integration with JBS USA, with estimated annual synergy savings to date of approximately \$170.0 million across transportation, purchasing, logistics, insurance and legal.

Since 2008, we have recognized costs related to these restructuring and integration efforts totaling \$231.5 million.

While the US is our largest market, we have a growing focus on international markets as we diversify our geographic presence and expand our revenue base. Our key international markets include Eastern Europe (including Russia), the Far East (including China) and Mexico. We are leveraging JBS USA's existing international network and distribution capabilities to tap new markets such as Africa and the Middle East.

Working with JBS USA, we have integrated sophisticated risk management techniques into our operations through the adoption of an Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") approach. In implementing ERM, we have taken steps to avoid, reduce and insure the different risks inherent in our business from a holistic viewpoint. We focus not only on operational risk, but financial and strategic risk as well. These areas of focus include input costs (commodity pricing, live and processed product cost and spoilage), revenue risk (sales price and mix), financial risk (adequate controls, timely and effective reporting systems and other management and governance systems) as well as competitive risks and market trends. We aim to identify, categorize and respond to these risks in a systematic manner to manage as much of their impact on our business as possible.

## Recent Developments

On December 16, 2010, Don Jackson informed the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) of his resignation as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company effective on January 2, 2011 so that he could assume the position of Chief Executive Officer and President of JBS USA. Dr. Jackson will continue as a member of the Board. Under Dr. Jackson’s employment agreement, he was not entitled to any severance payment in connection with his resignation and must repay a portion of the signing bonus he received upon commencing employment with the Company.

Also on December 16, 2010, the Board approved the retention of William W. Lovette as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, effective January 3, 2011. Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, Mr. Lovette served as President and Chief Operating Officer for Case Foods, Inc. from October 2008 through December 2010. Before joining Case Foods, Inc., Mr. Lovette spent twenty-five years with Tyson Foods in various roles in senior management, including President of its International Business Unit, President of its Foodservice Business Unit and Senior Group Vice President of Poultry and Prepared Foods.

On January 14, 2011, the Company and Mr. Lovette entered into an Employment Agreement and a Restricted Share Agreement. The Employment Agreement provides that Mr. Lovette’s employment commenced on January 3, 2011 and will continue for 3 years, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions described below (the “Term of Employment”). Mr. Lovette received a cash sign-on bonus of \$250,000 and has an annual base salary of \$1 million under the Employment Agreement. Mr. Lovette will be obligated to repay the sign-on bonus to the Company if his employment with the Company ends for any reason prior to December 31, 2011 or he has not established a residence in the vicinity of the Company’s headquarters in Colorado by such date. In addition, for each full year during the Term of Employment, Mr. Lovette will be eligible to earn an annual cash bonus under the Company’s Short-Term Incentive Plan, with the amount of such bonus for 2011 guaranteed to be at least \$500,000. Under the Employment Agreement, the Company will arrange to purchase Mr. Lovette’s prior residence in Arkansas for up to approximately \$2.13 million. Furthermore, the Company will use reasonable efforts to cause Mr. Lovette to be elected or appointed as a member of Board by no later than the Company’s 2011 annual meeting of stockholders.

Under the Employment Agreement and the Restricted Share Agreement, the Company awarded Mr. Lovette 200,000 restricted shares of Company common stock, with half of such shares vesting on January 3, 2013 and the remainder vesting January 3, 2014, subject to Mr. Lovette’s continued employment with the Company through such dates.

## Competitive Strengths

We believe that our competitive strengths will enable us to maintain and grow our position as a leading chicken company and to capitalize on future favorable growth opportunities:

***Leading market position in the growing chicken industry.*** We are the second-largest chicken producer in the US with a 16.9% market share, only slightly behind the largest competitor, Tyson Foods, who maintains a 21.6% market share, based on ready-to-cook production. We believe we can maintain this leading market position as we are one of the few producers in the chicken industry that can fully supply larger retailers and foodservice companies due to our broad product offering and technical capabilities. We are a viable supplier for large integrated customers due to our ability to ensure supply, demonstrate innovation and new product development and provide competitive pricing. Our vertical integration gives us control over our supply of chicken and chicken parts. Further, our processing facilities offer a wide range of capabilities and are particularly suited to the high-volume production as well as low-volume custom production runs necessary to meet both the capacity and quality requirements of our customer base. Finally, we have established a reputation for dependable quality, highly responsive service and excellent technical support.

***Experienced management team.*** We have a proven senior management team whose tenure in the chicken industry has spanned numerous market cycles and is among the most experienced in the industry. Our senior management team is led by William W. Lovette, our CEO, who has 28 years of experience in the chicken industry. Our management team has successfully improved and realigned our business since emerging from bankruptcy and instilled a corporate culture focused on performance and accountability. Our senior operating executives have backgrounds with leading agribusiness companies, including Tyson Foods, Inc., ConAgra Foods, Inc., Bunge Limited and IBP, Inc., among others. We believe that this combination of backgrounds and experience will continue to provide the foundation for a focused business strategy and will enable us to maintain and strengthen long-term relationships with customers and help us grow our business in the future. We also benefit from management ideas, best practices, and talent shared with the seasoned management team at our majority stockholder, JBS USA, and its parent company, JBS S.A., who have over 50 years of combined experience operating protein processing facilities in South America, the United States and Australia.

***Leaner, more focused enterprise since emergence from bankruptcy.*** Following our restructuring efforts, we are a more efficient and lean organization supported by a market-driven business strategy. Since 2008, we have closed, idled or sold ten plants and eight distribution centers, reduced or consolidated production at other facilities, streamlined our workforce and reduced administrative and corporate expenses including closing our corporate headquarters and satellite headquarters as part of our becoming a majority owned subsidiary of JBS USA. These restructuring efforts have led to streamlined operations which have allowed us to realize approximately \$190 million of estimated annualized cost reductions. We

are also benefitting from cost savings through the integration with JBS USA, with estimated annual savings to date of approximately \$170 million across transportation, purchasing, logistics, insurance and legal. Further, we are a financially stronger company with a more conservative balance sheet. The reorganization has allowed us to reduce our debt from \$2.1 billion prior to entering bankruptcy to \$1.3 billion currently.

Since 2008, we have recognized costs related to these restructuring and integration efforts totaling \$231.5 million.

***Blue chip and diverse customer base.*** We benefit from strong relationships with leading foodservice and retail companies, including Sysco®, US Foodservice, Gordon Foodservice, Yum! Brands®, Wendy's®, Chick-fil-A®, Kroger®, Wal-Mart®, Costco®, Publix®, Sam's Club®, ConAgra Foods®, and Nestle®, many of whom have been doing business with us for more than five years. We sell our products to a large and diverse customer base, with over 5,000 customers and no concentrations above 6.5% of sales except for our largest customer, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., which accounted for 11.3% of net sales in 2010. In 2010, we regained approximately 100 million pounds of further-processed volume from various customers that was lost prior to our emergence from bankruptcy.

***Relationship with JBS USA.*** In addition to cost savings through the integration of certain corporate functions and the rationalization of facilities, our relationship with JBS USA allows us to enjoy several advantages given its diversified international operations and strong record in commodity risk management. We are leveraging JBS USA's international network and seek to expand into untapped international markets and strengthen our presence in geographies in which we already operate. In addition, JBS USA's expertise in managing the risk associated with volatile commodity inputs will help us to further improve our operations and manage our margins.

## **Business Strategy**

Our objectives are (i) to increase sales, profit margins and earnings and (ii) to outpace the growth of, and maintain our leadership position in, the chicken industry. To achieve these goals, we plan to continue pursuing the following strategies:

***Leverage our leading industry position using our scale and brand recognition.*** We are the second-largest producer of chicken products in the US. We have developed and acquired complementary markets, distributor relationships and geographic locations, establishing relationships with broad-line national distributors and retailers which have enabled us to expand our customer base and provide nationwide distribution capabilities for all of our product lines. As a result, we believe we are one of only two US chicken producers that can supply the growing demand for a broad range of price competitive standard and specialized products with well-known brand names on a nationwide basis from a single-source supplier.

***Be a market-driven chicken company.*** We have taken decisive action over the last two years and fundamentally restructured our Company to be a market-driven company clearly focused on delivering the best service, selection and value to our customers as efficiently as possible. We created a comprehensive business plan focused on our core retail and

foodservice customers, with their demand driving our supply and production planning. We have improved our sales mix, pricing and cost controls to optimize our product margin and continue to focus on improving yields, labor and plant-related costs to drive better operating efficiencies. We are minimizing commodity production and recapturing and growing volume in further-processed, higher-margin products.

***Capitalize on attractive US prepared foods market.*** We focus our US growth initiatives on sales of prepared foods to the foodservice and value-added retail markets because they continue to be two of the fastest growing and most profitable segments in the chicken industry. We believe there has been significant growth in the number of foodservice operators offering chicken on their menus and in the number of chicken products offered. Foodservice operators are increasingly purchasing prepared chicken products, which allow them to reduce labor costs while providing greater product consistency, quality and variety across all restaurant locations. Products sold to these market segments require further processing, which enables us to charge a premium for our products, reducing the impact of feed ingredient costs on our profitability and improving and stabilizing our profit margins. Feed ingredient costs typically decrease from approximately 31-49% of total production cost for fresh chicken products to approximately 16-24% for prepared chicken products. Our sales of prepared chicken products grew from \$1,940.1 million in 2006 to \$2,336.9 million through 2010, a compounded annual growth rate of 4.5%. Prepared foods sales, including export sales, represented 41.2% of our total US chicken revenues in 2010, which we believe provides us with a significant competitive advantage and reduces our exposure to feed price fluctuations.

Our well-known brands, including Pierce Chicken® and Wing-Dings®, allow us to have a sizeable range of prepared foods chicken offerings. Similarly, our broad array of highly customized cooked chicken products, including breaded cutlets, sizzle strips and marinated wings, for restaurants and specialty foodservice customers complement our lines of pre-cooked breast fillets, tenderloins, burgers, nuggets, salads and other prepared products for institutional foodservice, fast-food and retail customers.

***Enhance US fresh chicken profitability through value-added, branded products.*** Our fresh chicken sales, including export sales, accounted for \$3,325.9 million, or 58.5%, of our US chicken sales in 2010. In addition to maintaining the sales of traditional fresh chicken products, our strategy is to shift the mix of our US fresh chicken products by continuing to increase sales of products with higher-margin and rising demand, such as fixed-weight packaged products and marinated chicken and chicken parts and to continually shift portions of this product mix into the higher value and margin prepared chicken products. Much of our fresh chicken products are sold under the recently re-launched Pilgrim's™ brand name, which is a well-known brand in the chicken industry.

***Improve operating efficiencies and increase capacity on a cost-effective basis.*** As production and sales grow, we continue to focus on improving operating efficiencies by investing in state-of-the-art technology and processes, training and our total quality management program. In addition, we remain focused on cost control. Specific initiatives include:

- Benchmarking live and plant costs against the industry; and
- Conducting monthly performance reviews with senior management.

We also continue to initiate fundamental process improvements to streamline our operations. Examples include:

- Replacing automated deboning equipment with hand deboning (“cone lines”) to improve yield;
- Reducing outside cold-storage warehouses from 51 to 17; and
- Upgrading capacity of ovens and spiral freezers to increase throughput.

In addition, we have a proven history of increasing capacity while improving operating efficiencies at acquired properties in both the US and Mexico.

We plan to increase production by a total of 10%, or 3.9 million birds per week, over the next two years. We reopened the idled processing plant in Douglas, Georgia, in January 2011, which we plan to have at full capacity by fall 2011. If market conditions are favorable, we plan to further expand production capacity at existing facilities and possibly reopen a second idled facility.

***Capitalize on export opportunities.*** We will continue to focus on international opportunities to complement our US chicken operations and capitalize on attractive export markets. According to the USDA, the export of US chicken products increased at a compounded annual growth rate of 4% from 1999 through 2009. We believe US chicken exports will continue to grow as worldwide demand increases for high-grade, low-cost meat protein sources. Historically, we targeted international markets to generate additional demand for our dark chicken meat, which is a natural by-product of our US operations given our concentration on prepared foods products and the US customers’ general preference for white chicken meat. As part of this initiative, we created a significant international distribution network into several markets, including Mexico, which we now utilize not only for dark chicken meat distribution, but also for various higher-margin prepared foods and other poultry products. We employ both a direct international sales force and export brokers. Our key international markets include Eastern Europe (including Russia), the Far East (including China) and Mexico. We plan to further diversify our international markets, and the relationship with our majority owner, JBS USA, has improved our access to markets such as Africa, the Middle East and Asia. We believe substantial opportunities exist to expand our

sales to these markets by capitalizing on direct international distribution channels supplemented by our existing export broker relationships. Our export sales accounted for approximately 9.9% of our US chicken sales in 2010.

## **Reportable Business Segment**

We operate in one reportable business segment, as a producer and seller of chicken products we either produce or purchase for resale in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico. We conduct separate operations in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico; however, for geographic reporting purposes, we include Puerto Rico with our US operations.

In January 2010, we announced organizational changes that resulted in the merger of our former Other Products segment into our Chicken segment. Data related to our former Other Products segment, which included primarily non-chicken products sold through our distribution centers, table eggs, animal feed and offal, is no longer reported directly to the chief operating decision maker. This information is now reported through chicken operations management. We reclassified prior year segment disclosures to conform to the new segment presentation.

## **Narrative Description of Business**

### *Products and Markets*

Our chicken products consist primarily of:

- (1) Fresh chicken products, which are refrigerated (non-frozen) whole or cut-up chickens sold to the foodservice industry either pre-marinated or non-marinated. Fresh chicken also includes prepackaged case-ready chicken, which includes various combinations of freshly refrigerated, whole chickens and chicken parts in trays, bags or other consumer packs labeled and priced ready for the retail grocer's fresh meat counter.
- (2) Prepared chicken products, which are products such as portion-controlled breast fillets, tenderloins and strips, delicatessen products, salads, formed nuggets and patties and bone-in chicken parts. These products are sold either refrigerated or frozen and may be fully cooked, partially cooked or raw. In addition, these products are breaded or non-breaded and either pre-marinated or non-marinated.
- (3) Export and other chicken products, which are primarily parts and whole chicken, either refrigerated or frozen for US export or domestic use, and prepared chicken products for US export.

Our chicken products are sold primarily to:

- (1) Foodservice customers, which are customers such as chain restaurants, food processors, foodservice distributors and certain other institutions. We sell products to our foodservice customers ranging from portion-controlled refrigerated chicken parts to fully-cooked and frozen, breaded or non-breaded chicken parts or formed products.
- (2) Retail customers, which are customers such as grocery store chains, wholesale clubs and other retail distributors. We sell to our retail customers branded, pre-packaged, cut-up and whole poultry, and fresh refrigerated or frozen whole chicken and chicken parts in trays, bags or other consumer packs.
- (3) Export and other chicken product customers, who purchase chicken products for export to Eastern Europe (including Russia), the Far East (including China), Mexico and other world markets. Our export and other chicken products, with the exception of our exported prepared chicken products, consist of whole chickens and chicken parts sold primarily in bulk, non-branded form, either refrigerated to distributors in the US or frozen for distribution to export markets.

Our other products consist of:

- (1) Other types of meat protein along with various other staples purchased and sold by our distribution centers as a convenience to our chicken customers who purchase through the distribution centers.
- (2) The production and sale of table eggs, commercial feeds and related items, live hogs and protein conversion products.

The following table sets forth, for the periods beginning with 2006, net sales attributable to each of our primary product lines and markets served with those products. We based the table on our internal sales reports and their classification of product types and customers.

	<b>2010</b>	<b>Transition Period</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>(52 weeks)</b>	<b>(13 Weeks)</b>	<b>(52 weeks)</b>	<b>(52 weeks)</b>	<b>(52 weeks)</b>	<b>(52 weeks)</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>					
US chicken:						
Prepared chicken:						
Foodservice	\$ 1,822,036	\$ 420,944	\$ 1,828,038	\$ 2,033,489	\$ 1,897,643	\$ 1,567,297
Retail	440,071	114,866	466,538	518,576	511,470	308,486
Total prepared chicken	2,262,107	535,810	2,294,576	2,552,065	2,409,113	1,875,783
Fresh chicken:						
Foodservice	1,828,960	437,782	2,128,112	2,550,339	2,280,057	1,388,451
Retail	1,006,012	225,636	984,950	1,041,446	975,659	496,560
Total fresh chicken	2,834,972	663,418	3,113,062	3,591,785	3,255,716	1,885,011
Export and other:						
Export:						
Prepared chicken	74,755	21,353	85,135	94,795	83,317	64,338
Fresh chicken	490,972	110,197	553,407	818,239	559,429	257,823
Total export <sup>(b)</sup>	565,727	131,550	638,542	913,034	642,746	322,161
Other chicken by-products	15,576	3,426	17,734	20,163	20,779	15,448
Total export and other	581,303	134,976	656,276	933,197	663,525	337,609
Total US chicken	5,678,382	1,334,204	6,063,914	7,077,047	6,328,354	4,098,403
Mexico chicken	615,433	127,557	487,785	543,583	488,466	418,745
Total chicken	6,293,815	1,461,761	6,551,699	7,620,630	6,816,820	4,517,148
Other products:						
US	558,675	132,500	505,738	863,495	661,115	618,575
Mexico	29,139	8,473	30,618	34,632	20,677	17,006
Total other products	587,814	140,973	536,356	898,127	681,792	635,581
Total net sales	<u>\$ 6,881,629</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,734</u>	<u>\$ 7,088,055</u>	<u>\$ 8,518,757</u>	<u>\$ 7,498,612</u>	<u>\$ 5,152,729</u>
Total US prepared chicken	\$ 2,336,862	\$ 557,163	\$ 2,379,711	\$ 2,646,860	\$ 2,492,430	\$ 1,940,121
Total US fresh chicken	\$ 3,325,944	\$ 773,615	\$ 3,666,469	\$ 4,410,024	\$ 3,815,145	\$ 2,142,834

(a) The Gold Kist acquisition on December 27, 2006 was accounted for as a purchase.

(b) Export items include certain chicken parts that have greater value in the overseas markets than in the US.

The following table sets forth, beginning with 2006, the percentage of net US chicken sales attributable to each of our primary product lines and the markets serviced with those products. We based the table and related discussion on our internal sales reports and their classification of product types and customers.

	<u>2010</u>		<u>Transition Period</u>		<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>		<u>2007<sup>(a)</sup></u>		<u>2006</u>	
Prepared chicken:												
Foodservice	32.1	%	31.6	%	30.1	%	28.8	%	30.1	%	38.2	%
Retail	7.8	%	8.6	%	7.8	%	7.3	%	8.1	%	7.5	%
Total prepared chicken	39.9	%	40.2	%	37.9	%	36.1	%	38.2	%	45.7	%
Fresh chicken:												
Foodservice	32.2	%	32.8	%	35.1	%	36	%	36	%	33.9	%
Retail	17.7	%	16.9	%	16.2	%	14.7	%	15.4	%	12.1	%
Total fresh chicken	49.9	%	49.7	%	51.3	%	50.7	%	51.4	%	46	%
Export and other:												
Export:												
Prepared chicken	1.3	%	1.6	%	1.4	%	1.3	%	1.3	%	1.6	%
Fresh chicken	8.6	%	8.3	%	9.1	%	11.6	%	8.8	%	6.3	%
Total export <sup>(b)</sup>	9.9	%	9.9	%	10.5	%	12.9	%	10.1	%	7.9	%
Other chicken by-products	0.3	%	0.2	%	0.3	%	0.3	%	0.3	%	0.4	%
Total export and other	10.2	%	10.1	%	10.8	%	13.2	%	10.4	%	8.3	%
Total US chicken	100	%	100	%	100	%	100	%	100	%	100	%
Total US prepared chicken as a percent of US chicken	41.2	%	41.8	%	39.3	%	37.4	%	39.5	%	47.3	%
Total US fresh chicken as a percent of US chicken	58.5	%	58.0	%	60.4	%	62.3	%	60.2	%	52.3	%

(a) The Gold Kist acquisition on December 27, 2006 was accounted for as a purchase.

(b) Export items include certain chicken parts that have greater value in the overseas markets than in the US.

## United States

### Product Types

**Fresh Chicken Overview.** Fresh chicken is an important component of our sales and accounted for \$2,835.0 million, or 49.9%, of our total US chicken sales in 2010 and \$1,885.0 million, or 46% in 2006. In addition to maintaining sales of mature, traditional fresh chicken products, our strategy has been to shift the mix of our US fresh chicken products by continuing to increase sales of faster-growing products, such as marinated whole chicken and chicken parts, and to continually shift portions of this product mix into the higher-value prepared chicken category.

Most fresh chicken products are sold to established customers, based upon certain weekly or monthly market prices reported by the USDA and other public price reporting services, plus a markup, which is dependent upon the customer's location, volume, product specifications and other factors. We believe our practices with respect to sales of fresh chicken are generally consistent with those of our competitors. The majority of these products are sold pursuant to agreements with varying terms that either set a fixed price for the products or set a price according to formulas based on an underlying commodity market, subject in many cases to minimum and maximum prices.

***Prepared Chicken Overview.*** In 2010, \$2,262.1 million, or 39.9%, of our US chicken sales were in prepared chicken products to foodservice customers and retail distributors, as compared to \$1,875.8 million, or 45.7%, in 2006. These numbers reflect the impact of our historical strategic focus for growth in the prepared chicken markets and our acquisition of Gold Kist, which had a greater focus on fresh chicken sales. The market for prepared chicken products has experienced, and we believe will continue to experience, greater growth and higher average sales prices than fresh chicken products. Also, the production and sale in the US of prepared chicken products reduce the impact of the costs of feed ingredients on our profitability. Feed ingredient costs are the single largest component of our US cost of sales, representing approximately 36.8% of our US cost of sales in 2010. The production of feed ingredients is positively or negatively affected primarily by the global level of supply inventories, demand for feed ingredients, the agricultural policies of the US and foreign governments and weather patterns throughout the world. As further processing is performed, feed ingredient costs become a decreasing percentage of a product's total production cost, thereby reducing their impact on our profitability. Products sold in this form enable us to charge a premium, reduce the impact of feed ingredient costs on our profitability and improve and stabilize our profit margins.

We establish prices for our prepared chicken products based primarily upon perceived value to the customer, production costs and prices of competing products. The majority of these products are sold pursuant to agreements with varying terms that either set a fixed price for the products or set a price according to formulas based on an underlying commodity market, subject in many cases to minimum and maximum prices. Many times, these prices are dependent upon the customer's location, volume, product specifications and other factors.

***Export and Other Chicken Products Overview.*** Our export and other products consist of whole chickens and chicken parts sold primarily in bulk, non-branded form, either refrigerated to distributors in the US or frozen for distribution to export markets, and branded and non-branded prepared chicken products for distribution to export markets. In 2010, approximately \$581.3 million, or 10.2%, of our total US chicken sales were attributable to US chicken export and other products, as compared to \$337.6 million, or 8.3%, in 2006. These exports and other products, other than the prepared chicken products, have historically been characterized by lower prices and greater price volatility than our more value-added product lines.

#### *Markets for Chicken Products*

***Foodservice.*** The foodservice market principally consists of chain restaurants, food processors, broad-line distributors and certain other institutions located throughout the continental US. We supply chicken products ranging from portion-controlled refrigerated chicken parts to fully-cooked and frozen, breaded or non-breaded chicken parts or formed products.

We believe the Company is positioned to be the primary or secondary supplier to national and international chain restaurants who require multiple suppliers of chicken products.

Additionally, we believe we are well suited to be the sole supplier for many regional chain restaurants. Regional chain restaurants often offer better margin opportunities and a growing base of business.

We believe we have operational strengths in terms of full-line product capabilities, high-volume production capacities, research and development expertise and extensive distribution and marketing experience relative to smaller and non-vertically integrated producers. Foodservice growth, outside of any temporary effects resulting from the current recessionary impacts being experienced in the US, is anticipated to continue. Due to internal growth and the impact of the Gold Kist acquisition, our sales to the foodservice market from 2006 through 2010 grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 5.1% and represented 64.3% of the net sales of our US chicken operations in 2010.

***Foodservice—Prepared Chicken.*** Our prepared chicken sales to the foodservice market were \$1,822.0 million in 2010 compared to \$1,567.3 million in 2006, a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 3.6%. In addition to the significant increase in sales created by the acquisition of Gold Kist, we attribute this growth in sales of prepared chicken to the foodservice market to a number of factors:

- We believe there has been significant growth in the number of foodservice operators offering chicken on their menus and in the number of chicken items offered.
- Foodservice operators are increasingly purchasing prepared chicken products, which allow them to reduce labor costs while providing greater product consistency, quality and variety across all restaurant locations.
- There is a strong need among larger foodservice companies for a limited-source supplier base in the prepared chicken market. A viable supplier must be able to ensure supply, demonstrate innovation and new product development and provide competitive pricing. We have been successful in our objective of becoming a supplier of choice by being the primary or secondary prepared chicken supplier to many large foodservice companies because:
  - We are vertically integrated, giving us control over our supply of chicken and chicken parts;
  - Our further processing facilities, with a wide range of capabilities, are particularly well suited to the high-volume production as well as low-volume custom production runs necessary to meet both the capacity and quality requirements of the foodservice market; and
  - We have established a reputation for dependable quality, highly responsive service and excellent technical support.

- As a result of the experience and reputation developed with larger customers, we have increasingly become the principal supplier to mid-sized foodservice organizations.
- Our in-house product development group follows a customer-driven research and development focus designed to develop new products to meet customers' changing needs. Our research and development personnel often work directly with institutional customers in developing products for these customers.
- We are a leader in utilizing advanced processing technology, which enables us to better meet our customers' needs for product innovation, consistent quality and cost efficiency.

***Foodservice—Fresh Chicken.*** We produce and market fresh, refrigerated chicken for sale to US quick-service restaurant chains, delicatessens and other customers. These chickens have the giblets removed, are usually of specific weight ranges and are usually pre-cut to customer specifications. They are often marinated to enhance value and product differentiation. By growing and processing to customers' specifications, we are able to assist quick-service restaurant chains in controlling costs and maintaining quality and size consistency of chicken pieces sold to the consumer. Our fresh chicken products sales to the foodservice market were \$1,829.0 million in 2010 compared to \$1,388.5 million in 2006, a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 6.7%.

***Retail.*** The retail market consists primarily of grocery store chains, wholesale clubs and other retail distributors. We concentrate our efforts in this market on sales of branded, prepackaged cut-up and whole chicken and chicken parts to grocery store chains and retail distributors. For a number of years, we have invested in both trade and retail marketing designed to establish high levels of brand name awareness and consumer preferences.

We utilize numerous marketing techniques, including advertising, to develop and strengthen trade and consumer awareness and increase brand loyalty for consumer products marketed under the Pilgrim's Pride® and Pilgrim's™ brands. We believe our efforts to achieve and maintain brand awareness and loyalty help to provide more secure distribution for our products. We also believe our efforts at brand awareness generate greater price premiums than would otherwise be the case in certain markets. We also maintain an active program to identify consumer preferences. The program primarily consists of discovering and validating new product ideas, packaging designs and methods through sophisticated qualitative and quantitative consumer research techniques in key geographic markets. After conducting a thorough evaluation that included a competitive review, consumer studies, Spherical® branding discipline analyses and new packaging development, we introduced a new brand, logo and package design to consumers in September 2010. At that time, we unveiled approximately 100 re-branded fresh chicken items in supermarkets and super centers across the US. We plan to continue our re-branding efforts in the first quarter of 2011 by unveiling over 40 re-branded frozen chicken items.

Due to internal growth and the impact of the Gold Kist acquisition, our sales to the retail market from 2006 through 2010 grew at a compounded annual growth rate of 14.8% and represented 25.5% of the net sales of our US chicken operations in 2010.

***Retail—Prepared Chicken.*** We sell retail-oriented prepared chicken products primarily to grocery store chains located throughout the US. Our prepared chicken products sales to the retail market were \$440.1 million in 2010 compared to \$308.5 million in 2006, a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 8.7%. We believe that our growth in this market segment will continue as retailers concentrate on satisfying consumer demand for more products that are quick, easy and convenient to prepare at home.

***Retail—Fresh Chicken.*** Our prepackaged retail products include various combinations of freshly refrigerated, whole chickens and chicken parts in trays, bags or other consumer packs labeled and priced ready for the retail grocer's fresh meat counter. Our retail fresh chicken products are sold in the central, southwestern, southeastern and western regions of the US. Our fresh chicken sales to the retail market were \$1,006.0 million in 2010 compared to \$496.6 million in 2006, a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 18.1% resulting primarily from our acquisition of Gold Kist in fiscal 2007. We believe the retail prepackaged fresh chicken business will continue to be a large and relatively stable market, providing opportunities for product differentiation and regional brand loyalty.

***Export and Other Chicken Products.*** Our export and other chicken products, with the exception of our exported prepared chicken products, consist of whole chickens and chicken parts sold primarily in bulk, non-branded form either refrigerated to distributors in the US or frozen for distribution to export markets. In the US, prices of these products are negotiated daily or weekly and are generally related to market prices quoted by the USDA or other public price reporting services. We sell US-produced chicken products for export to Eastern Europe (including Russia), the Far East (including China), Mexico and other world markets.

Historically, we have targeted international markets to generate additional demand for our dark chicken meat, which is a natural by-product of our US operations given our concentration on prepared chicken products and the US customers' general preference for white chicken meat. We have also begun selling prepared chicken products for export to the international divisions of our US chain restaurant customers. We believe that US chicken exports will continue to grow as worldwide demand increases for high-grade, low-cost meat protein sources.

#### *Markets for Other Products*

We have regional distribution centers located in Arizona, Texas and Utah that are primarily focused on distributing our own chicken products; however, the distribution centers also distribute certain poultry and non-poultry products purchased from third parties to independent grocers and quick-service restaurants. Our non-chicken distribution business is conducted as an accommodation to our customers and to achieve greater economies of scale in

distribution logistics. Chicken sales from our regional distribution centers are included in the chicken sales amounts contained in the above tables; however, all non-chicken sales amounts are contained in the Other Products sales in the above tables.

We market fresh eggs under private labels, in various sizes of cartons and flats to US retail grocery and institutional foodservice customers located primarily in Texas. We have a housing capacity for approximately 1.4 million commercial egg laying hens which can produce approximately 30 million dozen eggs annually and are currently operating at 100% of our housing capacity. US egg prices are determined weekly based upon reported market prices. The US egg industry has been consolidating over the last few years, with the 25 largest producers accounting for approximately 80% of the total number of egg laying hens in service during 2010. We compete with other US egg producers primarily on the basis of product quality, reliability, price and customer service.

Many of our US feed mills produce and sell some livestock feeds to local dairy farmers and livestock producers. We also have a small pork operation that we obtained through the Gold Kist acquisition that raises and sells live hogs to processors. Also included in this category are chicken by-products, which we convert into protein products and sell primarily to manufacturers of pet foods.

## **Mexico**

### *Background*

The Mexico market represented approximately 9.4% of our net sales in 2010. We are the second-largest producer and seller of chicken in Mexico. We believe that we are one of the lower-cost producers of chicken in Mexico.

### *Product Types*

While the market for chicken products in Mexico is less developed than in the US, with sales attributed to fewer, more basic products, we have been successful in differentiating our products through high-quality client service and product improvements. Additionally, we are an important player in the live market, which accounts for 30% of the chicken sales in Mexico.

### *Markets*

We sell our chicken products primarily to wholesalers, large restaurant chains, fast food accounts, supermarket chains and direct retail distribution in selected markets. Our largest presence is by far in the central states of the country where we have been able to gain market share. Our presence in Mexico reaches 74% of the population.

## *Foreign Operations Risks*

Our foreign operations pose special risks to our business and operations. A discussion of foreign operations risks is included in Item 1A. “Risk Factors.”

## **General**

### *Competitive Conditions*

The chicken industry is highly competitive and our largest US competitor has greater financial and marketing resources than we do. In addition, our liquidity constraints have had a negative effect on our competitive position, relative to our competitors that are less highly leveraged. See Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources.” In the US, Mexico and Puerto Rico, we compete principally with other vertically integrated poultry companies. We are one of the largest producers of chicken in the US, Mexico and Puerto Rico. The largest producer in the US is Tyson Foods, Inc. The largest producer in Mexico is Industrias Bachoco S.A.B. de C.V.

In general, the competitive factors in the US chicken industry include price, product quality, product development, brand identification, breadth of product line and customer service. Competitive factors vary by major market. In the US retail market, we believe that product quality, brand awareness, customer service and price are the primary bases of competition. In the foodservice market, competition is based on consistent quality, product development, service and price. There is some competition with non-vertically integrated further processors in the US prepared chicken business. We believe vertical integration generally provides significant, long-term cost and quality advantages over non-vertically integrated further processors.

In Mexico, where product differentiation has traditionally been limited, we believe product quality and price have been the most critical competitive factors. As a result of the January 2008 elimination of a tariff with regard to the import of chicken leg quarters into Mexico, greater amounts of chicken have been imported into Mexico from the US. Industry exports of ready-to-cook chicken into Mexico have increased to 816 million pounds, or 12.0% of all US ready-to-cook chicken exports, in calendar year 2009 from 522 million pounds, or 10.0% of all US ready-to-cook chicken exports, in calendar year 2005. These trends, should they continue to increase, could negatively affect the profitability of Mexican chicken producers located in the northern states of Mexico. While we believe the impact on producers, such as us, located in the central states of Mexico should be much less pronounced, we can provide no assurances that the elimination of this tariff or future changes in trade protection measures will not materially and adversely affect our Mexico operations.

We are not a significant competitor in the distribution business as it relates to products other than chicken. We distribute these products solely as a convenience to our chicken customers. The broad-line distributors do not consider us to be a factor in those markets. The

competition related to our other products such as table eggs, feed and protein are much more regionalized and no one competitor is dominant.

### *Restructuring Efforts*

Since February 2008, we made a series of significant operational changes to reduce costs and operate more efficiently, as well as realize substantial benefits through synergies following the JBS USA acquisition. Before emerging from bankruptcy, we focused on preserving cash and mitigating losses through tactical moves, including shift reductions and associated headcount reductions along with other lean manufacturing initiatives. We also reduced our production footprint and served to mitigate capacity utilization and efficiency issues created by previously enacted across-the-board production cuts. These changes included:

- Consolidating or eliminating second shifts at Live Oak, Florida, and Nacogdoches and Waco, Texas.
- Expanding focus on lean manufacturing to reduce waste and gain additional value from existing processes.
- Strengthening the management team by hiring senior-level industry veterans to oversee sales, marketing and business development. Jerry Wilson joined the Company in early March 2009 as executive vice president of sales and marketing. He was previously vice president of sales and marketing for Keystone Foods. Greg Tatum joined the Company in February 2009 as senior vice president of business development. He previously served as chief financial officer of Claxton Poultry and served in a business development role previously at Seaboard Corporation.
- Closing processing facilities or complexes in Athens, Alabama; Athens, Georgia; Dalton, Georgia; Douglas, Georgia (we reopened this facility and plan to have it at full capacity by fall 2011); El Dorado, Arkansas; Franconia, Pennsylvania; Clinton, Arkansas; Bossier City, Louisiana, and Siler City, North Carolina.
- Selling a closed processing complex in Farmerville, Louisiana.
- Selling closed distribution centers in Cincinnati, Ohio; Plant City, Florida; El Paso, Texas, and Pompano Beach, Florida.
- Closing distribution centers in Houston, Texas; Oskaloosa, Iowa; Jackson, Mississippi, and Nashville, Tennessee.
- Closing sales and administrative offices in Dallas, Texas, and Duluth, Georgia.
- Reducing or consolidating production at various other facilities throughout the US.

These changes generated total savings of approximately \$190.0 million per year.

As of December 26, 2010, the total exit or disposal activities undertaken by us have eliminated approximately 12,000 positions and resulted in net charges totaling \$84.2 million.

Since exiting from bankruptcy, we have focused on integrating our operations into the existing operations of JBS USA. We have made a series of changes to further this integration, including streamlining administrative functions and sales networks, consolidating distribution networks, optimizing freight and storage costs, capturing shared purchasing opportunities, consolidating treasury and risk management systems and implementing best practices throughout the business. We have also continued to streamline our operations and sell assets as part of our restructuring. Since our emergence from bankruptcy, we have eliminated 458 corporate and administrative positions across the organization as a result of our integration with JBS USA. As of December 26, 2010, the remaining total planned reduction in workforce of non-production positions under our integration is approximately 20 positions. The total annual synergy savings to date from these integration efforts are estimated to be approximately \$170.0 million across transportation, purchasing, logistics, insurance and legal.

Since 2008, we have recognized costs related to these restructuring and integration efforts totaling \$231.5 million.

In addition, we are continuing to realize other business improvements and efficiency gains from ongoing actions and more favorable product mix since exiting from bankruptcy. These ongoing improvements include reductions in selling, general and administrative expenses through administrative headcount reductions; supply chain and margin improvements; savings from contract rejections; and additional improvements. We also continue to review and evaluate various restructuring and other alternatives to streamline our operations, improve efficiencies and reduce costs. Such initiatives may include selling assets, consolidating operations and functions, employee relocation and voluntary and involuntary employee separation programs. Any such actions may require us to obtain the pre-approval of our lenders under our Exit Credit Facility. In addition, such actions will subject the Company to additional short-term costs, which may include asset impairment charges, lease commitment costs, employee retention and severance costs and other costs. Certain of these activities may have a disproportionate impact on our income relative to the cost savings.

We plan to increase production by a total of 10%, or 3.9 million birds per week, over the next two years. We reopened the idled processing plant in Douglas, Georgia, which we plan to have at full capacity by fall 2011. If market conditions are favorable, we plan to further expand production capacity at existing facilities and possibly reopen a second idled facility.

### *Key Customers*

Our two largest customers accounted for approximately 17.6% of our net sales in 2010, and our largest customer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., accounted for 11.3% of our net sales in 2010.

## *Regulation and Environmental Matters*

The chicken industry is subject to government regulation, particularly in the health and environmental areas, including provisions relating to the discharge of materials into the environment, by the Centers for Disease Control, the USDA, the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) and the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) in the US and by similar governmental agencies in Mexico. Our chicken processing facilities in the US are subject to on-site examination, inspection and regulation by the USDA. The FDA inspects the production of our feed mills in the US. Our Mexican food processing facilities and feed mills are subject to on-site examination, inspection and regulation by a Mexican governmental agency that performs functions similar to those performed by the USDA and FDA. We believe that we are in substantial compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the operations of our facilities.

Our operations are subject to extensive regulation by the EPA and other state and local authorities relating to handling and discharge of waste water, storm water, air emissions, treatment, storage and disposal of wastes, handling of hazardous substances and remediation of contaminated soil, surface water and groundwater. Our Mexican operations also are subject to extensive regulation by Mexican environmental authorities. The EPA and/or other US or Mexican state and local authorities may, from time to time, adopt revisions to environmental rules and regulations, and/or changes in the terms and conditions of our environmental permits, with which we must comply. Compliance with existing or new environmental requirements, including more stringent limitations imposed or expected in recently-renewed or soon-to be renewed environmental permits, will require capital expenditures and operating expenses which may be significant. In addition, a number of our facilities, that have been operating below capacity due to economic conditions or where upgrades have been delayed or deferred, will require capital expenditures before production can be restored to pre-bankruptcy levels in compliance with environmental requirements.

Some of our properties have been impacted by contamination from spills or other releases, and we have incurred costs to remediate such contamination. In addition, in the past we acquired businesses with operations such as pesticide and fertilizer production that involved greater use of hazardous materials and generation of more hazardous wastes than our current operations. While many of those operations have been sold or closed, some environmental laws impose strict and, in certain circumstances, joint and several liability for costs of investigation and remediation of contaminated sites on current and former owners and operators of the sites, and on persons who arranged for disposal of wastes at such sites. In addition, current owners or operators of such contaminated sites may seek to recover cleanup costs from us based on past operations or contractual indemnifications. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors” for risks associated with compliance with existing or changing environmental requirement.

We anticipate increased regulation by the USDA concerning food safety, by the FDA concerning the use of medications in feed and by the EPA and various other state agencies

concerning discharges to the environment. Although we do not anticipate any regulations having a material adverse effect upon us, a material adverse effect may occur.

### *Employees and Labor Relations*

As of December 26, 2010, we employed approximately 37,100 persons in the US and approximately 5,200 persons in Mexico. Approximately 29% of US employees and 57% of Mexico employees are members of collective bargaining units. We have not experienced any work stoppage at any location in over six years. We believe our relations with our employees are satisfactory. At any given time, we will be in some stage of contract negotiation with various collective bargaining units. The Company is currently in negotiation with union locals in four locations, and there is no assurance that agreement will be reached, or if reached, on terms that are favorable to the Company. In the absence of an agreement, there could be a strike or other labor action at any of these locations.

### *Financial Information about Foreign Operations*

Our foreign operations are in Mexico. Geographic financial information is set forth in Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation."

### *Available Information*

The Company's Internet website is <http://www.pilgrims.com>. The Company makes available, free of charge, through its Internet website, the Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, Directors and Officers Forms 3, 4 and 5, and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after electronically filing such materials with, or furnishing them to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The public may read and copy any materials that the Company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission at its Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 and may obtain information about the operation of the Public Information Room by calling the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330.

In addition, the Company makes available, through its Internet website, the Company's Business Code of Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines and the written charter of the Audit Committee, each of which is available in print to any stockholder who requests it by contacting the Secretary of the Company at 1770 Promontory Circle, Greeley, Colorado 80634-9038. Information contained on the Company's website is not included as part of, or incorporated by reference into, this report.

We included the certifications of the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal Financial Officer of the Company required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and related rules, relating to the quality of the Company's public disclosure, in this report on Form 10-K as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2.

## *Executive Officers*

Set forth below is certain information relating to our current executive officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Positions</u>
Wesley Mendonça Batista	40	Chairman of the Board
William W. Lovette	50	President and Chief Executive Officer
Gary D. Tucker	62	Principal Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer

*Wesley Mendonça Batista*, 40, currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation. Mr. Batista became President and Chief Executive Officer of JBS S.A. in February 2011. Mr. Batista previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of JBS USA for approximately four years. Mr. Batista also serves as Chairman of the Board of JBS USA and is the Vice President of JBS S.A.'s board of directors. Mr. Batista has served in various capacities at JBS S.A. since 1987. Mr. Batista is the brother of Joesley Mendonça Batista, Chairman of the Board of JBS S.A., and José Batista Júnior, a Director of the Company and a Director of JBS S.A., and is the son of José Batista Sobrinho, the founder of JBS S.A. and a member of its board of directors. Mr. Batista brings to our board significant senior leadership and industry experience. Mr. Batista has long been one of the most respected executives in Brazil's protein industry, and his reputation is now firmly established worldwide. Mr. Batista grew up in the protein industry, and it is his strategic insight and entrepreneurial spirit that has facilitated the growth of JBS through numerous acquisitions, expanding its reach across the globe. As Chairman of the Board, Mr. Batista has direct responsibility for Pilgrim's Pride's strategy and operations.

*William W. Lovette*, 50, joined Pilgrim's as President and Chief Executive Officer on January 3, 2011. He brings more than 28 years of industry leadership experience to Pilgrim's. He previously served two years as President and Chief Operating Officer of Case Foods, Inc. Before joining Case Foods, Inc., Mr. Lovette spent 25 years with Tyson Foods in various roles in senior management, including President of its International Business Unit, President of its Foodservice Business Unit and Senior Group Vice President of Poultry and Prepared Foods. Mr. Lovette earned a B.S. degree from Texas A&M University. In addition, he is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

*Gary D. Tucker*, 62, has served as the Principal Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer for Pilgrim's since December 2009. He also serves as the Company's Secretary. He joined the Company in June 2003 as Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller. He began his professional career with Arthur Andersen & Company where he worked for 12 years with a client base including several publicly traded companies. Mr. Tucker spent 10 years with IBP, Inc. in various roles in senior financial management, including Director, Financial Reporting and Taxes; Director, Budgeting and Financial Analysis; and Vice President, Controller for IBP subsidiary, Foodbrands America, and as Vice President, Finance and Administration for IBP subsidiary, Specialty Brands, Inc. Mr. Tucker earned a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Southern Mississippi and an MBA from Texas A&M University-Commerce. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

## **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

### **Forward Looking Statements**

Certain written and oral statements made by our Company and subsidiaries of our Company may constitute “forward-looking statements” as defined under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. This includes statements made herein, in our other filings with the SEC, in press releases, and in certain other oral and written presentations.

Statements of our intentions, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future, denoted by the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “plan,” “project,” “imply,” “intend,” “foresee” and similar expressions, are forward-looking statements that reflect our current views about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions include those described under “Risk Factors” below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Actual results could differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements as a result of these factors, among others, many of which are beyond our control.

In making these statements, we are not undertaking, and specifically decline to undertake, any obligation to address or update each or any factor in future filings or communications regarding our business or results, and we are not undertaking to address how any of these factors may have caused changes in information contained in previous filings or communications. The risks described below are not the only risks we face, and additional risks and uncertainties may also impair our business operations. The occurrence of any one or more of the following or other currently unknown factors could materially adversely affect our business and operating results.

### **Risk Factors**

The following risk factors should be read carefully in connection with evaluating our business and the forward-looking information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Any of the following risks could materially adversely affect our business, operations, industry or financial position or our future financial performance. While we believe we have identified and discussed below all risk factors affecting our business that we believe are material, there may be additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known or that are not currently believed to be significant that may adversely affect our business, operations, industry, financial position and financial performance in the future.

#### **Industry cyclical can affect our earnings, especially due to fluctuations in commodity prices of feed ingredients and chicken.**

Profitability in the chicken industry is materially affected by the commodity prices of feed ingredients and chicken, which are determined by supply and demand factors. As a result, the chicken industry is subject to cyclical earnings fluctuations.

The production of feed ingredients is positively or negatively affected primarily by the global level of supply inventories and demand for feed ingredients, the agricultural policies of the United States and foreign governments and weather patterns throughout the world. In particular, weather patterns often change agricultural conditions in an unpredictable manner. A significant change in weather patterns could affect supplies of feed ingredients, as well as both the industry's and our ability to obtain feed ingredients, grow chickens or deliver products.

The cost of corn and soybean meal, our primary feed ingredients, increased significantly from August 2006 to July 2008. Market prices for feed ingredients decreased throughout 2009 and the first six months of 2010, but rose significantly again in the third and fourth quarters of 2010. There can be no assurance that the price of corn or soybean meal will not continue to rise as a result of, among other things, increasing demand for these products around the world and alternative uses of these products, such as ethanol and biodiesel production.

High feed ingredient prices have had, and may continue to have, a material adverse effect on our operating results, which has resulted in, and may continue to result in, additional non-cash expenses due to impairment of the carrying amounts of certain of our assets. We periodically seek, to the extent available, to enter into advance purchase commitments or financial derivative contracts for the purchase of feed ingredients in an effort to manage our feed ingredient costs. The use of these instruments may not be successful.

**Outbreaks of livestock diseases in general and poultry diseases in particular, including avian influenza, can significantly affect our ability to conduct our operations and demand for our products.**

We take precautions designed to ensure that our flocks are healthy and that our processing plants and other facilities operate in a sanitary and environmentally-sound manner. However, events beyond our control, such as the outbreaks of disease, either in our own flocks or elsewhere, could significantly affect demand for our products or our ability to conduct our operations. Furthermore, an outbreak of disease could result in governmental restrictions on the import and export of our fresh chicken or other products to or from our suppliers, facilities or customers, or require us to destroy one or more of our flocks. This could also result in the cancellation of orders by our customers and create adverse publicity that may have a material adverse effect on our ability to market our products successfully and on our business, reputation and prospects.

During the first half of 2006, there was substantial publicity regarding a highly pathogenic strain of avian influenza, known as H5N1, which has been affecting Asia since 2002 and which has also been found in Europe and Africa. It is widely believed that H5N1 is being spread by migratory birds, such as ducks and geese. There have also been some cases where H5N1 is believed to have passed from birds to humans as humans came into contact with live birds that were infected with the disease.

Although highly pathogenic H5N1 has not been identified in North America, there have been outbreaks of low pathogenic strains of avian influenza in North America, and in Mexico outbreaks of both high and low-pathogenic strains of avian influenza are a fairly common occurrence. Historically, the outbreaks of low pathogenic avian influenza have not generated the same level of concern, or received the same level of publicity or been accompanied by the same reduction in demand for poultry products in certain countries as that associated with the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain. Accordingly, even if the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain does not spread to North or Central America, there can be no assurance that it will not materially adversely affect demand for North or Central American produced poultry internationally and/or domestically, and, if it were to spread to North or Central America, there can be no assurance that it would not significantly affect our ability to conduct our operations and/or demand for our products, in each case in a manner having a material adverse effect on our business, reputation and/or prospects.

**If our poultry products become contaminated, we may be subject to product liability claims and product recalls.**

Poultry products may be subject to contamination by disease-producing organisms, or pathogens, such as *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Salmonella* and generic *E.coli*. These pathogens are generally found in the environment, and, as a result, there is a risk that they, as a result of food processing, could be present in our processed poultry products. These pathogens can also be introduced as a result of improper handling at the further processing, foodservice or consumer level. These risks may be controlled, although not eliminated, by adherence to good manufacturing practices and finished product testing. We have little, if any, control over proper handling once the product has been shipped. Illness and death may result if the pathogens are not eliminated at the further processing, foodservice or consumer level. Even an inadvertent shipment of contaminated products is a violation of law and may lead to increased risk of exposure to product liability claims, product recalls and increased scrutiny by federal and state regulatory agencies and may have a material adverse effect on our business, reputation and prospects.

**Product liability claims or product recalls can adversely affect our business reputation, expose us to increased scrutiny by federal and state regulators and may not be fully covered by insurance.**

The packaging, marketing and distribution of food products entail an inherent risk of product liability and product recall and the resultant adverse publicity. We may be subject to significant liability if the consumption of any of our products causes injury, illness or death. We could be required to recall certain of our products in the event of contamination or damage to the products. In addition to the risks of product liability or product recall due to deficiencies caused by our production or processing operations, we may encounter the same risks if any third party tampers with our products. We cannot assure you that we will not be required to perform product recalls, or that product liability claims will not be asserted against us, in the future. Any claims that may be made may create adverse publicity that would have a material

adverse effect on our ability to market our products successfully or on our business, reputation, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

If our poultry products become contaminated, we may be subject to product liability claims and product recalls. There can be no assurance that any litigation or reputational injury associated with product recalls will not have a material adverse effect on our ability to market our products successfully or on our business, reputation, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

We currently maintain insurance with respect to certain of these risks, including product liability insurance, property insurance, workers compensation insurance, business interruption insurance and general liability insurance, but in many cases such insurance is expensive, difficult to obtain and no assurance can be given that such insurance can be maintained in the future on acceptable terms, or in sufficient amounts to protect us against losses due to any such events, or at all. Moreover, even though our insurance coverage may be designed to protect us from losses attributable to certain events, it may not adequately protect us from liability and expenses we incur in connection with such events. Additionally, in the past, two of our insurers encountered financial difficulties and were unable to fulfill their obligations under the insurance policies as anticipated and, separately, two of our other insurers contested coverage with respect to claims covered under policies purchased, forcing us to litigate the issue of coverage before we were able to collect under these policies.

**Competition in the chicken industry with other vertically integrated poultry companies may make us unable to compete successfully in these industries, which could adversely affect our business.**

The chicken industry is highly competitive. In both the United States and Mexico, we primarily compete with other vertically integrated chicken companies.

In general, the competitive factors in the US chicken industry include:

- Price;
- Product quality;
- Product development;
- Brand identification;
- Breadth of product line; and
- Customer service.

Competitive factors vary by major market. In the foodservice market, competition is based on consistent quality, product development, service and price. In the US retail market, we believe that competition is based on product quality, brand awareness, customer service and price. Further, there is some competition with non-vertically integrated further processors in the prepared chicken business. In addition, the bankruptcy proceedings and the associated risks and uncertainties may be used by competitors in an attempt to divert existing customers or may discourage future customers from purchasing products under long-term arrangements.

In Mexico, where product differentiation has traditionally been limited, we believe product quality and price have been the most critical competitive factors. As a result of the January 2008 elimination of a tariff with regard to the import of chicken leg quarters into Mexico, greater amounts of chicken have been imported into Mexico from the US. Industry exports of ready-to-cook chicken into Mexico have increased to 816 million pounds, or 12.0% of all US ready-to-cook chicken exports, in calendar year 2009 from 522 million pounds, or 10.0% of all US ready-to-cook chicken exports, in calendar year 2005. These trends, should they continue to increase, could negatively affect the profitability of Mexican chicken producers located in the northern states of Mexico. While we believe the impact on producers, such as us, located in the central states of Mexico should be much less pronounced, we can provide no assurances that the elimination of this tariff or future changes in trade protection measures will not materially and adversely affect our Mexico operations.

**The loss of one or more of our largest customers could adversely affect our business.**

Our two largest customers accounted for approximately 17.6% of our net sales in 2010, and our largest customer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., accounted for 11.3% of our net sales in 2010. Our business could suffer significant setbacks in revenues and operating income if we lost one or more of our largest customers, or if our customers' plans and/or markets should change significantly.

**Our foreign operations pose special risks to our business and operations.**

We have significant operations and assets located in Mexico and may participate in or acquire operations and assets in other foreign countries in the future. Foreign operations are subject to a number of special risks, including among others:

- Currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- Trade barriers;
- Exchange controls;
- Expropriation; and
- Changes in laws and policies, including tax laws and laws governing foreign-owned operations.

Currency exchange rate fluctuations have adversely affected us in the past. Exchange rate fluctuations or one or more other risks may have a material adverse effect on our business or operations in the future.

Our operations in Mexico are conducted through subsidiaries organized under the laws of Mexico. We may rely in part on intercompany loans and distributions from our subsidiaries to meet our obligations. Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries, including trade creditors, will generally have priority as to the assets of our subsidiaries over our claims. Additionally, the ability of our Mexican subsidiaries to make payments and distributions to us will be subject to, among other things, Mexican law. In the past, these laws have not had a material adverse effect on the ability of our Mexican subsidiaries to make these payments and distributions. However, laws such as these may have a material adverse effect on the ability of our Mexican subsidiaries to make these payments and distributions in the future.

**Disruptions in international markets and distribution channels could adversely affect our business.**

Historically, we have targeted international markets to generate additional demand for our products. In particular, given US customers' general preference for white meat, we have targeted international markets for the sale of dark chicken meat, specifically leg quarters, which are a natural by-product of our US operations' concentration on prepared chicken products. As part of this initiative, we have created a significant international distribution network into several markets in Mexico, Eastern Europe (including Russia), and the Far East (including China). Our success in these markets may be, and our success in recent periods has been, adversely affected by disruptions in chicken export markets. For example, China has imposed anti-dumping and countervailing duties on the US chicken producers. Until these duties are modified or eliminated, the duty rates can be expected to deter Chinese importers from purchases of US-origin chicken products, including our chicken products, and can be expected to diminish the volume of such purchases. In addition, Russia effectively banned US poultry imports shipped after January 1, 2010 because of a chlorine treatment procedure required by US Department of Agriculture regulations. While Russia did allow US poultry imports to resume and we began exporting products to Russia again in September 2010, there can be no assurances that new disruptions will not arise. For example, Russia has indicated that it will develop its own internal poultry production and has set an import quota of 350,000 metric tons of poultry for 2011. A significant risk is disruption due to import restrictions and tariffs, other trade protection measures, and import or export licensing requirements. In addition, disruptions may be caused by outbreaks of disease such as avian influenza, either in our flocks or elsewhere in the world, and resulting changes in consumer preferences. For example, the occurrence of avian influenza in Eastern Europe in October 2005 affected demand for poultry in Europe. On February 7, 2011, Mexico, the top foreign buyer of US chicken in calendar year 2010, announced that it would investigate US producers over dumping complaints lodged by Mexican chicken processors. Mexican chicken processors allege US producers sold chicken legs and thighs on the Mexican market below their cost of production in 2010. One or more of these or other disruptions in the international markets and distribution channels could adversely affect our business.

## **Regulation, present and future, is a constant factor affecting our business.**

Our operations will continue to be subject to federal, state and local governmental regulation, including in the health, safety and environmental areas. We anticipate increased regulation by various agencies concerning food safety, the use of medication in feed formulations and the disposal of chicken by-products and wastewater discharges.

Also, changes in laws or regulations or the application thereof may lead to government enforcement actions and the resulting litigation by private litigants. We are aware of an industry-wide investigation by the Wage and Hour Division of the US Department of Labor to ascertain compliance with various wage and hour issues, including the compensation of employees for the time spent on such activities such as donning and doffing work equipment. We have been named a defendant in a number of related suits brought by employees. Due, in part, to the government investigation and the recent US Supreme Court decision in *IBP, Inc. v. Alvarez*, it is possible that we may be subject to additional employee claims.

Further, in June 2010, the USDA, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, or GIPSA, proposed new regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act, or PSA, that would apply to all stages of a live poultry dealer's poultry grow-out, including the pullet, breeder and broiler stages. The new regulations, if adopted as proposed, would likely have a significant impact on the relationship between integrated poultry processors, like us, and their independent growers. Among other things, the proposed regulations would substantially limit our and our independent contract growers' freedom of contract, and affect the way we pay our independent contract growers. Many of the proposed new regulations are, in our view, unclear, vague and would likely require litigation to determine their scope and impact. Such litigation could be costly to our industry and us.

GIPSA has also proposed a regulation designed to overturn judicial precedent from several federal Circuit Courts of Appeal and eliminate the requirement that GIPSA or live poultry producers demonstrate competitive harm to prove violations of PSA sections that limit unfair, unjustly discriminatory or deceptive practices and undue or unreasonable preferences or advantages in live poultry purchasing practices. If adopted as proposed, the new regulations could lead to government enforcement actions and private litigation against integrated poultry producers that could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial and operating results.

In addition, unknown matters, new laws and regulations, or stricter interpretations of existing laws or regulations may also materially affect our business or operations in the future.

## **New immigration legislation or increased enforcement efforts in connection with existing immigration legislation could cause the costs of doing business to increase, cause us to change the way we conduct our business or otherwise disrupt our operations.**

Immigration reform continues to attract significant attention in the public arena and the US Congress. If new federal immigration legislation is enacted or if states in which we do

business enact immigration laws, such laws may contain provisions that could make it more difficult or costly for us to hire US citizens and/or legal immigrant workers. In such case, we may incur additional costs to run our business or may have to change the way we conduct our operations, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition. Also, despite our past and continuing efforts to hire only US citizens and/or persons legally authorized to work in the US, we may be unable to ensure that all of their employees are US citizens and/or persons legally authorized to work in the US. For example, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement has investigated identity theft within our workforce. With our cooperation, during 2008 US Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested approximately 300 employees believed to have engaged in identity theft at five of our facilities. No assurances can be given that further enforcement efforts by governmental authorities will not disrupt a portion of our workforce or operations at one or more facilities, thereby negatively impacting our business. Also, no assurance can be given that further enforcement efforts by governmental authorities will not result in the assessment of fines that could adversely affect our financial position, operating results or cash flows.

**Loss of essential employees could have a significant negative impact on our business.**

Our success is largely dependent on the skills, experience, and efforts of our management and other employees. The loss of the services of one or more members of our senior management or of numerous employees with essential skills could have a negative effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. If we are not able to retain or attract talented, committed individuals to fill vacant positions when needs arise, it may adversely affect our ability to achieve our business objectives.

**Our performance depends on favorable labor relations with our employees and our compliance with labor laws. Any deterioration of those relations or increase in labor costs due to our compliance with labor laws could adversely affect our business.**

As of December 26, 2010, we employed approximately 37,100 persons in the US and approximately 5,200 persons in Mexico. Approximately 29% of US employees and 57% of Mexico employees are members of collective bargaining units. We have not experienced any work stoppage at any location in over six years. We believe our relations with our employees are satisfactory. At any given time, we will be in some stage of contract negotiation with various collective bargaining units. The Company is currently in negotiation with union locals in four locations, and there is no assurance that agreement will be reached, or if reached, on terms that are favorable to the Company. In the absence of an agreement, we may become subject to a strike, a work stoppage or other labor action at any of these locations.

While we believe our relations with our employees are satisfactory, at any given time, we will be in some stage of contract negotiation with various collective bargaining units. We plan to negotiate new collective bargaining agreements covering approximately 5,200 employees in the US to replace existing collective bargaining agreements that expired in 2010 or will expire in 2011.

**Extreme weather or natural disasters could negatively impact our business.**

Extreme weather or natural disasters, including droughts, floods, excessive cold or heat, hurricanes or other storms, could impair the health or growth of our flocks, production or availability of feed ingredients, or interfere with our operations due to power outages, fuel shortages, damage to our production and processing facilities or disruption of transportation channels, among other things. Any of these factors could have an adverse effect on our financial results.

**We may face significant costs for compliance with existing or changing environmental requirements and for potential environmental obligations relating to current or discontinued operations.**

Compliance with existing or changing environmental requirements, including more stringent limitations imposed or expected in recently-renewed or soon-to be renewed environmental permits, will require capital expenditures for installation of new or upgraded pollution control equipment at some of our facilities. In addition, a number of our facilities, that have been operating below capacity due to economic conditions or where upgrades have been delayed or deferred, will require capital expenditures before production can be restored to pre-bankruptcy levels in compliance with environmental requirements.

In the past, we have acquired businesses with operations such as pesticide and fertilizer production that involved greater use of hazardous materials and generation of more hazardous wastes than our current operations. While many of those operations have been sold or closed, some environmental laws impose strict and, in certain circumstances, joint and several liability for costs of investigation and remediation of contaminated sites on current and former owners and operators of the sites, and on persons who arranged for disposal of wastes at such sites. In addition, current owners or operators of such contaminated sites may seek to recover cleanup costs from us based on past operations or contractual indemnifications.

New environmental requirements, stricter interpretations of existing environmental requirements, or obligations related to the investigation or clean-up of contaminated sites, may materially affect our business or operations in the future.

**JBS USA holds a majority of our common stock and has the ability to control the vote on most matters brought before the holders of our common stock.**

JBS USA holds a majority of the shares and voting power of our common stock and is entitled to appoint a majority of the members of our board of directors. As a result, JBS USA will, subject to restrictions on its voting power and actions in a stockholders agreement between us and JBS USA and our organization documents, have the ability to control our management, policies and financing decisions, elect a majority of the members of our board of directors at the annual meeting and control the vote on most matters coming before the holders of our common stock.

**We may not be able to fully achieve the anticipated synergy gains from the integration of our business with JBS USA.**

While we have been able to realize substantial benefits through synergies since the JBS USA acquisition, we may not be able to fully achieve all of the anticipated synergistic gains of the JBS USA acquisition within the time frames expected. The combined company's ability to fully realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition depends, to a large extent, on our ability to continue to integrate our business with JBS USA. The combination of two independent companies has been, and will continue to be a complex, costly and time-consuming process. As a result, the combined company has been, and will continue to be required to devote significant management attention and resources to integrating the business practices and operations of JBS USA and us. In addition, the on-going integration of the two companies could result in unanticipated problems, expenses, liabilities, competitive responses, loss of customer and supplier relationships, and diversion of management's attention. As a result, we cannot make any affirmative guarantees that the full benefits of the transaction, including the synergies, cost savings or sales or growth opportunities that we expect, will be fully realized within the anticipated time frame.

**Our operations are subject to general risks of litigation.**

We are involved in an on-going basis in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business or otherwise. Trends in litigation may include class actions involving consumers, shareholders, employees or injured persons, and claims relating to commercial, labor, employment, antitrust, securities or environmental matters. Litigation trends and the outcome of litigation cannot be predicted with certainty and adverse litigation trends and outcomes could adversely affect our financial results.

**We depend on contract growers and independent producers to supply us with livestock.**

We contract primarily with independent contract growers to raise the live chickens processed in our poultry operations. If we do not attract and maintain contracts with growers or maintain marketing and purchasing relationships with independent producers, our production operations could be negatively affected.

**A material acquisition, joint venture or other significant initiative could affect our operations and financial condition.**

We periodically evaluate potential acquisitions, joint ventures and other initiatives, and we may seek to expand our business through the acquisition of companies, processing plants, technologies, products and services. These potential transactions may involve a number of risks, including:

- Failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction;
- Difficulty integrating acquired businesses, technologies, operations and personnel with our existing business;

- Diversion of management attention in connection with negotiating transactions and integrating the businesses acquired;
- Exposure to unforeseen or undisclosed liabilities of acquired companies; and
- The need to obtain additional debt or equity financing for any transaction.

We may not be able to address these risks and successfully develop these acquired companies or businesses into profitable units. If we are unable to do this, such expansion could adversely affect our financial results.

**Changes in consumer preference could negatively impact our business.**

The food industry in general is subject to changing consumer trends, demands and preferences. Trends within the food industry change often, and failure to identify and react to changes in these trends could lead to, among other things, reduced demand and price reductions for our products, and could have an adverse effect on our financial results.

**The consolidation of customers could negatively impact our business.**

Our customers, such as supermarkets, warehouse clubs and food distributors, have consolidated in recent years, and consolidation is expected to continue throughout the US and in other major markets. These consolidations have produced large, sophisticated customers with increased buying power who are more capable of operating with reduced inventories, opposing price increases, and demanding lower pricing, increased promotional programs and specifically tailored products. These customers also may use shelf space currently used for our products for their own private label products. Because of these trends, our volume growth could slow or we may need to lower prices or increase promotional spending for our products, any of which would adversely affect our financial results.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.

**Item 2. Properties**

*Operating Facilities*

We operate 26 poultry processing plants located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. We have one chicken processing plant in Puerto Rico and three chicken processing plants in Mexico.

The US chicken processing plants have the weekly capacity to process 34.7 million broilers and operated at 92.9% of capacity in 2010. Our Mexico facilities have the capacity to process 3.2 million broilers per week and operated at 77.9% of capacity in 2010. Our Puerto Rico processing plant has the capacity to process 0.3 million birds per week and operated at 105.7% of capacity in 2010 based on one eight-hour shift per day.

In the US, the processing plants are supported by 33 hatcheries, 27 feed mills and eight rendering facilities. The hatcheries, feed mills and rendering plants operated at 87.4%, 76.6% and 61.2% of capacity, respectively, in 2010. In Puerto Rico, the processing plant is supported by one hatchery, one feed mill and one rendering facility which operated at 85.1%, 78.6% and 74.0% of capacity, respectively, in 2010. In Mexico, the processing plants are supported by six hatcheries, four feed mills and two rendering facilities. The Mexico hatcheries, feed mills and rendering facilities operated at 95.8%, 80.7% and 59.9% of capacity, respectively, in 2010.

We also operate 12 prepared chicken plants. These plants are located in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia. These plants have the capacity to produce approximately 1,211.2 million pounds of further processed product per year and in 2010 operated at approximately 91.5% of capacity.

#### *Other Facilities and Information*

We own a partially automated distribution freezer located outside of Pittsburg, Texas, which includes 125,000 square feet of storage area. We operate a commercial egg operation in Pittsburg, Texas and a pork grow-out operation in Jefferson, Georgia. We own administrative office buildings in Pittsburg, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia; an office building in Mexico City, which houses our Mexican marketing offices; and an office building in Broadway, Virginia, which houses additional sales and marketing, research and development, and support activities. We lease an office building in Querétaro, Mexico, which houses our Mexican administrative functions, and a building in Richardson, Texas, which houses our computer data center. Our corporate offices share a building with JBS USA in Greeley, Colorado.

We have five regional distribution centers located in Arizona, Texas, and Utah, two of which we own and three of which we lease.

Most of our domestic property, plant and equipment are pledged as collateral on our long-term debt and credit facilities. See Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation.”

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

#### *Grower Claims and Proceedings*

*Ricky Arnold et al. v. Pilgrim’s Pride Corp., et al.* On September 10, 2008, a lawsuit styled “Ricky Arnold, et al. v. Pilgrim’s Pride Corp., et al.” was filed against our Company and two of its representatives. In this lawsuit, filed in the Circuit Court of Van Buren County,

Arkansas, nearly 100 contract poultry growers and their spouses assert claims of fraud and deceit, constructive fraud, fraud in the inducement, promissory estoppel, and violations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Contract Protection Act relating to the idling of our Clinton, Arkansas processing plant. The total amount of damages sought by the contract poultry growers is unliquidated and unknown at this time. We filed a Notice of Suggestion of Bankruptcy. The Court has not issued an order in response to it. The plaintiffs filed proofs of claim in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”), and we filed objections to the proofs of claim. The plaintiffs in the Arnold case, and a number of other growers from the Clinton, Arkansas facility filed proofs of claim in the bankruptcy case. We anticipate that the Arnold case will be resolved as a part of the claim resolution process in the Bankruptcy Court. We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us.

*Sheila Adams, et al. v. Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation.* On June 1, 2009, approximately 555 former and current independent contract broiler growers, their spouses and poultry farms filed an adversary proceeding against us in the Bankruptcy Court styled “Sheila Adams, et al. v. Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation.” In the adversary proceeding, the plaintiffs assert claims against us for: (i) violations of Sections 202(a), (b) and (e), 7 US C. § 192 of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 (the “PSA”); (ii) intentional infliction of emotional distress; (iii) violations of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (“DTPA”); (iv) promissory estoppel; (v) simple fraud; and (vi) fraud by non-disclosure. The plaintiffs also filed a motion to withdraw the reference of the adversary proceeding from the Bankruptcy Court to the Marshall Court. The motion was filed with the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas—Fort Worth Division (the “Fort Worth Court”). The Bankruptcy Court recommended the reference be withdrawn, but that the Fort Worth Court retain venue over the action to ensure against forum shopping. The Fort Worth Court granted the motion to withdraw the reference and consolidated this action with the City of Clinton proceeding described below. We filed a motion to dismiss the plaintiffs’ claims. The Fort Worth Court granted in part and denied in part our motion, dismissing the following claims and ordering the plaintiffs to file a motion to amend their lawsuit and re-plead their claims with further specificity or the claims would be dismissed with prejudice: (i) intentional infliction of emotional distress; (ii) promissory estoppel; (iii) simple fraud and fraudulent nondisclosure; and (iv) DTPA claims with respect to growers from Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. The plaintiffs filed a motion for leave to amend on October 7, 2009. Plaintiffs’ motion for leave was granted and the plaintiffs filed their Amended Complaint on December 7, 2009. Subsequent to the Fort Worth Court granting in part and denying in part our motion to dismiss, the plaintiffs filed a motion to transfer venue of the proceeding from the Fort Worth Court to the Marshall Court. We filed a response to the motion, but the motion to transfer was granted on December 17, 2009. On December 29, 2009, we filed our answer to plaintiffs’ Amended Complaint with the Marshall Court. Recently, the Marshall Court established litigation deadlines. Bench trials are scheduled to begin June 14, 2011. The parties are currently engaged in discovery. We intend to defend vigorously against the merits of the plaintiffs’ claims. We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us.

*City of Clinton, Arkansas.* On June 1, 2009, the City of Clinton, Arkansas filed an adversary proceeding against us in the Bankruptcy Court. In the proceeding, the City of Clinton alleged that our Company is liable for alleged violations of the PSA, for engaging in fraud and fraudulent nondisclosure, and under the promissory estoppel doctrine relating to the Company's idling of its Clinton poultry processing plant. The City of Clinton alleged that it suffered \$28.6 million in damages relating to its construction of a wastewater facility to purify water discharged from our processing facility based on alleged representations made by our representatives. The City of Clinton also sought to recover unspecified exemplary damages, attorneys' fees, pre- and post-judgment interest, and costs of court. The Fort Worth Court granted our motion to dismiss and ordered the City of Clinton to file a motion to amend its lawsuit and re-plead its claims with further specificity or the claims would be dismissed with prejudice. The City of Clinton filed a motion for leave to amend on September 30, 2009. We opposed the motion and on December 2, 2009, the Fort Worth Court ruled that the City of Clinton could not replead its claims and dismissed the claims with prejudice. On December 31, 2009, the City of Clinton filed its Notice of Appeal seeking to challenge the Fort Worth Court's ruling. Oral argument before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals occurred on November 3, 2010. On January 18, 2011, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the Fort Worth Court's judgment in favor of the Company.

#### *Grower Proofs of Claim*

Approximately 161 former independent contract broiler growers, their spouses and poultry farms filed proofs of claim against us relating to the idling of the Company's El Dorado, Arkansas; Douglas, Georgia; Siler City and Sanford, North Carolina; and Athens, Alabama processing facilities. Eight of the growers also filed administrative claims against us. The growers' claims include: (i) fraud; (ii) fraudulent inducement; (iii) violations of the Packers & Stockyards Act; (iv) breach of fiduciary duty; (v) promissory estoppel; (vi) equitable estoppel; (vii) restitution; and (viii) deceptive trade practices. The claims relate to the growers' allegations that they were required to spend significant amounts improving their poultry farms in order to continue their contractual relationship with our Company and predecessor companies. On December 17, 2009, we filed objections to the proofs of claim and administrative claims. The parties have engaged in discovery. Since discovery commenced, we announced that we are reopening the Douglas, Georgia complex. Consequently, we circulated new poultry grower contracts with releases to those growers that own and/or operate poultry farms within or near Douglas, Georgia. Because numerous growers signed the poultry grower agreement that contained the release of their claims, approximately 133 of the 161 growers in this consolidated claims administration proceeding withdrew their proofs of claim and motions for administrative expense claims. There are currently approximately 48 growers in this proceeding. We intend to defend vigorously against the merits of the growers' claims. We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us.

Numerous former independent contract growers located in our Clinton, Arkansas complex filed proofs of claim against us relating to the Arnold litigation referenced above. The claims include: (i) fraud and deceit; (ii) constructive fraud; (iii) fraud in the inducement;

(iv) promissory estoppel; (v) a request for declaratory relief; and (vi) violations of the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Contract Protection Act, and relate to the growers' allegations that they were required to spend significant amounts improving their poultry farms in order to continue their contractual relationship with our Company and predecessor companies prior to us idling our Clinton processing facility. Most of the growers in this consolidated claims administration proceeding were named plaintiffs in the case styled, "Ricky Arnold, et al. v. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, et al." discussed above. On November 30, 2009, we filed objections to the proofs of claim. On August 2, 2010, we filed numerous motions for summary judgment requesting the Bankruptcy Court to dismiss each grower's causes of action against our Company. In response to the dispositive motions, the growers conceded that their numerous fraud and statutory claims lacked merit; consequently, the parties recently submitted agreed orders dismissing these claims with prejudice. The sole remaining cause of action alleged by the growers against us is promissory estoppel. The hearing on our motions for summary judgment with respect to the promissory estoppel claims occurred on October 19, 2010. On December 15, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court granted the Company's summary judgment motion on 106 of the 107 growers' promissory estoppel claims. With regard to the sole remaining grower, the Company intends to defend vigorously against the merits of the grower's claims. We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us.

### *Securities Litigation*

On October 29, 2008, Ronald Acaldo filed suit in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division, against us and individual defendants Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, J. Clinton Rivers, Richard A. Cogdill and Clifford E. Butler. The Complaint alleged that our Company and the individual defendants violated sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, by allegedly failing to disclose that "(i) the Company's hedges to protect it from adverse changes in costs were not working and in fact were harming the Company's results more than helping; (ii) the Company's inability to continue to use illegal workers would adversely affect its margins; (iii) the Company's financial results were continuing to deteriorate rather than improve, such that the Company's capital structure was threatened; (iv) the Company was in a much worse position than its competitors due to its inability to raise prices for consumers sufficient to offset cost increases, whereas its competitors were able to raise prices to offset higher costs affecting the industry; and (v) the Company had not made sufficient changes to its business to succeed in the more difficult industry conditions." Mr. Acaldo further alleged that he purports to represent a class of all persons or entities who acquired the common stock of our Company from May 5, 2008 through September 24, 2008. The Complaint sought unspecified injunctive relief and an unspecified amount of damages.

On November 21, 2008, defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss and Brief in Support Thereof, asserting that plaintiff failed to identify any misleading statements, failed to adequately plead scienter against any defendants, failed to adequately plead loss causation,

failed to adequately plead controlling person liability and, as to the omissions that plaintiff alleged defendants did not make, defendants alleged that the omissions were, in fact, disclosed.

On November 13, 2008, Chad Howes filed suit in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division, against us and individual defendants Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, J. Clinton Rivers, Richard A. Cogdill and Clifford E. Butler. The allegations in the Howes Complaint are identical to those in the Acaldo Complaint, as are the class allegations and relief sought. The defendants were never served with the Howes Complaint.

On May 14, 2009, the Court consolidated the Acaldo and Howes cases and renamed the style of the case, “In re: Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation Securities Litigation.” On May 21, 2009, the Court granted the Pennsylvania Public Fund Group’s Motion for Appointment of Lead Plaintiff. Thereafter, on June 26, 2009, the lead plaintiff filed a Consolidated (and amended) Complaint. The Consolidated Complaint dismissed the Company and Clifford E. Butler as Defendants. In addition, the Consolidated Complaint added the following directors as Defendants: Charles L. Black, Key Coker, Blake D. Lovette, Vance C. Miller, James G. Vetter, Jr., Donald L. Wass, Linda Chavez, and Keith W. Hughes. The Consolidated Complaint alleges four causes of action: violations of Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder solely against Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, Clint Rivers, and Richard A. Cogdill (referred as the “Officer Defendants”). Those claims assert that, during the Class Period of May 5, 2008 through October 28, 2008, the defendants, through various financial statements, press releases and conference calls, made material misstatements of fact and/or omitted to disclose material facts by purportedly failing to completely impair the goodwill associated with the Gold Kist acquisition. The Consolidated Complaint also asserts claims under Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 against all defendants, asserting that, statements made in a registration statement in connection with the May 14, 2008 secondary offering of our common stock were materially false and misleading for their failure to completely impair the goodwill associated with the Gold Kist acquisition. Finally, the Consolidated Complaint asserts a violation of Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 against the Officer Defendants only, claiming that the Officer Defendants were controlling persons of the Company and the other defendants in connection with the Section 11 violation. By the Consolidated Complaint, the lead plaintiff seeks certification of the Class, undisclosed damages, and costs and attorneys’ fees.

On July 27, 2009, defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the Consolidated Complaint for its failure to adequately plead, as to the Sections 10(b) and 20(a) claims, scienter and loss causation and, as to the Sections 11 and 15 claims, for its failure to adequately plead misrepresentations and omissions. Defendants requested that the Consolidated Complaint be dismissed with prejudice. The plaintiffs filed an Opposition to the Motion to Dismiss on August 27, 2009. Defendants filed a Reply Brief on September 10, 2009 and plaintiffs filed a Sur-Reply on September 24, 2009. The Court has not yet ruled on the Motion to Dismiss.

On August 17, 2010, the Court issued its Memorandum Opinion and Order on the motion to dismiss, granting in part and denying in part, the defendants' motion. The Court dismissed without prejudice the plaintiffs' claims alleging securities fraud under Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 and for controlling person liability under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The Court denied defendants' motion to dismiss with respect to the plaintiffs' claim for negligent misrepresentation under Section 11 of the Securities Act and for controlling person liability under Section 15 of the Securities Act. The plaintiffs were granted leave to amend their complaint but elected not to do so. The defendants filed their Original Answer to the Complaint on November 15, 2010.

No discovery has commenced in the consolidated case, and the case has not been set for trial. We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us by virtue of the consolidated case. We understand that the Officer Defendants intend to defend vigorously against the merits of the action and any attempts by the lead plaintiff to certify a class action.

### *ERISA Claims and Proceedings*

On December 17, 2008, Kenneth Patterson filed suit in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division, against Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Clifford E. Butler, J. Clinton Rivers, Richard A. Cogdill, Renee N. DeBar, our Compensation Committee and other unnamed defendants (the "Patterson action"). On January 2, 2009, a nearly identical suit was filed by Denise M. Smalls in the same court against the same defendants (the "Smalls action"). The complaints in both actions, brought pursuant to section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 US C. § 1132, alleged that the individual defendants breached fiduciary duties to participants and beneficiaries of the Pilgrim's Pride Stock Investment Plan (the "Stock Plan"), as administered through the Pilgrim's Pride Retirement Savings Plan (the "RSP"), and the To-Ricos, Inc. Employee Savings and Retirement Plan (the "To-Ricos Plan") (collectively, the "Plans"). The allegations in the complaints were similar to the allegations made in the Acaldo securities case discussed above. Patterson and Smalls further alleged that they purported to represent a class of all persons or entities who were participants in or beneficiaries of the Plans at any time between May 5, 2008 through the present and whose accounts held our common stock or units in our common stock. Both complaints sought actual damages in the amount of any losses the Plans suffered, to be allocated among the participants' individual accounts as benefits due in proportion to the accounts' diminution in value, attorneys' fees, an order for equitable restitution and the imposition of constructive trust, and a declaration that each of the defendants have breached their fiduciary duties to the Plans' participants.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Patterson complaint on April 16, 2009. Mr. Patterson filed a response brief in opposition to the motion on May 15, 2009 and the defendants filed a reply in support of their motion on June 1, 2009. On July 9, 2009, the defendants filed a motion seeking to dismiss the Smalls complaint.

The Court did not rule on either motion to dismiss. Instead, on July 20, 2009, the Court entered an order consolidating the Smalls and Patterson actions. On August 12, 2009, the Court ordered that the consolidated case will proceed under the caption “In re Pilgrim’s Pride Stock Investment Plan ERISA Litigation, No. 2:08-cv-472-TJW.”

Patterson and Smalls filed a consolidated amended complaint (“Amended Complaint”) on March 2, 2010. The Amended Complaint names as defendants the Pilgrim’s Pride Board of Directors, Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Charles L. Black, Linda Chavez, S. Key Coker, Keith W. Hughes, Blake D. Lovette, Vance C. Miller, James G. Vetter, Jr., Donald L. Wass, J. Clinton Rivers, Richard A. Cogdill, the Pilgrim’s Pride Pension Committee, Robert A. Wright, Jane Brookshire, Renee N. DeBar, the Pilgrim’s Pride Administrative Committee, Gerry Evenwel, Stacey Evans, Evelyn Boyden, and “John Does 1-10.” The Amended Complaint purports to assert claims on behalf of persons who were participants in or beneficiaries of the RSP or the To-Ricos Plan at any time between January 29, 2008 through December 1, 2008 (“the alleged class period”), and whose accounts included investments in the Company’s common stock.

Like the original Patterson and Smalls complaints, the allegations in the Amended Complaint are similar to those made in the Acaldo securities case. The Amended Complaint alleges that the defendants breached ERISA fiduciary duties to participants and beneficiaries of the RSP and To-Ricos Plan by permitting both Plans to continue investing in the Company’s common stock during the alleged class period. The Amended Complaint also alleges that certain defendants were “appointing” fiduciaries who failed to monitor the performance of the defendant-fiduciaries they appointed. Further, the Amended Complaint alleges that all defendants are liable as co-fiduciaries for one another’s alleged breaches. Plaintiffs seek actual damages in the amount of any losses the RSP and To-Ricos Plan suffered, to be allocated among the participants’ individual accounts as benefits due in proportion to the accounts’ alleged diminution in value, costs and attorneys’ fees, an order for equitable restitution and the imposition of constructive trust, and a declaration that each of the defendants have breached their ERISA fiduciary duties to the RSP and To-Ricos Plan’s participants.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Amended Complaint on May 3, 2010. The plaintiffs responded to that motion on July 2, 2010, dropping plaintiff Smalls from the case and adding an additional plaintiff, Stanley Sylvestros. The defendants filed their reply in support of their motion to dismiss on August 2, 2010. The court has not yet ruled on the motion.

### *Tax Claims and Proceedings*

The United States Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has filed an amended proof of claim in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”) pursuant to which the IRS asserts claims that total \$74.7 million. We have filed in the Bankruptcy Court (i) an objection to the IRS’ amended proof of claim, and (ii) a motion requesting the Bankruptcy Court to determine our US

federal tax liability pursuant to Sections 105 and 505 of the Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). The objection and motion assert that the Company has no liability for the additional US federal taxes that have been asserted for pre-petition periods by the IRS. The IRS has responded in opposition to our objection and motion. On July 8, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court granted our unopposed motion requesting that the Bankruptcy Court abstain from determining our federal tax liability. As a result, we intend to work with the IRS through the normal processes and procedures that are available to all taxpayers outside of bankruptcy (including the United States Tax Court (“Tax Court”) proceedings discussed below) to resolve the IRS’ amended proof of claim.

In connection with the amended proof of claim, on May 26, 2010, we filed a petition in Tax Court in response to a Notice of Deficiency that was issued to the Company as the successor in interest to Gold Kist. The Notice of Deficiency and the Tax Court proceeding relate to a loss that Gold Kist claimed for its tax year ended June 26, 2004. The matter is currently in the early stages of litigation.

On August 10, 2010, we filed two petitions in Tax Court. The first petition relates to three Notices of Deficiency that were issued to us with respect to our 2003, 2005 and 2007 tax years. The second petition relates to a Notice of Deficiency that was issued to us with respect to Gold Kist’s tax year ended June 30, 2005, and its short tax year ended September 30, 2005. Both cases are currently in the early stages of litigation.

We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us related to the above Tax Court cases.

The Notices of Deficiency and the Tax Court proceedings discussed above cover the same tax years and the same amounts that were asserted by the IRS in its \$74.7 million amended proof of claim that was filed in the Bankruptcy Court.

#### *Other Claims and Proceedings*

We are subject to various other legal proceedings and claims, which arise in the ordinary course of our business. In the opinion of management, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to these actions will not materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## PART II

### Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

#### *Market Information*

Effective December 1, 2008, the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") delisted our common stock as a result of the Company's filing of its Chapter 11 petition. Our common stock was then quoted on the Pink Sheets Electronic Quotation Service under the ticker symbol "PGPDQ.PK." The Company applied with the NYSE to list its common stock upon its exit from bankruptcy under its prior ticker symbol "PPC." Effective December 29, 2009, the NYSE listed our common stock and it is now quoted under our ticker symbol "PPC."

High and low prices of the Company's common stock for 2010 and 2009 are as follows:

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>2010 Prices</u>		<u>2009 Prices</u>	
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First	\$ 11.53	\$ 7.63	\$ 4.98	\$ 0.14
Second	\$ 13.05	\$ 6.38	\$ 2.99	\$ 0.46
Third	\$ 7.70	\$ 5.73	\$ 6.70	\$ 1.40
Fourth	\$ 8.10	\$ 5.35	\$ 7.90	\$ 3.67
Transition Period			\$ 8.45	\$ 5.31

#### *Holder*

The Company estimates there were approximately 21,400 holders (including individual participants in security position listings) of the Company's common stock as of February 10, 2011.

#### *Mandatory Exchange Transaction*

The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Restated Certificate of Incorporation") provides that, if JBS USA completes an initial public offering of common stock of JBS USA (the "JBS USA Common Stock") and the offered shares are listed on a national securities exchange, then, at any time during an exchange window (as set forth therein) falling within the period commencing on the date of the closing of the offering and ending on January 27, 2012, JBS USA will have the right to deliver written notice of the mandatory exchange of the common stock of the Company (the "Mandatory Exchange Transaction") to the Company. Upon delivery to the Company of notice of the Mandatory Exchange Transaction each share of common stock of the Company held by stockholders other than JBS USA (the "Exchanged Holders") will automatically, without any further action on behalf of the Company or any of the Exchanged Holders, be transferred to JBS USA in exchange for a number of duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of JBS USA Common Stock equal to the exchange offer ratio set forth therein.

## Dividends

The Company did not pay dividends in 2010 or 2009. On December 28, 2009, the Company and JBS USA entered into a stockholders agreement. The stockholders agreement, among other things, prohibits the Company from declaring dividends other than on a pro rata basis until the completion of the Mandatory Exchange Transaction. Our Exit Credit Facility also prohibits us from paying dividends on our common stock. Further, the indenture governing our 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes restricts, but does not prohibit, the Company from declaring dividends.

## Issuer Purchases of Equity Security in 2010

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (a)	Average Price Paid per Share (b)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (c)	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (d)
September 27, 2010 to October 24, 2010	-	-	-	-
October 25, 2010 to November 28, 2010	7,000,000 <sup>(i)</sup>	5.96 <sup>(i)</sup>	-	-
November 29, 2010 to December 26, 2010	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,000,000</b>	<b>5.96</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

(i) The Company did not repurchase any of its equity securities in 2010. However, on November 5, 2010, JBS USA acquired 7,000,000 shares of common stock of the Company from Pilgrim Interests, Ltd., an entity related to Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, a member of the Company’s Board of Directors, in exchange for \$41,720,000 in cash. The purchase was effected pursuant to a letter agreement dated as of November 5, 2010, among JBS USA, Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim.

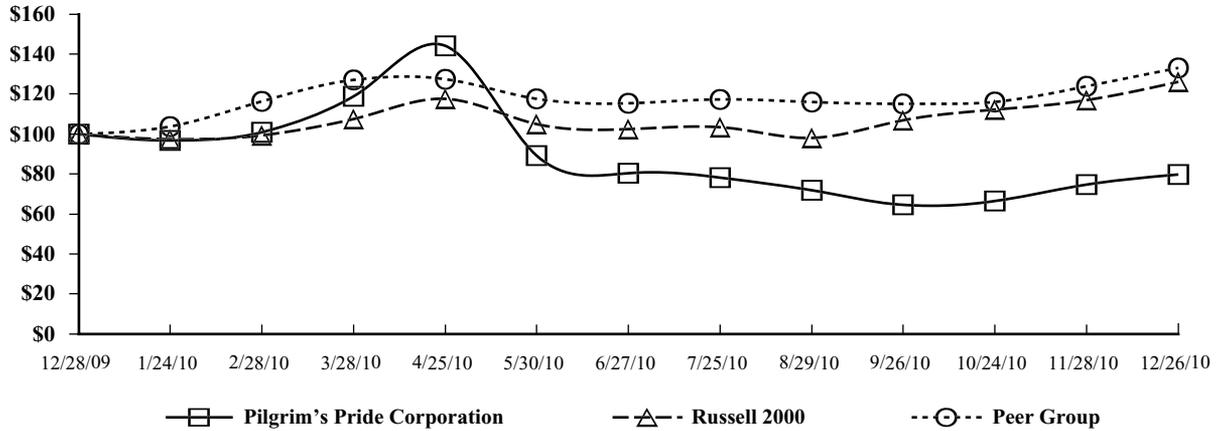
## Total Return on Registrant’s Common Equity

The following graph compares the performance of the Company with that of the Russell 2000 composite index and a peer group of companies for the period from December 28, 2009 to December 26, 2010, with the investment weighted on market capitalization. Data for periods prior to December 28, 2009 is not shown because we were in bankruptcy prior to that date and financial results before and after December 28, 2009 are not comparable. The total cumulative return on investment (change in the year-end stock price plus reinvested dividends) for each of the periods for the Company, the Russell 2000 composite index and the peer group is based on the stock price or composite index at the beginning of the applicable period. Companies in the peer group index include Cagle’s, Inc., Sanderson Farms Inc., Hormel Foods Corp., Smithfield Foods Inc. and Tyson Foods Inc.

The graph covers the period from December 28, 2009 to December 26, 2010, and reflects the performance of the Company's single class of common stock. The stock price performance represented by this graph is not necessarily indicative of future stock performance.

**COMPARISON OF 1 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\***

Among Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, the Russell 2000 Index  
and a Peer Group



\*\$100 invested on 12/28/09 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends.

	<u>12/28/09</u>	<u>1/24/10</u>	<u>2/28/10</u>	<u>3/28/10</u>	<u>4/25/10</u>	<u>5/30/10</u>	<u>6/27/10</u>	<u>7/25/10</u>	<u>8/29/10</u>	<u>9/26/10</u>	<u>10/24/10</u>	<u>11/28/10</u>	<u>12/26/10</u>
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	\$ 100.00	\$ 96.75	\$101.01	\$118.81	\$144.01	\$ 89.36	\$ 80.52	\$ 78.28	\$ 71.89	\$ 64.50	\$ 66.41	\$ 74.69	\$ 79.73
Russell 2000	100.00	97.50	99.43	107.52	117.59	104.99	102.45	103.44	98.17	106.91	112.18	116.98	126.08
Peer Group	100.00	103.88	116.36	127.06	127.53	117.64	115.30	117.45	115.93	115.23	116.19	123.84	133.18

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

(In thousands, except ratios and per share data)

	2010 <sup>(a)</sup>	13 weeks ended Dec 27, 2009 <sup>(a)</sup>	13 weeks ended Dec 27, 2008	2009 <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	2008 <sup>(a)(b)</sup>
<b>Income Statement Data:</b>					
Net sales	\$ 6,881,629	\$ 1,602,734	\$ 1,876,991	\$ 7,088,055	\$ 8,518,757
Gross profit (loss) <sup>(f)</sup>	460,993	68,753	(100,142)	310,803	(247,359)
Goodwill impairment	-	-	-	-	501,446
Operating income (loss) <sup>(f)</sup>	185,427	7,589	(178,241)	67,327	(1,057,696)
Interest expense, net	101,748	44,193	39,569	157,543	131,627
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	11,726	-	-	-	-
Reorganization items, net	18,541	32,726	13,250	87,275	-
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes <sup>(f)</sup>	66,488	(68,446)	(229,091)	(173,849)	(1,185,909)
Income tax expense (benefit) <sup>(g)</sup>	(23,838)	(102,371)	278	(21,586)	(194,921)
Income (loss) from continuing operations <sup>(f)</sup>	90,326	33,925	(229,369)	(152,263)	(990,988)
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	3,185	312	(13)	(82)	1,184
Net income (loss) <sup>(f)</sup>	87,141	33,613	(228,782)	(151,582)	(998,581)
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges <sup>(h)</sup>	1.49x	(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)
<b>Per Common Share Data:</b>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.45	\$ (3.10)	\$ (2.06)	\$ (14.31)
Net income (loss)	0.41	0.45	(3.09)	(2.05)	(14.40)
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	0.09
Book value	5.01	2.58	1.75	2.04	5.07
<b>Balance Sheet Summary:</b>					
Working capital surplus (deficit) <sup>(i)</sup>	971,830	675,256	757,862	858,030	(1,262,242)
Total assets	3,218,898	3,209,463	3,215,135	3,060,504	3,298,709
Notes payable and current maturities of long-term debt <sup>(j)</sup>	58,144	221,195	-	-	1,874,469
Long-term debt, less current maturities <sup>(j)</sup>	1,281,160	1,876,277	41,521	41,062	67,514
Total stockholders' equity	1,072,663	191,952	129,420	150,920	351,741
<b>Cash Flow Summary:</b>					
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ 14,605	\$ (4,057)	\$ (168,674)	\$ 64,934	\$ (680,852)
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(k)</sup>	231,045	56,705	60,158	236,005	240,305
Impairment of goodwill and other assets	26,484	-	-	5,409	514,630
Purchases of investment securities	(17,201)	(6,024)	(5,629)	(19,958)	(38,043)
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investment securities	68,100	4,511	4,591	18,946	27,545
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(179,332)	(30,463)	(29,028)	(88,193)	(152,501)
Business acquisitions, net of equity consideration <sup>(c)(d)(e)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Cash flows from financing activities	(29,480)	48,250	223,595	101,153	797,743
<b>Other Data:</b>					
EBITDA <sup>(l)</sup>	\$ 384,484	\$ 31,015	\$ (130,906)	\$ 212,911	\$ (818,924)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(l)</sup>	481,906	64,947	(115,221)	314,719	(274,516)
<b>Key Indicators (as a percent of net sales):</b>					
Gross profit (loss) <sup>(f)</sup>	6.7 %	4.3 %	(5.3) %	4.4 %	(2.9) %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	3.0 %	3.9 %	3.9 %	3.4 %	3.4 %
Operating income (loss) <sup>(f)</sup>	2.7 %	0.5 %	(9.5) %	0.9 %	(12.4) %
Interest expense, net	1.5 %	2.8 %	2.1 %	2.2 %	1.5 %
Income (loss) from continuing operations <sup>(f)</sup>	1.3 %	2.1 %	(12.2) %	(2.1) %	(11.6) %
Net income (loss) <sup>(f)</sup>	1.3 %	2.1 %	(12.2) %	(2.1) %	(11.7) %

<u>2007(a)(b)(c)</u>	<u>2006(a)(b)</u>	<u>2005(a)(b)</u>	<u>2004(a)(b)(d)</u> (53 weeks)	<u>2003(a)(b)</u>	<u>2002(a)(b)</u>	<u>2001(a)(b)(c)</u>	<u>2000(a)</u>
\$ 7,498,612	\$ 5,152,729	\$ 5,461,437	\$ 5,077,471	\$ 2,313,667	\$ 2,185,600	\$ 1,975,877	\$ 1,499,439
592,730	297,083	751,317	611,838	249,363	153,599	197,561	165,828
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
237,191	11,105	458,351	385,968	137,605	48,457	90,253	80,488
118,542	38,965	42,632	48,419	30,726	24,199	25,619	17,779
26,463	-	-	-	-	-	1,433	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
98,926	(26,063)	427,547	332,863	144,482	28,267	62,728	62,786
47,319	1,573	147,543	127,142	37,870	(2,475)	21,051	10,442
51,607	(27,636)	280,004	205,721	106,244	31,466	41,677	52,344
91	563	185	(36)	(368)	724	-	-
47,017	(34,232)	264,979	128,340	56,036	14,335	41,137	52,344
1.63x	(h)	7.69x	6.22x	4.37x	1.21x	1.80x	3.04x
\$ 0.77	\$ (0.42)	\$ 4.20	\$ 3.28	\$ 2.59	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.27
0.71	(0.51)	3.98	2.05	1.36	0.35	1.00	1.27
0.09	1.09	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
17.61	16.79	18.38	13.87	10.46	9.59	9.27	8.33
395,858	528,837	404,601	383,726	211,119	179,037	203,350	124,531
3,774,236	2,426,868	2,511,903	2,245,989	1,257,484	1,227,890	1,215,695	705,420
2,872	10,322	8,603	8,428	2,680	3,483	5,099	4,657
1,318,558	554,876	518,863	535,866	415,965	450,161	467,242	165,037
1,172,221	1,117,328	1,223,598	922,956	446,696	394,324	380,932	342,559
\$ 463,964	\$ 30,329	\$ 493,073	\$ 272,404	\$ 98,892	\$ 98,113	\$ 87,833	\$ 130,803
204,903	135,133	134,944	113,788	74,187	70,973	55,390	36,027
-	3,767	-	45,384	-	-	-	-
(125,045)	(318,266)	(305,458)	-	-	-	-	-
208,676	490,764	-	-	-	-	-	-
(172,323)	(143,882)	(116,588)	(79,642)	(53,574)	(80,388)	(112,632)	(92,128)
(1,102,069)	-	-	(272,097)	(4,499)	-	(239,539)	-
630,229	(38,750)	18,860	96,665	(39,767)	(21,793)	246,649	(24,769)
\$ 415,817	\$ 145,429	\$ 602,802	\$ 493,119	\$ 247,550	\$ 122,746	\$ 141,877	\$ 115,356
442,189	148,633	602,617	493,155	247,918	122,022	143,310	115,356
7.9 %	5.8 %	13.8 %	12.1 %	10.8 %	7.0 %	10.0 %	11.1 %
4.7 %	5.6 %	5.4 %	4.3 %	4.8 %	4.8 %	5.4 %	5.7 %
3.2 %	0.2 %	8.4 %	7.6 %	5.9 %	2.2 %	4.6 %	5.4 %
1.6 %	0.8 %	0.8 %	1.0 %	1.3 %	1.1 %	1.3 %	1.2 %
0.7 %	(0.5) %	5.1 %	4.1 %	4.6 %	1.4 %	2.1 %	3.5 %
0.6 %	(0.7) %	4.9 %	2.1 %	2.4 %	0.7 %	2.1 %	3.5 %

- (a) In December 2009, we changed our fiscal year end from the Saturday nearest September 30 of each year to the last Sunday in December of each year. The change was effective for our 2010 fiscal year, which began December 28, 2009 and ended December 26, 2010 and resulted in an approximate three-month transition period which began September 27, 2009 and ended December 27, 2009. The reader should assume any reference we make to a particular year (for example, 2010) in this report applies to our fiscal year and not the calendar year.
- (b) In March 2008, the Company sold certain assets of its turkey business. We are reporting our operations with respect to this business as a discontinued operation for all periods presented.
- (c) The Company acquired Gold Kist Inc. on December 27, 2006, for \$1.139 billion. For financial reporting purposes, we have not included the operating results and cash flows of Gold Kist in our consolidated financial statements for the period from December 27, 2006, through December 30, 2006. The operating results and cash flows of Gold Kist from December 27, 2006, through December 30, 2006, were not material.

- (d) The Company acquired the ConAgra Chicken division on November 23, 2003, for \$635.2 million including the non-cash value of common stock issued of \$357.5 million. The acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase and the results of operations for this acquisition have been included in our consolidated results of operations since the acquisition date.
- (e) The Company acquired WLR Foods on January 27, 2001, for \$239.5 million and the assumption of \$45.5 million of indebtedness. The acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase and the results of operations for this acquisition have been included in our consolidated results of operations since the acquisition date.
- (f) Gross profit, operating income and net income include the following non-recurring recoveries, restructuring charges and other unusual items for each of the years presented:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>13 Weeks Ended December 27, 2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Effect on gross profit and operating income:</b>	<b>(In millions)</b>						
Operational restructuring charges	\$ (4.3)	\$ (2.9)	\$ -	\$ (12.5)	\$ (28.0)	\$ -	\$ -
Non-recurring recoveries for recall insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.8
Non-recurring recoveries for vitamin and methionine litigation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.1
Additional effect on operating income:							
Goodwill impairment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (501.4)	\$ -	\$ -
Administrative restructuring charges	\$ (66.0)	\$ 1.4	\$ (2.4)	\$ (2.0)	\$ (16.2)	\$ -	\$ -
Other income from litigation settlement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11.7	\$ -
Other income from vitamin and methionine litigation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.9

In addition, the Company estimates its losses related to the October 2002 recall (excluding insurance recoveries) and the 2002 avian influenza outbreak negatively affected gross profit and operating income in each of the years presented as follows (in millions):

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Recall effects (estimated)	\$ (20.0)	\$ (65.0)	\$ —
Losses from avian influenza (estimated)	\$ —	\$ (7.3)	\$ (25.6)

- (g) Income tax benefit in 2010 resulted primarily from the benefit on the deconsolidation for tax purposes of the Mexico operations and a decrease in valuation allowance. The deconsolidation for tax purposes of the Mexico operations was in response to changes in the Mexican tax laws that became effective January 1, 2010. The deconsolidation reduces the accrued taxes that had been previously recognized under the consolidated filing status as it eliminates recapturing certain taxes required under the new consolidation laws. Income tax benefit for the Transition Period resulted primarily from the release of valuation allowance because of new provisions that increased US federal net operating loss carry backs net of tax expense for new Mexico tax legislation. Income tax expense for the thirteen weeks ended December 27, 2008 resulted primarily from an increase in valuation allowance. Income tax benefit in 2009 resulted primarily from a decrease in reserves for unrecognized tax benefits. Income tax benefit in 2008 resulted primarily from significant net operating losses incurred in 2008. The increase in tax expense in 2007 over 2006 resulted primarily from increased pretax earnings in 2007. The decrease in tax expense in 2006 from 2005 resulted primarily from a pretax loss in 2006 versus significant earnings in 2005. While the tax expense for 2005 increased over 2004, the effective tax rate for 2005 decreased from 2004. This decrease was primarily due to an increase in net income before tax in our Mexico operations, which are taxed at a lower rate than our US operations. Tax expense increased in 2004 over 2003 primarily as a result of increased pretax earnings in 2004. Tax expense increased in 2003 over fiscal 2002 primarily as a result of increased pretax earnings in 2003. This increase was offset by a benefit resulting from the reduction in a valuation allowance for net operating loss carry forwards for Mexican tax purposes. An income tax benefit for 2002 resulted from a tax benefit of \$11.9 million due to Mexican tax law changes in 2002.
- (h) For purposes of computing the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of income before income taxes plus fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest). Fixed charges consist of interest (including capitalized interest) on all indebtedness, amortization of capitalized financing costs and that portion of rental expense that we believe to be representative of interest. Earnings were inadequate to cover fixed charges by \$69.5 million, \$229.8 million, \$176.5 million, \$1,191.2 million and \$30.4 million in the Transition Period, the three months ended December 27, 2008, 2009, 2008 and 2006, respectively.
- (i) We experienced a working capital deficit in 2008. Upon the filing of the Chapter 11 petitions, certain of our debt obligations became automatically and immediately due and payable, subject to an automatic stay of any action to collect, assert, or recover a claim against the Company and the application of applicable bankruptcy law. As a result, the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 27, 2008, included reclassifications of \$1,872.1 million to reflect as current certain long-term debt under the Company's credit facilities that was accelerated.
- (j) The Company had current maturities of pre-petition long-term debt totaling \$4.2 million and pre-petition long-term debt totaling \$1,999.8 million at September 26, 2009, that were included in *Liabilities subject to compromise*.
- (k) Includes amortization of capitalized financing costs of approximately \$14.8 million, \$1.4 million, \$1.5 million, \$6.8 million, \$4.9 million, \$6.6 million, \$2.6 million, \$2.3 million, \$2.0 million, \$1.5 million, \$1.4 million, \$1.9 million, and \$1.2 million in 2010, the Transition Period, the three months ended December 27, 2008, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

(l) "EBITDA" is defined as the sum of income (loss) from continuing operations 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: (i) income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the period from 2002 through 2010 and the Transition Period, (ii) goodwill impairment in 2008, (iii) restructuring charges in 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007, (iv) reorganization items in 2010 and 2009 and (v) losses on early extinguishment of debt in 2007 and 2010. EBITDA is presented because it is used by us 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 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 from continuing operations. We also believe that Adjusted EBITDA, in combination with our financial results calculated in accordance with 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 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 GAAP. Some of the limitations of these measures are:

- They do not reflect our cash expenditures, future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- They do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- They do not reflect the significant interest expense or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt;
- Although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements;
- They are not adjusted for all non-cash income or expense items that are reflected in our statements of cash flows;
- EBITDA does not reflect the impact of earnings or charges attributable to noncontrolling interests;
- They do not reflect the impact of earnings or charges resulting from matters we consider to not be indicative of our ongoing operations; and
- They do not reflect limitations on or costs related to transferring earnings from our subsidiaries to us.

In addition, other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as a comparative measure. Because of these limitations, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities or as a measure of liquidity or an alternative to net income as indicators of our operating performance or any other measures of performance derived in accordance with GAAP. You should compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and using EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA only supplementally.

A reconciliation of income (loss) from continuing operations to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is as follows:

	2010	Transition Period	13 Weeks Ended December 27, 2008	2009	2008	2007	2006
	(In thousands)						
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 90,326	\$ 33,925	\$ (229,367)	\$ (152,263)	\$ (990,988)	\$ 51,607	\$ (27,636)
Add:							
Interest expense, net <sup>(i)</sup>	101,748	44,193	39,569	157,543	131,627	118,542	38,965
Income tax expense (benefit)	(23,838)	(102,371)	278	(21,586)	(194,921)	47,319	1,573
Depreciation and amortization of continuing operations	231,045	56,705	60,158	236,005	240,305	204,903	135,133
Minus:							
Amortization of capitalized financing costs <sup>(ii)</sup>	14,797	1,437	1,544	6,788	4,947	6,554	2,606
EBITDA	384,484	31,015	(130,906)	212,911	(818,924)	415,817	145,429
Add:							
Goodwill impairment <sup>(iii)</sup>	-	-	-	-	501,446	-	-
Restructuring charges <sup>(iv)</sup>	70,340	1,518	2,422	14,451	44,146	-	3,767
Reorganization items, net <sup>(v)</sup>	18,541	32,726	13,250	87,275	-	-	-
Loss on early extinguishment of debt <sup>(vi)</sup>	11,726	-	-	-	-	26,463	-
Minus:							
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	3,185	312	(13)	(82)	1,184	91	563
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 481,906	\$ 64,947	\$ (115,221)	\$ 314,719	\$ (274,516)	\$ 442,189	\$ 148,633

	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(In thousands)					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 280,004	\$ 205,721	\$ 106,244	\$ 31,466	\$ 41,677	\$ 52,344
Add:						
Interest expense, net <sup>(i)</sup>	42,632	48,419	30,726	24,199	25,619	17,779
Income tax expense (benefit)	147,543	127,142	37,870	(2,475)	21,051	10,442
Depreciation and amortization of continuing operations	134,944	113,788	74,187	70,973	55,390	36,027
Minus:						
Amortization of capitalized financing costs <sup>(ii)</sup>	2,321	1,951	1,477	1,417	1,860	1,236
EBITDA	602,802	493,119	247,550	122,746	141,877	115,356
Add:						
Goodwill impairment <sup>(iii)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restructuring charges <sup>(iv)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reorganization items, net <sup>(v)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on early extinguishment of debt <sup>(vi)</sup>	-	-	-	-	1,433	-
Minus:						
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	185	(36)	(368)	724	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 602,617</u>	<u>\$ 493,155</u>	<u>\$ 247,918</u>	<u>\$ 122,022</u>	<u>\$ 143,310</u>	<u>\$ 115,356</u>

(i) Interest expense, net, consists of interest expense less interest income.

(ii) Amortization of capitalized financing costs is included in both interest expense, net and depreciation and amortization above.

(iii) Goodwill impairment includes costs recognized to write off the carrying amount of goodwill recognized in the acquisition of Gold Kist.

(iv) Restructuring charges includes tangible asset impairment, severance and change-in-control compensation costs, and losses incurred on both the sale of unneeded broiler eggs and flock depletion.

(v) Reorganization items, net, includes professional fees directly related to our reorganization, the elimination of unamortized loan costs associated with certain of our terminated borrowing arrangements, the recognition in earnings of a previously unrealized gain on a derivative instrument purchased to hedge interest rate risk related to certain of our terminated borrowing arrangements, expenses related to the execution of a borrowing arrangement during our reorganization, costs related to post-petition facility closures, gains recognized on the sales of a processing facility and undeveloped land and a loss recognized on the sale of our interest in a hog farming joint venture.

(vi) Loss on early extinguishment of debt includes premiums paid and the elimination of unamortized loan costs related to the pre-petition retirement of certain of our unsecured notes.

## **Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

### **Description of the Company**

We are the second-largest chicken producer in the world with operations in the US, Mexico and Puerto Rico. We are primarily engaged in the production, processing, marketing and distribution of fresh, frozen and value-added chicken products to retailers, distributors and foodservice operators. Our primary product types are fresh chicken products, prepared chicken products and export chicken products. We sell our fresh chicken products to the foodservice and retail markets. We sell our prepared food products to foodservice customers and retail distributors. We also export products to customers in approximately 95 countries, including Mexico, Russia and China. As a vertically integrated company, we control every phase of the production of our products. We operate feed mills, hatcheries, processing plants and distribution centers in 14 US states, Puerto Rico and Mexico. We operate in one reportable business segment, as a producer and seller of chicken products we either produce or purchase for resale. Our fresh chicken products consist of refrigerated (non-frozen) whole or cut-up chicken, either pre-marinated or non-marinated, and pre-packaged chicken in various combinations of freshly refrigerated, whole chickens and chicken parts. Our prepared chicken products include portion-controlled breast fillets, tenderloins and strips, delicatessen products, salads, formed nuggets and patties and bone-in chicken parts. These products are sold either refrigerated or frozen and may be fully cooked, partially cooked or raw. In addition, these products are breaded or non-breaded and either pre-marinated or non-marinated.

We have a broad geographic reach, and we offer our diverse customer base a balanced portfolio of fresh and prepared chicken products. We have consistently provided our customers with high quality products and service with a focus on delivering higher-value, higher-margin, prepared food products. As such, we have become a valuable partner to our customers and a recognized industry leader. Our sales efforts are largely targeted towards the foodservice industry, principally chain restaurants and food processors. In 2010, we sold 6.9 billion pounds of dressed chicken and generated net sales of \$6.9 billion. Our US operations, including Puerto Rico, accounted for 90.6% of our net sales in 2010. Our Mexico operations generated the remaining 9.4% of our net sales in that year.

In December 2009, we adopted the Restated Bylaws, which changed our fiscal year end from the Saturday nearest September 30 of each year to the last Sunday in December of each year. This change aligns our reporting cycle with the fiscal calendar of our majority stockholder, JBS USA. The change was effective for our 2010 fiscal year, which began December 28, 2009 and ended December 26, 2010 and resulted in an approximate three-month transition period which began September 27, 2009 and ended December 27, 2009 (the “Transition Period”). We now operate on the basis of a 52/53-week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday falling on or before December 31. The reader should assume any reference we make to a particular year (for example, 2010) in this report applies to our fiscal year and not the calendar year.

## Executive Summary

We reported net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of \$87.1 million, or \$0.41 per common share, for 2010. These operating results included gross profit of \$461.0 million. During 2010, we received \$14.6 million of cash from operations. At December 26, 2010, we had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$106.1 million.

Market prices for feed ingredients increased significantly in the last six months of 2010 after decreasing throughout 2009 and the first six months of 2010. Market prices for feed ingredients remain volatile. Consequently, there can be no assurance that our feed ingredient prices will not continue to increase materially. The following table compares the highest and lowest prices reached on nearby futures for one bushel of corn and one ton of soybean meal during the current year and previous three years:

	Corn		Soybean Meal	
	Highest Price	Lowest Price	Highest Price	Lowest Price
2010:				
Fourth Quarter	\$ 6.15	\$ 4.56	\$ 364.90	\$ 283.20
Third Quarter	5.24	3.25	321.50	293.00
Second Quarter	3.79	3.36	296.50	260.60
First Quarter	4.26	3.44	321.00	249.60
2009:				
Transition Period	4.13	3.31	336.00	272.00
Fourth Quarter	3.83	3.00	424.00	276.00
Third Quarter	4.50	3.61	433.40	278.00
Second Quarter	4.28	3.38	326.00	264.80
First Quarter	5.24	2.90	302.00	237.00
2008	7.60	3.35	455.50	254.10
2007	4.37	2.62	286.50	160.20

Market prices for chicken products have stabilized since the end of 2008 but remain below levels sufficient to offset the generally higher costs of feed ingredients. Many producers within the industry, including Pilgrim's Pride, cut production in 2008 and 2009 in an effort to correct the general oversupply of chicken in the US. Despite these production cuts, there can be no assurance that chicken prices will not decrease due to such factors as weakening demand for breast meat from food service providers and lower prices for chicken leg quarters in the export market as a result of weakness in world economies and restrictive credit markets.

We plan to increase production by a total of 10%, or 3.9 million birds per week, over the next two years. We reopened the idled processing plant in Douglas, Georgia, which we plan to have at full capacity by fall 2011. If market conditions are favorable, we plan to further expand production capacity at existing facilities later and to possibly reopen a second idled facility.

On January 13, 2010, we started purchasing derivative financial instruments, specifically exchange-traded futures and options, in an attempt to mitigate price risk related to our

anticipated consumption of commodity inputs such as corn, soybean meal and natural gas. As of December 26, 2010, we had long derivative positions in place covering 13.8% and 8.7% of anticipated corn and soybean meal needs, respectively, through December 2011. At December 26, 2010, the fair values of commodity derivative assets and commodity derivative liabilities totaled \$33.4 million and \$16.4 million, respectively. Our counterparties require that we post cash collateral for changes in the net fair value of the derivative contracts. At December 26, 2010, we had posted \$4.5 million of cash collateral with our counterparties to secure our open positions. We do not designate derivative financial instruments that we purchase to mitigate commodity purchase exposures as cash flow hedges; therefore, we recognize changes in the fair value of these derivative financial instruments immediately in earnings. During 2010, we recognized a gain of \$69.2 million, and in 2009 and 2008 we recognized losses of \$21.1 million and \$38.3 million, respectively, related to changes in the fair values of these derivative financial instruments. We did not recognize gains or losses related to changes in derivative financial instruments during the Transition Period. At December 26, 2010, we held written put options expiring between May 2011 and December 2011 on 6,775 corn contracts and 760 soybean meal contracts with an aggregate fair value of \$7.9 million. At December 26, 2010, we were also in short positions on 2,805 corn contracts and 692 soybean meal contracts with an aggregate fair value of \$8.5 million.

We recognized net reorganization expenses of \$18.5 million during 2010. These expenses included (i) costs associated with the elimination of unamortized capitalized finance charges related to our pre-petition secured credit facilities, the 7 5/8% Senior Notes due 2015 and the 8 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017, (ii) professional fees charged for post-petition reorganization services and (iii) severance and other costs related to post-petition facility closures and reduction-in-force (“RIF”) actions. These reorganization costs were partially offset by the recognition during the three months ended March 28, 2010 of a previously unrealized gain totaling \$4.1 million on a derivative financial instrument designated as a cash flow hedge related to public debt extinguished on December 28, 2009.

During 2010, we recognized \$18.2 million in change-in-control compensation and \$13.0 million in severance costs related to our integration with JBS USA. We also recognized an \$11.7 million loss on the early extinguishment of debt during 2010.

From February 2008 through December 2010, we completed the following exit or disposal activities:

- Closed ten processing facilities/complexes (we reopened a facility in Douglas, Georgia and plan to have it at full capacity by fall 2011) and eight distribution centers;
- Sold one closed processing complex and four closed distribution centers;
- Reduced or consolidated production at various other processing facilities/complexes;
- Closed two administrative office buildings; and
- Reduced our workforce by 898 non-production positions.

As of December 26, 2010, these exit or disposal activities, undertaken as part of our reorganizational efforts, have eliminated approximately 12,000 positions and resulted in net charges totaling \$84.2 million.

Results of operations for 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 included exit or disposal costs totaling \$32.0 million, \$3.2 million, \$30.5 million and \$16.2 million, respectively. All exit or disposal costs, with the exception of costs related to lease obligations and inventory reserves related to closed facilities, have resulted in cash expenditures or will result in cash expenditures within one year.

Results of operations for 2010, the Transition Period and 2009 included adjustments totaling \$11.9 million, \$4.1 million, \$9.2 million, respectively, which reduced accrued costs. There were no significant adjustments in 2008. Adjustments recognized in the year ended 2010 included favorable adjustments to incentive compensation and related excise taxes upon finalization of an incentive plan analysis as well as the elimination of accrued severance and other exit or disposal costs at the culmination of the related exit or disposal period. These adjustments also included the assumption of a lease obligation related to our closed administrative office by an outside party.

The fair values of our administrative campuses in Pittsburg, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia were estimated using the market approach during the fourth quarter of 2010. We recognized impairment charges totaling \$17.9 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, during 2010 to reduce the carrying amounts of certain idled assets located at these campuses to fair value. In 2010, we also recognized operational restructuring charges totaling \$1.0 million and administrative restructuring charges totaling \$0.7 million to impair the carrying amounts of certain idled assets located in Georgia, North Carolina and Texas to fair value.

Since exiting from bankruptcy, we have focused on integrating our operations into the existing operations of JBS USA. We have made a series of changes to further this integration, including streamlining administrative functions and sales networks, consolidating distribution networks, optimizing freight and storage costs, capturing shared purchasing opportunities, consolidating treasury and risk management systems and implementing best practices throughout the business. We have also continued to streamline our operations and sell assets as part of our restructuring. Since our emergence from bankruptcy, we have eliminated 458 corporate and administrative positions across the organization as a result of our integration with JBS USA. As of December 26, 2010, the remaining total planned reduction in workforce of non-production positions under our integration is approximately 20 positions.

We continue to review and evaluate various restructuring and other alternatives to streamline our operations, improve efficiencies and reduce costs. Such initiatives may include selling assets, consolidating operations and functions, employee relocation and voluntary and involuntary employee separation programs. Any such actions may require us to obtain the pre-approval of the lenders under our secured revolving credit and term loan agreement with

CoBank ACB, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, and certain other lenders party thereto (the “Exit Credit Facility”). In addition, such actions will subject us to additional short-term costs, which may include asset impairment charges, lease commitment costs, employee retention and severance costs and other costs. Certain of these activities may have a disproportionate impact on our income relative to the cost savings.

We recently participated in antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings initiated by the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China (“MOFCOM”). In these proceedings, MOFCOM examined whether US chicken producers, including us, were dumping certain chicken products into the People’s Republic of China (excluding the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong), and whether US chicken producers, including us, were receiving countervailable subsidies in respect to those chicken products. MOFCOM concluded these proceedings in September 2010 and imposed antidumping and countervailing duties on the US chicken producers. The duties imposed range from 54.3% to 135.7%. The rate imposed on us is 58.5%. Until these duties are modified or eliminated, the duty rates can be expected to deter Chinese importers from purchases of US-origin chicken products, including our chicken products, and can be expected to diminish the volume of such purchases. The basis for imposing the duties may be challenged by the US in dispute settlement proceedings in the World Trade Organization.

Russia effectively banned US poultry imports shipped after January 1, 2010 due to residue levels left from a chlorine treatment procedure required by US Department of Agriculture regulations. As long as the restrictions remained in place, we were unable to export our chicken products to Russia. On June 24, 2010, Russia and the US announced they had reached an agreement to permit the resumption of US poultry exports to Russia. We began exporting products to Russia again in September 2010. No assurances can be given that new disruptions will not arise. For example, Russia has indicated that it will develop its own internal poultry production and has set an import quota of 350,000 metric tons of poultry for 2011. We have been able to mitigate the impact of these disruptions by selling our products to other customers.

On February 7, 2011, Mexico, the top foreign buyer of US chicken in calendar year 2010, announced that it would investigate US producers over dumping complaints lodged by Mexican chicken processors. Mexican chicken processors allege US producers sold chicken legs and thighs on the Mexican market below their cost of production in 2010.

### **Emergence from Bankruptcy**

On December 1, 2008, we and six of our subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division, seeking reorganization relief under the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. We emerged from our Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009. In connection with our emergence from bankruptcy, our common stock outstanding immediately prior to the emergence was cancelled and converted into the right to receive

newly-issued shares of common stock of the reorganized Company based on a one-for-one exchange ratio, which constitutes 36.0% of the total number of shares of our newly-issued common stock. The remaining shares of our newly-issued common stock, constituting 64.0% of our total issued and outstanding common stock on the date of our emergence from bankruptcy, were purchased by JBS USA, a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of JBS S.A., a Brazil-based meat producer, for \$800.0 million in cash. Subsequently, JBS USA increased its stake in our Company to 67.3%. Upon exiting from bankruptcy, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into our Exit Credit Facility that provides for an aggregate commitment of \$1.75 billion. The facility consisted of a three-year \$600.0 million revolving credit facility, a three-year \$375.0 million Term A facility and a five-year \$775.0 million Term B facility. As of December 26, 2010, a principal amount of \$205.3 million under the revolving loan commitment and a principal amount of \$632.5 million under the Term B facility were outstanding.

Upon exiting from bankruptcy, we did not meet the requirements under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 852, *Reorganizations*, to adopt fresh start accounting. Fresh start accounting requires the debtor to use current fair values in its balance sheet for both assets and liabilities and to eliminate all prior earnings or deficits. The two requirements to fresh start accounting are (i) the reorganization value of the company’s assets immediately before the date of confirmation of the plan of reorganization is less than the total of all post-petition liabilities and allowed claims and (ii) the holders of existing voting shares immediately before confirmation of the plan of reorganization receive less than 50.0% of the voting shares upon emergence. Upon exiting from bankruptcy, our fresh start calculation indicated that we did not meet the requirements to adopt fresh start accounting because the reorganization value of our assets exceeded the total of post-petition liabilities and allowed claims. Accordingly, we will continue to carry forward our assets and liabilities at historical values.

See “Note 2. Chapter 11 Proceedings” of our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report for additional information on our Chapter 11 filings and proceedings.

## **Business Segment and Geographic Reporting**

We operate in one reportable business segment, as a producer and seller of chicken products we either produce or purchase for resale in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico. We conduct separate operations in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico; however, for geographic reporting purposes, we include Puerto Rico with our US operations. Corporate expenses are allocated to Mexico based upon various apportionment methods for specific expenditures incurred related thereto with the remaining amounts allocated to the US.

During 2010, we announced organizational changes that resulted in the merger of our former other products segment into our chicken segment. Data related to our former other products segment, which included primarily non-chicken products sold through our distribution centers, table eggs, animal feed and offal, is no longer reported directly to the

chief operating decision maker. This information is now reported through chicken operations management. We reclassified prior year segment disclosures to conform to the new segment presentation.

## Results of Operations

### 2010 Compared to 2009

*Net sales.* Net sales for 2010 decreased \$206.4 million, or 2.9%, from 2009. The following table provides additional information regarding net sales:

Source	2010	Change from 2009	
		Amount	Percent
(In thousands, except percent data)			
United States	\$ 6,237,057	\$ (332,595)	(5.1) % (a)
Mexico	644,572	126,169	24.3 % (b)
Total net sales	\$ 6,881,629	\$ (206,426)	(2.9) %

- (a) US sales generated in 2010 decreased 5.1% from US sales generated in 2009. Sales volume decreased 7.1% primarily because of previously announced production cutbacks and subsequent reorganization efforts. Net revenue per pound sold increased 0.8% from the prior year.
- (b) Mexico sales generated in 2010 increased 24.3% from Mexico sales generated in 2009. Sales volume increased 17.9% from the prior year because of increased demand. Net revenue per pound sold increased 7.0% from the prior year primarily because of the appreciation of the Mexican peso against the US dollar in 2010.

*Gross profit.* Gross profit results improved by \$150.2 million, or 48.3%, from a gross profit of \$310.8 million incurred in 2009 to gross profit of \$461.0 million generated in 2010. The following table provides gross profit information:

Components	2010	Change from 2009		Percent of Net Sales	
		Amount	Percent	2010	2009
(In thousands, except percent data)					
Net sales	\$ 6,881,629	\$ (206,426)	(2.9) %	100 %	100 %
Cost of sales	6,416,318	(348,470)	(5.2) %	93.2 %	95.4 % (a)
Operational restructuring charges	4,318	(8,146)	(65.4) %	0.1 %	0.2 % (b)
Gross profit	\$ 460,993	\$ 150,190	48.3 %	6.7 %	4.4 % (c)

- (a) Cost of sales incurred by the US operations during 2010 decreased \$429.3 million from cost of sales incurred by the US operations during 2009. This decrease occurred primarily because of improved production efficiencies, production cutbacks and aggregate net gain of \$69.2 million recognized by the Company during 2010 on derivative financial instruments. Cost of sales incurred by the Mexico operations during 2010 increased \$80.8 million from cost of sales incurred by the Mexico operations during 2009 primarily because of increased production volume.
- (b) The Company recognized noncash asset impairment charges in 2010 related to the closing of a processing plant in Georgia and a hatchery in North Carolina. In addition, the Company recognized relocation charges relating to the integration with JBS USA. In 2009, the Company recognized losses on sales of excess eggs and flock depletion at its operational production complexes.
- (c) Gross profit as a percent of net sales generated in 2010 increased 2.3 percentage points from 2009 primarily because of the cost-savings impact of production cutbacks, improved production efficiencies and gains recognized from derivative financial instruments during 2010.

*Operating income.* Operating income increased \$118.1 million, or 175.4%, from operating income of \$67.3 million incurred for 2009 to operating income of \$185.4 million generated for 2010. The following tables provide operating income information:

Source	2010	Change from 2009	
		Amount	Percent
(In thousands, except percent data)			
United States	\$ 112,146	\$ 73,819	192.6 %
Mexico	73,281	44,281	152.7 %
Total operating income	<u>\$ 185,427</u>	<u>\$ 118,100</u>	175.4 %

Components	2010	Change from 2009		Percent of Net Sales	
		Amount	Percent	2010	2009
(In thousands, except percent data)					
Gross profit	\$ 460,993	\$ 150,190	48.3 %	6.7 %	4.4 %
SG&A expenses	209,544	(31,945)	(13.2) %	3.0 %	3.4 % <sup>(a)</sup>
Administrative restructuring charges	66,022	64,035	3,222.7 %	1.0 %	0.1 % <sup>(b)</sup>
Operating income	<u>\$ 185,427</u>	<u>\$ 118,100</u>	175.4 %	<u>2.7 %</u>	<u>0.9 %<sup>(c)</sup></u>

- (a) SG&A expenses incurred by the US operations during 2010 decreased 14.9% from SG&A expenses incurred by the US operations during 2009 primarily because of reductions in employee compensation and related benefit costs resulting from restructuring actions taken in 2009 and 2010.
- (b) In 2010, the Company incurred administrative restructuring charges, composed of cash-based severance, change-in-control compensation, charges related to the integration with JBS USA, other facility closure costs and noncash impairment charges related to, (i) a feed mill in Georgia, (ii) land in Texas and (iii) two administrative offices in Texas and Georgia. The Company incurred administrative restructuring charges in 2009 composed of cash-based severance, change-in-control compensation, charges related to the integration with JBS USA and other facility closure costs.
- (c) Operating income as a percent of net sales generated in 2010 increased 1.8 percentage points from operating loss as a percent of sales incurred in 2009 primarily because of improved gross profit performance and reductions in employee compensation and related benefit costs resulting from restructuring actions taken in 2009 and 2010.

*Interest expense.* Consolidated interest expense decreased 34.8% to \$105.6 million in 2010 from \$161.9 million in 2009 primarily because of decreased average borrowings and a decrease in weighted average interest rate. As a percent of net sales, interest expense in 2010 decreased to 1.5% from 2.3% in 2009.

*Early extinguishment of debt.* The Company incurred expenses of \$11.7 million related to the early extinguishment of debt in 2010. These expenses included costs associated with the elimination of unamortized capitalized finance charges related to the Term A loan and a portion of the Term B loan of the Exit Credit Facility.

*Reorganization items.* The Company incurred reorganization costs of \$18.5 million in 2010. These expenses included (i) costs associated with the elimination of unamortized capitalized finance charges related to our pre-petition secured credit facilities, the 7<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2015 and the 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017, (ii) professional fees charged for post-petition reorganization services and (iii) severance and other costs related to post-petition facility closures and RIF actions. These reorganization costs were

partially offset by the recognition during the three months ended March 28, 2010 of a previously unrealized gain totaling \$4.1 million on a derivative financial instrument designated as a cash flow hedge related to public debt extinguished on December 28, 2009.

*Income taxes.* The Company's consolidated income tax benefit in 2010 was \$23.8 million, compared to a tax benefit of \$21.6 million in 2009. The income tax benefit in 2010 resulted primarily from the deconsolidation for tax purposes of the Mexico operations and a decrease in the valuation allowance offset by an increase in reserves for unrecognized tax benefits. The deconsolidation for tax purposes of the Mexico operations was in response to changes in the Mexican tax laws that became effective January 1, 2010. The deconsolidation reduces the accrued taxes that had been previously recognized under the consolidated filing status as it eliminates recapturing certain taxes required under the new consolidation laws. The income tax benefit in 2009 resulted primarily from a decrease in reserves for unrecognized tax benefits. See "Note 13. Income Taxes" to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests.* For the year ended December 26, 2010, we recognized net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in three of our consolidated subsidiaries of \$3.2 million. For the year ended September 26, 2009, we recognized net losses attributable to noncontrolling interests in three of our consolidated subsidiaries of \$82,000.

### 2009 Compared to 2008

*Net sales.* Net sales for 2009 decreased \$1,430.7 million, or 16.8%, from 2008. The following table provides additional information regarding net sales:

Source	2009	Change from 2008		
		Amount	Percent	
(In thousands, except percent data)				
United States	\$ 6,569,652	\$ (1,370,890)	(17.3)	% (a)
Mexico	518,403	(59,812)	(10.3)	% (b)
Total net sales	\$ 7,088,055	\$ (1,430,702)	(16.8)	%

(a) US sales generated in 2009 decreased 17.3% from US sales generated in 2008. Sales volume decreased 14.6% primarily because of previously announced production cutbacks and subsequent reorganization efforts. Net revenue per pound sold increased 0.3% from the prior year.

(b) Mexico sales generated in 2009 decreased 10.3% from Mexico sales generated in 2008. Sales volume decreased 4.5% from the prior year because of production cutbacks. Net revenue per pound sold decreased 6.0% from the prior year primarily because of the devaluation of the Mexican peso against the US dollar in 2009.

*Gross profit.* Gross profit results improved by \$558.2 million, or 225.6%, from a gross loss of \$247.4 million incurred in 2008 to gross profit of \$310.8 million generated in 2009. The following table provides gross profit information:

Components	2009	Change from 2008		Percent of Net Sales	
		Amount	Percent	2009	2008
(In thousands, except percent data)					
Net sales	\$ 7,088,055	\$ (1,430,702)	(16.8) %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Cost of sales	6,764,788	(1,973,338)	(22.6) %	95.4 %	102.6 % (a)
Operational restructuring charges	12,464	(15,526)	(55.5) %	0.2 %	0.3 % (b)
Gross profit	\$ 310,803	\$ 558,162	225.6 %	4.4 %	(2.9) % (c)

- (a) Cost of sales incurred by the US operations during 2009 decreased \$1,870.5 million from cost of sales incurred by the US operations during 2008. This decrease occurred primarily because of production cutbacks, decreased feed ingredient purchases, decreased feed ingredient prices, business interruption insurance recoveries recognized in 2009 related to a fire in Mt. Pleasant, Texas protein conversion plant (the "Mt. Pleasant Fire") and gain recognized in 2009 related to the disposal of assets lost in the Mt. Pleasant Fire partially offset by an aggregate net loss of \$21.1 million recognized by the Company during 2009 on derivative financial instruments. Cost of sales incurred by the Mexico operations during 2009 decreased \$102.9 million from cost of sales incurred by the Mexico operations during 2008 primarily because of decreased net sales and decreased feed ingredient costs.
- (b) In 2009, the Company recognized losses on sales of excess eggs and flock depletion at its operational production complexes. The Company recognized noncash asset impairment charges in 2008 related to (i) the closing of two operating complexes in Arkansas and North Carolina, (ii) the closing of seven distribution centers in Florida, Iowa, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas, and (iii) the idling of a prepared foods plant in Louisiana.
- (c) Gross profit as a percent of net sales generated in 2009 increased 7.3 percentage points from gross loss as a percent of sales incurred in 2008 primarily because of the cost-savings impact of production cutbacks, decreased feed ingredient purchases and decreased feed ingredient prices experienced during 2009.

**Operating income.** Operating income increased \$1,125.0 million, or 106.4%, from an operating loss of \$1,057.7 million incurred for 2008 to operating income of \$67.3 million generated for 2009. The following tables provide operating income information:

Source	2009	Change from 2008	
		Amount	Percent
(In thousands, except percent data)			
United States	\$ 38,327	\$ 1,074,834	103.7 %
Mexico	29,000	50,189	236.9 %
Total operating income	\$ 67,327	\$ 1,125,023	106.4 %

Components	2009	Change from 2008		Percent of Net Sales			
		Amount	Percent	2009		2008	
(In thousands, except percent data)							
Gross profit	\$ 310,803	\$ 558,162	225.6 %	4.4	%	(2.9)	%
SG&A expenses	241,489	(51,246)	(17.5) %	3.4	%	3.4	%(a)
Goodwill impairment	-	(501,446)	(100.0) %	-	%	5.9	%(b)
Administrative restructuring charges	1,987	(14,169)	(87.7) %	0.1	%	0.2	%(c)
Operating income	\$ 67,327	\$ 1,125,023	106.4 %	0.9	%	(12.4)	%(d)

- (a) SG&A expenses incurred by the US operations during 2009 decreased 16.6% from SG&A expenses incurred by the US operations during 2008 primarily because of reductions in employee compensation and related benefit costs resulting from restructuring actions taken in 2008 and 2009 and reductions in litigation reserves due to pending settlements.
- (b) As the result of the downward pressure placed on earnings by increased feed ingredients costs, weak demand for breast meat and the oversupply of chicken and other animal-based proteins in the US, the Company evaluated the carrying amount of its goodwill for potential impairment at September 27, 2008. We obtained valuation reports as of September 27, 2008 that indicated the carrying amount of our goodwill should be fully impaired based on current conditions. As a result, we recognized a pretax impairment charge of \$501.4 million during 2008.
- (c) We recognized net administrative restructuring charges in 2009 resulting primarily from a November 2008 non-production employee RIF action, the closing of an operating complex in Arkansas, production cutbacks at operating complexes in Arkansas and Florida, and the closing of distribution centers in Florida, Iowa, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas. The Company incurred administrative restructuring charges, composed entirely of cash-based severance, employee retention, lease commitment and other facility closing charges, in 2008 related to the closing of operating complexes in Arkansas and North Carolina, the closing of distribution centers in Florida, Iowa, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas, the idling of a prepared foods plant in Louisiana, production cutbacks at an operating complex in Arkansas, and the closing of an administrative office in Georgia.
- (d) Operating income as a percent of net sales generated in 2009 increased 13.3 percentage points from operating loss as a percent of sales incurred in 2008 primarily because of improved gross profit performance, goodwill impairment recognized in 2008, charges related to 2008 restructuring actions and reductions in employee compensation and related benefit costs resulting from restructuring actions taken in 2008 and 2009.

*Interest expense.* Consolidated interest expense increased 20.6% to \$161.9 million in 2009 from \$134.2 million in 2008 primarily because of increased average borrowings resulting from draws under the Amended and Restated Post-Petition Credit Agreement dated as of December 31, 2008 among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, Bank of Montreal, as the DIP Agent, and the lenders party thereto, as amended (the “DIP Credit Agreement”) and increased interest rates recognized on several of the non-public credit facilities. As a percent of net sales, interest expense in 2009 increased to 2.3% from 1.6% in 2008.

*Reorganization items.* The Company incurred reorganization costs of \$87.3 million in 2009. These costs included (i) severance and other costs related to post-petition facility closures and RIF actions, (ii) financing fees associated with the DIP Credit Agreement, (iii) professional fees charged for post-petition reorganization services, (iv) fees related to the termination of the Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement dated September 26, 2008, as amended (the “RPA”), (v) asset impairment costs related to a closed processing complex in Dalton, Georgia, and (vi) a loss recognized on the sale of the Company’s interest in a hog farming joint venture. These costs were partially offset by a gain recognized on the sale of the Company’s closed processing complex in Farmerville, Louisiana, and a gain recognized on the sale of undeveloped land in Camp County, Texas.

*Income taxes.* The Company’s consolidated income tax benefit in 2009 was \$21.6 million, compared to a tax benefit of \$194.9 million in 2008. The income tax benefit in 2009 resulted primarily from a decrease in reserves for unrecognized tax benefits. The income tax benefit in 2008 resulted primarily from net operating losses incurred in 2008 which were offset by valuation allowance and the tax effect of goodwill impairment. See “Note 13. Income Taxes” to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Income (loss) from discontinued business.* The Company generated income from the operation of its discontinued turkey business of \$1.0 million (\$0.6 million, net of tax) in 2009 compared to a loss of \$11.7 million (\$7.3 million, net of tax) incurred in 2008. Net sales generated by the discontinued turkey business in 2009 and 2008 were \$25.8 million and \$86.3 million, respectively. In March 2008, the Company sold certain assets of its discontinued turkey business and recognized a gain of \$1.5 million (\$0.9 million, net of tax).

*Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests.* For the year ended September 26, 2009, we recognized net losses attributable to noncontrolling interests in three of our consolidated subsidiaries of \$82,000. For the year ended September 27, 2008, we recognized net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in three of our consolidated subsidiaries of \$1.2 million.

## The Transition Period Compared to the Three Months Ended December 27, 2008

*Net sales.* Net sales generated in the Transition Period decreased \$274.3 million, or 14.6%, from net sales generated in the three months ended December 27, 2008. The following table provides net sales information:

Source	Transition Period	Change from Three Months Ended December 27, 2008	
		Amount	Percent
(In thousands, except percent data)			
United States	\$ 1,466,705	\$ (265,044)	(15.3) % <sup>(a)</sup>
Mexico	136,029	(9,213)	(6.3) % <sup>(b)</sup>
Total net sales	\$ 1,602,734	\$ (274,257)	(14.6) %

- (a) US sales generated in the Transition Period decreased 15.3% from US sales generated in the three months ended December 27, 2008. Sales volume decreased 16.5% primarily because of previously announced production cutbacks and subsequent reorganization efforts. Net revenue per pound sold increased 0.7% from the prior year.
- (b) Mexico sales generated in the Transition Period decreased 6.3% from Mexico sales generated in the three months ended December 27, 2008. Sales volume increased 3.9% from the prior year because of increased demand during the current winter holiday season over that of the previous year. Net revenue per pound sold decreased 9.8% from the prior year primarily because of current unfavorable economic conditions in Mexico. In an effort to increase demand for chicken products, the industry lowered prices.

*Gross profit.* Gross profit improved by \$168.9 million, or 168.7%, from a loss of \$100.1 million incurred in the three months ended December 27, 2008 to a profit of \$68.8 million generated in the Transition Period. The following table provides gross profit information:

Components	Transition Period	Change from Three Months Ended December 27, 2008		Percent of Net Sales Three Months Ended December 27, 2008	
		Amount	Percent	2009	2008
(In thousands, except percent data)					
Net sales	\$ 1,602,734	\$ (274,257)	(14.6) %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Cost of sales	1,531,104	(446,029)	(22.6) %	95.5 %	105.3 % <sup>(a)</sup>
Operational restructuring charges	2,877	2,877	NM	0.2 %	- % <sup>(b)</sup>
Gross profit	\$ 68,753	\$ 168,895	168.7 %	4.3 %	(5.3) % <sup>(c)</sup>

- (a) Cost of sales incurred by the US operations during the Transition Period decreased \$434.9 million from cost of sales incurred by the US operations during the three months ended December 27, 2008. This decrease occurred primarily because of the cost-savings impact of prior-period production cutbacks, decreased feed ingredient purchases and decreased corn prices during the Transition Period and an aggregate net loss of \$21.4 million recognized by us during the three months ended December 27, 2008 on derivative financial instruments. We did not participate in any derivative financial instrument transactions in the Transition Period. Cost of sales incurred by the Mexico operations during the Transition Period decreased \$11.1 million from cost of sales incurred by the Mexico operations during the three months ended December 27, 2008 primarily because of decreased net sales and decreased feed ingredient costs.
- (b) During the Transition Period the Company recognized a loss on the sale of excess eggs and flock depletion related to its operational production complexes. The Company did not recognize operational restructuring charges in the three months ended December 27, 2008.
- (c) Gross profit as a percent of net sales generated in the Transition Period increased 9.6 percentage points from gross profit as a percent of sales generated in the three months ended December 27, 2008 primarily because of the cost-savings impact of prior-period production cutbacks and decreased corn costs experienced during the Transition Period.

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*Operating income.* Operating income improved by \$185.8 million, or 104.3%, from a loss of \$178.2 million incurred in the three months ended December 27, 2008, to income of \$7.6 million generated in the Transition Period. The following tables provide operating loss information:

Source	Transition Period	Change from Three Months Ended December 27, 2008		
		Amount	Percent	
(In thousands, except percent data)				
United States	\$ 9,637	\$ 181,782	105.6	%
Mexico	(2,048)	4,021	66.3	%
Total operating income	\$ 7,589	\$ 185,803	104.3	%

Components	Transition Period	Change from Three Months Ended December 27, 2008		Percent of Net Sales Three Months Ended December 27,			
		Amount	Percent	2009		2008	
(In thousands, except percent data)							
Gross profit	\$ 68,753	\$ 168,895	168.7 %	4.3 %	(5.3) %		
SG&A expenses	62,523	(13,127)	(15.3) %	3.9 %	4.0 %	(a)	
Administrative restructuring charges	(1,359)	(3,781)	(156.1) %	(0.1) %	0.1 %	(b)	
Operating income	\$ 7,589	\$ 185,803	104.3 %	0.5 %	(9.4) %	(c)	

- (a) SG&A expenses incurred by the US operations during the Transition Period decreased 16.0% from SG&A expenses incurred by the US operations during the three months ended December 27, 2008 primarily because of reductions in employee compensation and related benefit costs resulting from restructuring actions taken in 2009.
- (b) During the Transition Period, we recognized an administrative restructuring credit resulting from a positive adjustment to accrued lease obligation charges for the closed distribution center in Mississippi. We recognized net administrative restructuring charges in the three months ended December 27, 2008 resulting primarily from a November 2008 non-production employee RIF action, production cutbacks at a facility in Florida, and closures of distribution centers in Florida, Iowa, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Texas.
- (c) Operating income as a percent of net sales incurred in the Transition Period improved 9.9 percentage points from operating loss as a percent of net sales incurred in the three months ended December 27, 2008 primarily because of the improvement in gross profit performance and the positive impact of 2009 restructuring actions on SG&A expenses.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense increased 12.9% to \$44.7 million recognized in the Transition Period from \$39.6 million recognized in the three months ended December 27, 2008 primarily because of increased borrowings and increased interest rates recognized on several of our secured credit facilities. As a percent of net sales, interest expense recognized in the Transition Period increased to 2.8% from 2.1% recognized in the three months ended December 27, 2008.

*Reorganization items.* Net reorganization costs increased 145.9% to \$32.7 million recognized in the Transition Period from \$13.3 million recognized in the three months ended December 27, 2008. Costs recognized in the Transition Period included certain incentive compensation costs that were contingent upon confirmation by the Bankruptcy Court of a plan of reorganization that satisfied the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, professional fees charged for post-petition reorganization services, and severance and other costs related to post-petition facility closures and RIF actions. Costs recognized in the three months ended

December 27, 2008 included professional fees charged for post-petition reorganization services, finance costs related to the DIP Credit Agreement and fees associated with the termination of the RPA on December 3, 2008.

*Income taxes.* We recognized an income tax benefit of \$102.4 million for the Transition Period compared to income tax expense of \$0.3 million for the three months ended December 27, 2008. The income tax benefit for the Transition Period was primarily the result of the Company's release of valuation allowance because of new provisions that increased US federal net operating loss carry backs net of tax expense for new legislation enacted in Mexico. The income tax expense for the three months ended December 27, 2008 resulted primarily from an increase in valuation allowance.

*Income from operation of discontinued business.* We generated income from the operation of our discontinued turkey business of \$0.9 million (\$0.6 million, net of tax) in the three months ended December 27, 2008. Net sales generated by the discontinued turkey business in the three months ended December 27, 2008, were \$26.5 million. There were no net sales or operating results generated by the discontinued turkey business in the three months ended December 27, 2009.

*Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests.* For the three months ended December 27, 2009, we recognized net income attributable to noncontrolling interests in three of our consolidated subsidiaries of \$0.3 million. For the three months ended December 27, 2008, we recognized net losses attributable to noncontrolling interests in three of our consolidated subsidiaries of \$0.1 million.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The following table presents our available sources of liquidity as of December 26, 2010:

Source of Liquidity	Facility Amount	Amount Outstanding (In millions)	Available
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106.1
Investments in available-for-sale securities	-	-	13.1
Debt facilities:			
Exit Credit Facility	600.0	205.3	354.2 (a)
ING Credit Facility	45.1	-	45.1

- (a) Actual borrowings by the Company under the Exit Credit Facility are subject to a borrowing base, which is a formula based on certain eligible inventory and eligible receivables. The borrowing base at December 26, 2010 was \$600.0 million. Availability under the Exit Credit Facility is also reduced by the Company's outstanding standby letters of credit. Standby letters of credit outstanding at December 26, 2010 totaled \$40.5 million. On January 13, 2011, the Company increased the amount of the revolving loan commitments under the Exit Credit Facility to \$700.0 million.

## Debt Obligations

*Senior and Subordinated Notes.* On December 15, 2010, the Company closed on the sale of \$500.0 million of 7<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes"). The 2018 Notes are unsecured obligations of the Company and are guaranteed by one the Company's subsidiaries.

Interest is payable on December 15 and June 15 of each year, commencing on June 15, 2011. The proceeds from the sale of the notes, after initial purchasers' discounts and expenses, were used to (i) repay all indebtedness outstanding under the Term A loan commitments of our Exit Credit Facility and (ii) repay a portion of the indebtedness outstanding under the Term B-1 loans commitments of our Exit Credit Facility. The indenture governing the 2018 Notes contains various covenants that may adversely affect our ability, among other things, to incur additional indebtedness, incur liens, pay dividends or make certain restricted payments, consummate certain asset sales, enter into certain transactions with JBS USA and our other affiliates, merge, consolidate and/or sell or dispose of all or substantially all of our assets. Additionally, we have \$3.6 million of 7<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% senior unsecured notes and 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% senior subordinated unsecured notes outstanding in the aggregate.

*Exit Credit Facility.* Upon exiting from bankruptcy, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, consisting of To-Ricos, Ltd. and To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd. (collectively, the "To-Ricos Borrowers"), entered into the Exit Credit Facility, which provides for an aggregate commitment of \$1.75 billion consisting of (i) a revolving loan commitment of \$600.0 million, (ii) a Term A loans commitment of \$375.0 million and (iii) a Term B loans commitment of \$775.0 million. The Exit Credit Facility also includes an accordion feature that allows us at any time to increase the aggregate revolving loan commitment by up to an additional \$250 million and to increase the aggregate Term B loans commitment by up to an additional \$400 million, in each case subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an aggregate cap on all commitments under the Exit Credit Facility of \$1.85 billion. The proceeds received from the Exit Credit Facility and sale of common stock to JBS USA were used to repay prepetition notes and bank debt as well as fund distributions to holders of other allowed claims. On January 13, 2011, we increased the amount of the revolving loan commitments under the Exit Credit Facility to \$700.0 million. The Term A loan was repaid on December 15, 2010 with proceeds from the 2018 Notes. The revolving loan commitment and the Term B loans will mature on December 28, 2014.

On December 26, 2010, a principal amount of \$632.5 million under the Term B loans commitment and \$205.3 million under the revolving loan commitment were outstanding. On December 28, 2009, the Company also paid loan costs totaling \$50.0 million related to the Exit Credit Facility that it recognized as an asset on its balance sheet. The Company amortizes these capitalized costs to expense over the life of the Exit Credit Facility.

Subsequent to the end of each fiscal year, a portion of our cash flow must be used to repay outstanding principal amounts under the Term B loans. With respect to 2010, the Company must pay approximately \$46.3 million of its cash flow toward the outstanding principal under the Term B loans. After giving effect to this prepayment and other prepayments of the Term B Loans, the Term B Loans must be repaid in 16 quarterly installments of approximately \$3.9 million beginning on April 15, 2011, with the final installment due on December 28, 2014. The Exit Credit Facility also requires us to use the proceeds we receive from certain asset sales and specified debt or equity issuances and upon the occurrence of other events to repay outstanding borrowings under the Exit Credit Facility.

The Exit Credit Facility includes a \$50.0 million sub-limit for swingline loans and a \$200.0 million sub-limit for letters of credit. Outstanding borrowings under the revolving loan commitment bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 3.00% plus the greater of (i) the US prime rate as published by the *Wall Street Journal*, (ii) the average federal funds rate plus 0.5%, and (iii) the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.0%, in the case of alternate base rate loans, or 4.00% plus the one, two, three or six month LIBOR rate adjusted by the applicable statutory reserve, in the case of Eurodollar loans. Outstanding Term B-1 loans bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 3.50% plus greater of (i) the US prime rate, as published by the *Wall Street Journal*, (ii) the average federal funds rate plus 0.5%, and (iii) the one month LIBOR rate plus 1.0%, in the case of alternate base rate loans, or 4.50%, plus the one, two, three or six month LIBOR Rate adjusted by the applicable statutory reserve, in the case of Eurodollar loans. Outstanding Term B-2 loans bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 9.00%. Commitment fees charged on the revolving commitments under the Exit Credit Facility accrue at a per annum rate equal to 0.50%.

Actual borrowings by the Company under the revolving credit commitment part of the Exit Credit Facility are subject to a borrowing base, which is a formula based on certain eligible inventory, eligible receivables and restricted cash under the control of CoBank ACB, as administrative agent under the Exit Credit Facility. The borrowing base formula is reduced by the sum of (i) inventory reserves, (ii) rent and collateral access reserves, and (iii) any amount more than 15 days past due that is owed by the Company or its subsidiaries to any person on account of the purchase price of agricultural products or services (including poultry and livestock) if that person is entitled to any grower's or producer's lien or other security arrangement. Revolving loan availability under the borrowing base is also limited to an aggregate of \$25.0 million with respect to the To-Ricos Borrowers. As of December 26, 2010, the applicable borrowing base was \$600.0 million, the amount available for borrowing under the revolving loan commitment was \$354.2 million and outstanding borrowings and letters of credit under the revolving loan commitment totaled \$245.8 million.

The Exit Credit Facility provides that the Company may not incur capital expenditures in excess of \$275.0 million in 2011 and \$350.0 million per fiscal year thereafter. The Company must also maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a minimum level of tangible net worth and may not exceed a maximum senior secured leverage ratio. The Company must maintain compliance with these covenants at the following levels:

Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio <sup>(a)</sup>	At least 1.05 to 1.00 on or before December 31, 2012 and at least 1.10 to 1.00 after January 1, 2013.
Maximum senior secured leverage ratio <sup>(b)</sup>	No greater than (i) 4.00 to 1.00 on or before December 31, 2012, (ii) 3.75 to 1.00 for the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and (iii) 3.50 to 1.00 for any period after January 1, 2014.
Minimum consolidated tangible net worth <sup>(c)</sup>	At least \$656.1 million plus 50.0% of the cumulative net income (excluding any losses) of the Company and its subsidiaries from the Effective Date through the date of calculation.

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(a) Fixed charge coverage ratio means the ratio of (i) EBITDA, as adjusted, minus the unfinanced portion of capital expenditures, minus taxes paid in cash, in each case for the period of eight consecutive fiscal quarters ending as of such date; to (ii) Fixed Charges as of such date, all calculated for the Company on a consolidated basis. EBITDA, as adjusted, means (i) net income (loss) for such period plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, plus (ii) cash (if taken in connection with or during the bankruptcy of the Company) and non-cash tangible and intangible asset impairment charges, lease termination costs, severance costs, facility shutdown costs, and other related restructuring charges for such period related to a permanent reduction in capacity, plant or facility closures/cut-backs or a significant reconfiguration of a plant or facility and extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring non-cash charges or losses (other than for write-down or write-off of inventory); minus (iii) any extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring income or gains; provided however, that aggregate principal amount of Plan Sponsor Subordinated Indebtedness included in the calculating EBITDA shall not exceed \$100.0 million. Plan Sponsor Subordinated Indebtedness means additional unsecured Indebtedness owed to JBS USA Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any wholly-owned subsidiary thereof that is (i) organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and (ii) has been formed for the purpose of acquiring a majority of the equity interests of the Company, or merging or consolidating with the Company for the purpose of acquiring a majority of the equity interests of the Company. Fixed Charges means all amounts that are required to be paid by the Company during an eight fiscal quarter period for scheduled principal payments on indebtedness and capital lease obligations; plus all amounts that were paid in cash by the Company during the preceding eight fiscal quarter period in respect of interest, dividends, contributions to certain employee pension benefit plans and non-cancellable operating lease payments not included in the calculation of EBITDA.

(b) Senior secured leverage ratio means the ratio of Senior Secured Indebtedness on such date to EBITDA, as adjusted, during the preceding four consecutive fiscal quarters. Senior Secured Indebtedness means, at any date, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness (other than unsecured Indebtedness) of the Company at such date, determined on a consolidated basis, to the extent required to be reflected in the "Liabilities" section of the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Company. Indebtedness means the aggregate principal amount of all (i) borrowed money and capital lease obligations, (ii) deposits or advances owed by the Company, (iii) obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (iv) obligations under conditional sale or other title retention agreements, (v) obligations related to the deferred purchase price of property or services, (vi) all indebtedness of others secured by liens on property of the Company, (vii) guarantor obligations, (viii) obligations in respect to letters of credit, letters of guaranty, bankers' acceptances and liquidated earn-outs and (ix) any other off-balance sheet liability, each to the extent required to be reflected in the Liabilities section of our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(c) Consolidated tangible net worth means shareholders' equity minus intangible assets.

The Company is currently in compliance with these covenants. However, chicken prices, commodity prices, access to export markets and other factors could affect the Company's ability to maintain compliance with its financial covenants.

Under the Exit Credit Facility, JBS USA, the Company's majority stockholder, or its affiliates may make loans to the Company on a subordinated basis on terms reasonably satisfactory to the agents under the Exit Credit Facility and up to \$100 million of such subordinated indebtedness may be included in the calculation of EBITDA (as defined in the Exit Credit Facility).

The Exit Credit Facility contains various covenants that may adversely affect our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, incur liens, pay dividends or make certain restricted payments, consummate certain assets sales, enter into certain transactions with JBS USA and our other affiliates, merge, consolidate and/or sell or dispose of all or substantially all of our assets.

All obligations under the Exit Credit Facility are unconditionally guaranteed by certain of the Company's subsidiaries and are secured by a first priority lien on (i) the domestic (including Puerto Rico) accounts and inventory of the Company and its subsidiaries, (ii) 100% of the equity interests in the To-Ricos Borrowers and the Company's domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the equity interests in the Company's direct foreign subsidiaries, (iii) substantially all of the personal property and intangibles of the Company, the To-Ricos Borrowers and the guarantor subsidiaries, and (iv) substantially all of the real estate and fixed assets of the Company and the subsidiary guarantors.

*ING Credit Agreement.* On September 25, 2006, a subsidiary of the Company, Avícola Pilgrim's Pride de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. (the "Mexico Borrower"), entered into a secured revolving credit agreement (the "ING Credit Agreement") with ING Capital, LLC, as agent (the "Mexico Agent") and the lenders party thereto (the "Mexico Lenders"). The ING Credit Agreement has a final maturity date of September 25, 2011 and a revolving commitment of 557.4 million Mexican pesos, a US dollar-equivalent \$45.1 million at December 26, 2010. There were no outstanding borrowings under the ING Credit Agreement at December 26, 2010. Outstanding amounts under the ING Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to: the LIBOR Rate, the Base Rate, or the Interbank Equilibrium Interest Rate (the "TIIE Rate"), as applicable, plus the Applicable Margin (as those terms are defined in the ING Credit Agreement). While the Company was operating in Chapter 11, the Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans, Base Rate loans, and TIIE loans was 6.0%, 4.0%, and 5.8%, respectively. Following the Effective Date, the Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans and Base Rate loans is 0.375% higher than the highest applicable interest rate margin under the Exit Credit Facility and for TIIE loans is 0.20% less than the Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans.

The ING Credit Agreement requires the Company to make a mandatory prepayment of the revolving loans, in an aggregate amount equal to 100.0% of the net cash proceeds received by any Mexican subsidiary of the Company (a "Mexico Subsidiary"), as applicable, in excess of thresholds specified in the ING Credit Agreement (i) from the occurrence of certain asset sales by the Mexico Subsidiaries; (ii) from the occurrence of any casualty or other insured damage to, or any taking under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar

proceedings of, any property or asset of any Mexico Subsidiary; or (iii) from the incurrence of certain indebtedness by a Mexico Subsidiary. Any such mandatory prepayments will permanently reduce the amount of the commitment under the ING Credit Agreement. The Mexico Subsidiaries have pledged substantially all of their receivables, inventory, and equipment and certain fixed assets. The Mexico Subsidiaries were excluded from the US bankruptcy proceedings.

### ***Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements***

We maintain operating leases for various types of equipment, some of which contain residual value guarantees for the market value of assets at the end of the term of the lease. The terms of the lease maturities range from one to ten years. We estimate the maximum potential amount of the residual value guarantees is approximately \$30.6 million; however, the actual amount would be offset by any recoverable amount based on the fair market value of the underlying leased assets. No liability has been recorded related to this contingency as the likelihood of payments under these guarantees is not considered to be probable, and the fair value of the guarantees is immaterial. We historically have not experienced significant payments under similar residual guarantees.

We are a party to many routine contracts in which we provide general indemnities in the normal course of business to third parties for various risks. Among other considerations, we have not recorded a liability for any of these indemnities as, based upon the likelihood of payment, the fair value of such indemnities would not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### ***Contractual Obligations***

In addition to our debt commitments at December 26, 2010, we had other commitments and contractual obligations that obligate us to make specified payments in the future. The following table summarizes the total amounts due as of December 26, 2010, under all debt agreements, commitments and other contractual obligations. The table indicates the years in which payments are due under the contractual obligations.

<b>Contractual Obligations<sup>(d)</sup></b>	<b>Payments Due By Period</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Less than 1 year</b>	<b>1-3 years</b>	<b>3-5 years</b>	<b>More than 5 years</b>
			(In thousands)		
Long-term debt <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,339,304	\$ 58,144	\$ 31,498	\$ 749,290	\$ 500,372
Interest <sup>(b)</sup>	545,422	101,904	189,381	133,292	120,845
Capital leases	1,662	323	372	527	440
Operating leases	51,978	27,385	21,302	3,291	-
Derivative liabilities	16,387	16,387	-	-	-
Purchase obligations <sup>(c)</sup>	599,428	576,133	23,295	-	-
Total	\$ 2,554,181	\$ 780,276	\$ 265,848	\$ 886,400	\$ 621,657

(a) Long-term debt includes an accreted discount of \$3.6 million and excludes \$40.5 million in letters of credit outstanding related to normal business transaction. With respect to 2010, the Company must pay approximately \$46.3 million of its cash flow toward the

outstanding principal under the Term B loans. After giving effect to this prepayment and other prepayments of the Term B Loans, the Term B Loans must be repaid in 16 quarterly installments of approximately \$3.9 million beginning on April 15, 2011, with the final installment due on December 28, 2014.

- (b) Interest expense in the table above assumes the continuation of interest rates and outstanding borrowings under our credit facilities as of December 26, 2010.
- (c) Includes agreements to purchase goods or services that are enforceable and legally binding on us and that specify all significant terms, including fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased; fixed, minimum, or variable price provisions; and the approximate timing of the transaction.
- (d) The total amount of PPC's unrecognized tax benefits at December 26, 2010 was \$66.7 million. We did not include this amount in the contractual obligations table above as reasonable estimates cannot be made at this time of the amounts or timing of future cash outflows.

### ***Historical Flow of Funds***

Cash provided by operating activities was \$14.6 million for 2010 as compared to cash provided by operations of \$64.9 million for 2009. The decrease in cash flows from operating activities was primarily the result of changes in restricted cash and unfavorable changes in net working capital.

Our working capital position increased \$113.8 million to a surplus of \$971.8 million and a current ratio of 2.32 at December 26, 2010 compared with a surplus of \$858.0 million and a current ratio of 2.69 at September 27, 2009 primarily because of a significant increase in inventory and assets held for sale. This was partially offset by an increase in current maturities on long term debt and trade accounts payable, as most long-term debt and accounts payable were classified as liabilities subject to compromise in 2009 because of the bankruptcy proceedings.

Trade accounts and other receivables increased \$4.8 million, or 1.5%, to \$321.8 million at December 26, 2010 from \$317.0 million at September 26, 2009. This increase resulted primarily from increased sales in our Mexico operations.

Inventories increased \$265.4 million, or 34.7%, to \$1,029.3 million at December 26, 2010 from \$763.9 million at September 26, 2009 due to an increase in live flock costs, feed inventory costs and a surplus of finished inventory products.

Prepaid expenses and other current assets increased \$36.7 million, or 82.4%, to \$81.3 million at December 26, 2010 from \$44.5 million at September 26, 2009. This increase occurred primarily because the Company started purchasing derivative financial instruments in 2010 in an attempt to mitigate price risk.

Accounts payable increased \$154.8 million, or 85.0%, to \$337.0 million at December 26, 2010 from \$182.2 million at September 26, 2009. This increase occurred for various reasons including the reestablishment of credit terms with vendors as the Company exited from bankruptcy and increased spending on capital expenditures. In addition, at September 26, 2009, liabilities totaling \$85.3 million that would normally be reflected as accounts payable were classified as liabilities subject to compromise because of the bankruptcy.

Accrued expenses decreased \$11.7 million, or 3.8%, to \$297.6 million at December 26, 2010 from \$309.3 million at September 26, 2009. This decrease resulted from reductions in the accrued balances for marketing programs, restructuring, interest, and various retirement accounts. These reductions were partially offset by increases in accrued balances for derivative financial instruments, payroll expenses, and other accrued services. In addition, at September 26, 2009, we classified \$139.3 million as liabilities subject to compromise due to bankruptcy, which was not required at December 26, 2010.

Cash used in investing activities was \$113.7 million and \$3.5 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Capital expenditures of \$179.3 million and \$88.2 million for 2010 and 2009, respectively, were primarily incurred for the routine replacement of equipment and to improve efficiencies and reduce costs. Capital expenditures for 2010 could not exceed \$225 million as allowed under the terms of the Exit Credit Facility. Cash was used to purchase investment securities totaling \$17.2 million and \$19.9 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Cash proceeds in 2010 and 2009 from the sale or maturity of investment securities were \$68.1 million and \$18.9 million, respectively. Cash proceeds from property disposals in 2010 and 2009 were \$14.7 million and \$85.7 million, respectively.

Cash used in financing activities was \$29.5 million in 2010. Cash provided by financing activities was \$101.2 million in 2009. Cash proceeds in 2009 from borrowings under the Exit Credit Facility were \$430.8 million. Cash was used to repay outstanding borrowings under the DIP Credit Agreement totaling \$430.8 million in 2009. Cash proceeds in 2010 and 2009 from long-term debt were \$2,438.9 million and \$833.4 million, respectively. Cash was used to repay long-term debt totaling \$3,197.4 million and \$719.7 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively. Cash proceeds in 2010 from the sale of common stock were \$800.0 million. Cash used in 2009 because of a decrease in outstanding cash management obligations totaled \$11.2 million. Cash was used to pay capitalized loan costs totaling \$62.8 million in 2010. Cash used to purchase the remaining interest in a subsidiary we did not already own totaled \$7.6 million in 2010. Cash was used for other financing activities totaling \$0.5 million and \$1.3 million in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### **Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted guidance under ASC Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, which establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer (i) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, (ii) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase, and (iii) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. It also requires an acquirer to recognize as expense most transaction and restructuring costs as incurred, rather than include such items in the cost of the acquired entity. Adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Topic 805 will impact any future business combinations that occur on or after the adoption date. The Company will evaluate the impact of the subject guidance as each business combination is consummated.

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted guidance under ASC Subtopic 810-10, *Consolidation-Overall*, which establishes standards for how a reporting entity (i) identifies, labels and presents in its consolidated statement of financial position the ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than itself, (ii) identifies and presents on the face of its consolidated statement of operations the amount of consolidated net income attributable to itself and to the noncontrolling interest, (iii) accounts for changes in its ownership interest while it retains a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary, (iv) initially measures any retained noncontrolling equity investment in a subsidiary that is deconsolidated, and (v) discloses other information about its interests and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 810-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted guidance under ASC Subtopic 715-20, *Compensation-Retirement Plans-Defined Benefit Plans-General*, which establishes standards for an employer's disclosures about plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan, including disclosures about investment policies and strategies, categories of plan assets, fair value measurements of plan assets and significant concentrations of risk. Adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 715-20 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2009-05, *Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value*, which provides amendments to ASC Subtopic 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures-General*, for the fair value measurement of liabilities and clarifies the techniques required to measure fair value when a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 820-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On December 28, 2009, the Company adopted a portion of ASU 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*, which provides amendments to ASC Subtopic 820-10 that require new disclosures regarding transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. ASU 2010-06 also clarifies existing disclosures regarding (i) the level of asset and liability disaggregation and (ii) fair value measurement inputs and valuation techniques. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 820-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. ASU 2010-06 also provides amendments to ASC Subtopic 820-10 that will require new disclosures regarding activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC 820-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

*General.* Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the US. The preparation of these financial

statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, customer programs and incentives, allowance for doubtful accounts, inventories, income taxes and product recall accounting. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements.

*Revenue Recognition.* Revenue is recognized upon shipment and transfer of ownership of the product to the customer and is recorded net of estimated incentive offerings including special pricing agreements, promotions and other volume-based incentives. Revisions to these estimates are charged back to net sales in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known.

*Inventory.* Live chicken inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market and breeder hens at the lower of cost, less accumulated amortization, or market. The costs associated with breeder hens are accumulated up to the production stage and amortized over their productive lives using the unit-of-production method. Finished poultry products, feed, eggs and other inventories are stated at the lower of cost (average) or market. We record valuations and adjustments for our inventory and for estimated obsolescence at or equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value based upon known conditions affecting inventory obsolescence, including significantly aged products, discontinued product lines, or damaged or obsolete products. We allocate meat costs between our various finished chicken products based on a by-product costing technique that reduces the cost of the whole bird by estimated yields and amounts to be recovered for certain by-product parts. This primarily includes leg quarters, wings, tenders and offal, which are carried in inventory at the estimated recovery amounts, with the remaining amount being reflected as our breast meat cost. Generally, the Company performs an evaluation of whether any lower of cost or market adjustments are required at the country level based on a number of factors, including: (i) pools of related inventory, (ii) product continuation or discontinuation, (iii) estimated market selling prices and (iv) expected distribution channels. If actual market conditions or other factors are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory adjustments may be required.

*Property, Plant and Equipment.* The Company records impairment charges on long-lived assets used in operations when events and circumstances indicate that the assets may be impaired and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the carrying amount of those assets. The impairment charge is determined based upon the amount the net book value of the assets exceeds their fair market value. In making these determinations, the

Company utilizes certain assumptions, including, but not limited to: (i) future cash flows estimated to be generated by these assets, which are based on additional assumptions such as asset utilization, remaining length of service and estimated salvage values; (ii) estimated fair market value of the assets; and (iii) determinations with respect to the lowest level of cash flows relevant to the respective impairment test, generally groupings of related operational facilities. Given the interdependency of the Company's individual facilities during the production process, which operate as a vertically integrated network, and the fact that the Company does not price transfers of inventory between its vertically integrated facilities at market prices, it evaluates impairment of assets held and used at the country level (i.e., the US and Mexico) within each segment. Management believes this is the lowest level of identifiable cash flows for its assets that are held and used in production activities. At the present time, the Company's forecasts indicate that it can recover the carrying value of its assets based on the projected cash flows of the operations. A key assumption in management's forecast is that the Company's sales volumes will return to historical margins as supply and demand between commodities and chicken and other animal-based proteins become more balanced. However, the exact timing of the return to historical margins is not certain and if the return to historical margins is delayed, impairment charges could become necessary in the future. The Company recognized impairment charges related to certain closed production complexes, administrative offices and distribution centers totaling \$26.5 million and \$5.4 million during 2010 and 2009, respectively.

*Goodwill.* The Company evaluated goodwill for impairment annually or at other times when events and circumstances indicated the carrying value of this asset might no longer be fully recoverable. The Company first compared the fair value of each reporting unit, determined using both income and market approaches, to its carrying value. To determine the fair value of each reporting unit, the Company utilized certain assumptions, including, but not limited to: (i) future cash flows estimated to be generated by each reporting unit, which are based on additional assumptions such as future market growth and trends, forecasted revenue and costs, appropriate discount rates and other variables, (ii) estimated value of the enterprise in the equity markets, and (iii) determinations with respect to the combination of operations that comprise a reporting unit. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeded the carrying value of the net assets assigned to that unit, goodwill was not impaired and the Company did not perform further testing. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's net assets exceeded the fair value of the reporting unit, then the Company determined the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill. If the carrying value of a reporting unit's goodwill exceeded its implied fair value, then an impairment of goodwill had occurred and the Company recognized an impairment loss for the difference between the carrying amount and the implied fair value of goodwill.

*Litigation and Contingent Liabilities.* The Company is subject to lawsuits, investigations and other claims related to employment, environmental, product, and other matters. The Company is required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes, as well as potential ranges of probable losses, to these matters. The Company estimates the amount of reserves required, including anticipated cost of defense, if any, for these contingencies when losses are determined to be probable and after considerable analysis of each individual issue.

With respect to our environmental remediation obligations, the accrual for environmental remediation liabilities is measured on an undiscounted basis. These reserves may change in the future due to changes in the Company's assumptions, the effectiveness of strategies, or other factors beyond the Company's control.

*Accrued Self Insurance.* Insurance expense for casualty claims and employee-related health care benefits are estimated using historical and current experience and actuarial estimates. Stop-loss coverage is maintained with third-party insurers to limit the Company's total exposure. Certain categories of claim liabilities are actuarially determined. The assumption used to arrive at periodic expenses is reviewed regularly by management. However, actual expenses could differ from these estimates and could result in adjustments to be recognized.

*Income Taxes.* The provision for income taxes has been determined using the asset and liability approach of accounting for income taxes. Under this approach, deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the book and tax bases of recorded assets and liabilities, net operating losses and tax credit carry forwards. The amount of deferred tax on these temporary differences is determined using the tax rates expected to apply to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, as applicable, based on the tax rates and laws in the respective tax jurisdiction enacted as of the balance sheet date.

*Realizability of Deferred Tax Assets.* The Company reviews its deferred tax assets for recoverability and establishes a valuation allowance based on historical taxable income, potential for carry back of tax losses, projected future taxable income, applicable tax strategies, and the expected timing of the reversals of existing temporary differences. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Valuation allowances have been established primarily for net operating loss carry forwards. See "Note 13. Income Taxes" to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Indefinite Reinvestment in Foreign Subsidiaries.* The Company deems its earnings from Mexico to be permanently reinvested. As such, US deferred income taxes have not been provided on these earnings. If such earnings were not considered indefinitely reinvested, certain deferred foreign and US income taxes would be provided. For activity after 2008, the Company did not permanently reinvest its earnings in Puerto Rico. Therefore, net earnings generated in Puerto Rico have US taxes provided as if the earnings were distributed.

*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.* The Company follows the provisions under ASC 740-10-25 that provides a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for the financial statement recognition of a tax benefit taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Tax benefits are recognized only when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the benefits will be sustained on examination. Tax benefits that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are measured using a probability weighting of the largest amount of tax benefit that has greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon settlement.

Whether the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met for a particular tax benefit is a matter of judgment based on the individual facts and circumstances evaluated in light of all available evidence as of the balance sheet date. See “Note 13. Income Taxes” to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits.* The Company’s pension and other postretirement benefit costs and obligations are dependent on the various actuarial assumptions used in calculating such amounts. These assumptions relate to discount rates, salary growth, long-term return on plan assets, health care cost trend rates and other factors. The Company bases the discount rate assumptions on current investment yields on high-quality corporate long-term bonds. The salary growth assumptions reflect our long-term actual experience and future or near-term outlook. Long-term return on plan assets is determined based on historical portfolio results and management’s expectation of the future economic environment. Our health care cost trend assumptions are developed based on historical cost data, the near-term outlook and an assessment of likely long-term trends. Actual results that differ from our assumptions are accumulated and, if in excess of the lesser of 10% of the project benefit obligation or the fair market value of plan assets, amortized over the estimated future working life of the plan participants.

## **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

### **Market Risk-Sensitive Instruments and Positions**

The risk inherent in our market risk-sensitive instruments and positions is primarily the potential loss arising from adverse changes in the price of feed ingredients, foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and the credit quality of its available-for-sale securities as discussed below. The sensitivity analyses presented do not consider the effects that such adverse changes may have on overall economic activity, nor do they consider additional actions our management may take to mitigate our exposure to such changes. Actual results may differ.

*Feed Ingredients.* We purchase certain commodities, primarily corn and soybean meal, for use as ingredients in the feed we either sell commercially or consume in our live operations. As a result, our earnings are affected by changes in the price and availability of such feed ingredients. In the past, we have from time to time attempted to minimize our exposure to the changing price and availability of such feed ingredients using various techniques, including, but not limited to, (i) executing purchase agreements with suppliers for future physical delivery of feed ingredients at established prices and (ii) purchasing or selling derivative financial instruments such as futures and options.

Market risk is estimated as a hypothetical 10% increase in the weighted-average cost of our primary feed ingredients as of December 26, 2010. Based on our feed consumption during 2010, such an increase would have resulted in an increase to cost of sales of approximately \$242.4 million, excluding the impact of any feed ingredients derivative financial instruments in that period. A 10% change in ending feed ingredients inventories at December 26, 2010 would be \$8.9 million, excluding any potential impact on the production costs of our chicken inventories. A 10% change in corn and soybean meal prices on December 26, 2010 would have resulted in a \$1.7 million change in the fair value of our net commodity derivative asset position as of that date.

*Foreign Currency.* Our earnings are affected by foreign exchange rate fluctuations related to the Mexican peso net monetary position of our Mexican subsidiaries. We manage this exposure primarily by attempting to minimize our Mexican peso net monetary position. We are also exposed to the effect of potential exchange rate fluctuations to the extent that amounts are repatriated from Mexico to the US. However, we currently anticipate that the future cash flows of our Mexican subsidiaries will be reinvested in our Mexican operations. In addition, the Mexican peso exchange rate can directly and indirectly impact our financial condition and results of operations in several ways, including potential economic recession in Mexico because of devaluation of their currency. The impact on our financial position and results of operations resulting from a hypothetical change in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Mexican peso cannot be reasonably estimated. Foreign currency exchange gains and losses, representing the change in the US dollar value of the net monetary assets of our Mexican subsidiaries denominated in Mexican pesos, was a loss of \$0.2 million in 2010, a loss

of \$0.6 million in the Transition Period, a loss of \$0.1 million in 2009 and a gain of \$0.7 million in 2008. The average exchange rates for 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 were 12.65 Mexican pesos to 1 US dollar, 13.11 Mexican pesos to 1 US dollar, 13.49 Mexican pesos to 1 US dollar and 10.61 Mexican pesos to 1 US dollar, respectively. No assurance can be given as to how future movements in the Mexican peso could affect our future financial condition or results of operations.

*Interest Rates.* Our earnings are also affected by changes in interest rates due to the impact those changes have on our variable-rate debt instruments. We had variable-rate debt instruments representing approximately 37.4% of our total debt at December 26, 2010. Holding other variables constant, including levels of indebtedness, an increase in interest rates of 25 basis points would have increased our interest expense by \$1.3 million for 2010. These amounts are determined by considering the impact of the hypothetical interest rates on our variable-rate debt at December 26, 2010.

Market risk for fixed-rate debt is estimated as the potential increase in fair value resulting from a hypothetical decrease in interest rates of 25 basis points. Using a discounted cash flow analysis, the market risk on fixed-rate debt totaled \$12.2 million as of December 26, 2010. Our public debt is currently trading at a premium. Management expects that the fair value of our non-public fixed-rate debt has also increased, but cannot reliably estimate the fair value at this time.

*Available-for-Sale Securities.* The Company and certain retirement plans that it sponsors invest in a variety of financial instruments. In response to the continued turbulence in global financial markets, we have analyzed our portfolios of investments and, to the best of our knowledge, none of our investments, including money market funds units, commercial paper and municipal securities, have been downgraded because of this turbulence, and neither we nor any fund in which we participate hold significant amounts of structured investment vehicles, mortgage backed securities, collateralized debt obligations, auction-rate securities, credit derivatives, hedge funds investments, fund of funds investments or perpetual preferred securities. At December 26, 2010, the fair value of the Company's available-for-sale portfolio was \$13.1 million. Management does not believe a hypothetical change in interest rates of 25 basis points or a 10% decrease in equity prices would be material to the Company.

*Impact of Inflation.* Due to low to moderate inflation in the US and Mexico and our rapid inventory turnover rate, the results of operations have not been significantly affected by inflation during the past three-year period.

## **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

The consolidated financial statements together with the report of our independent registered public accounting firm and financial statement schedule are included on pages 99 through 163 of this report. Financial statement schedules other than those included herein have been omitted because the required information is contained in the consolidated financial statements or related notes, or such information is not applicable.

**Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

Not applicable.

**Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

As of December 26, 2010, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")). Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, concluded the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that information we are required to disclose in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In connection with the evaluation described above, the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, identified no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's quarter ended December 26, 2010, and that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## **MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's ("PPC") management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). PPC's internal control system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, PPC's management assessed the design and operating effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2010 based on the framework set forth in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organization of the Treadway Commission.

Based on this assessment, management concluded that PPC's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 26, 2010. Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2010. That report is included herein.

## **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

We have audited Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying *Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2010, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation as of December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 26, 2010, the three months ended December 27, 2009 and the years ended September 26, 2009 and September 27, 2008, of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, and our report dated February 11, 2011, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Fort Worth, Texas  
February 11, 2011

## **Item 9B. Other Information**

On December 1, 2008, the Company and six of our subsidiaries (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division (the “Bankruptcy Court”). The cases are being jointly administered under Case No. 08-45664. Until the Debtors’ emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings on December 28, 2009 (the “Effective Date”), the Debtors operated their business as “debtors-in-possession” under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and orders of the Bankruptcy Court. The Company continues to work through the claims allowance process with respect to claims arising before the Effective Date. The Company will be responsible for payment to the extent those claims become allowed claims. See “Note 2. Chapter 11 Proceedings” to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report for additional information on the Debtors’ Chapter 11 filings and proceedings.

## **PART III**

### **Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

Certain information regarding our executive officers has been presented under “Executive Officers” included in Item 1. “Business,” above.

Reference is made to the sections entitled “Election of JBS Directors” and “Election of Equity Directors and the Founder Director” of the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

Reference is made to the section entitled “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” of the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all employees, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer. The full text of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is published on our website, at [www.pilgrims.com](http://www.pilgrims.com), under the “Investors-Corporate Governance” caption. We intend to disclose future amendments to, or waivers from, certain provisions of this Code on our website within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

See Item 13. “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.”

### **Item 11. Executive Compensation**

See Item 13. “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.”

### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

See Item 13. “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.”

### **Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

Additional information responsive to Items 10, 11, 12 and 13 is incorporated by reference from the sections entitled “Security Ownership,” “Board of Directors Independence,” “Committees of the Board of Directors,” “Election of JBS Directors,” “Election of Equity Directors and the Founder Director,” “Report of the Compensation Committee,” “Compensation Discussion and Analysis,” “Executive Compensation,” “Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” and “Certain Transactions” of the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## **Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The information required by this item is incorporated herein by reference from the section entitled “Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fee Information” of the Company’s Proxy Statement for its 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Financial Statements

- (1) The financial statements and schedules listed in the index to financial statements and schedules on page 2 of this report are filed as part of this report.
- (2) All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the SEC are not required under the related instructions or are not applicable and therefore have been omitted.
- (3) The financial statements schedule entitled “Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves” is filed as part of this report on page 163.

(b) Exhibits

Exhibit Number

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated September 15, 1986, by and among Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, a Texas corporation; Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, a Delaware corporation; and Doris Pilgrim Julian, Aubrey Hal Pilgrim, Paulette Pilgrim Rolston, Evanne Pilgrim, Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Greta Pilgrim Owens and Patrick Wayne Pilgrim (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-8805) effective November 14, 1986).
- 2.2 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated September 27, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2 of WLR Foods, Inc.’s Current Report on Form 8-K (No. 000-17060) dated September 28, 2000).
- 2.3 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 3, 2006, by and among the Company, Protein Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and Gold Kist Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.(D)(1) to Amendment No. 11 to the Company’s Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed on December 5, 2006).
- 2.4 Stock Purchase Agreement by and between the Company and JBS USA Holdings, Inc., dated September 16, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 18, 2009).
- 2.5 Amendment No.1 to the Stock Purchase Agreement by and between the Company and JBS USA Holdings, Inc., dated December 28, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.5 of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed January 22, 2010).
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company’s Form 8-A filed on December 28, 2009).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 of the Company’s Form 8-A filed on December 28, 2009).

- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (included as Exhibit 3.1).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws of the Company (included as Exhibit 3.2).
- 4.3 Stockholders Agreement dated December 28, 2009 between the Company and JBS USA Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-A filed on December 28, 2009).
- 4.4 Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 29, 2009).
- 4.5 Waiver to the Stockholders Agreement dated November 4, 2010 between JBS USA Holdings, Inc. and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 8, 2010).
- 4.6 Indenture dated as of December 14, 2010 among the Company, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of West Virginia, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).
- 4.7 Registration Rights Agreement dated December 14, 2010 among the Company and the representatives of the initial purchasers of the Senior 7.875% Note due 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).
- 4.8 Form of Senior 7.875% Note due 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).
- 4.9 Form of Guarantee (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).

Additional long-term debt instruments are not filed since the total amount of those securities authorized under any such instrument does not exceed 10 percent of the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The Company agrees to furnish a copy of such instruments to the SEC upon request.

- 10.1 Broiler Grower Contract dated May 6, 1997 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim (Farm 30) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.49 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 1997).
- 10.2 Commercial Egg Grower Contract dated May 7, 1997 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.50 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 1997).

- 10.3 Agreement dated October 15, 1996 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.23 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended January 2, 1999).
- 10.4 Heavy Breeder Contract dated May 7, 1997 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim (Farms 44, 45 & 46) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.51 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 1997).
- 10.5 Broiler Grower Contract dated January 15, 1997 by and between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and B.J.M. Farms (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.26 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-29163) effective June 27, 1997).
- 10.6 Commercial Property Lease dated December 29, 2000 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended December 30, 2000).
- 10.7 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 27, 2004). †
- 10.8 Credit Agreement by and among the Avícola Pilgrim's Pride de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. (the "Borrower"), Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, certain Mexico subsidiaries of the Borrower, ING Capital LLC, and the lenders signatory thereto dated as of September 25, 2006 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2006).
- 10.9 Ground Lease Agreement effective February 1, 2008 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pat Pilgrim (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 1, 2008).
- 10.10 Change to Company Contribution Amount Under the Amended and Restated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed July 30, 2008). †
- 10.11 Form of Change in Control Agreement dated as of October 21, 2008 between the Company and certain of its executive officers (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 27, 2008). †
- 10.12 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated January 27, 2009, between the Company and Don Jackson (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 30, 2009). †
- 10.13 Change in Control Agreement by and between the Company and Donald Jackson dated September 15, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report filed on September 18, 2009). †

- 10.14 Consulting Agreement by and between the Company and Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim dated September 16, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.57 of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed November 23, 2009). †
- 10.15 Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation FY2009 Performance Bonus Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company’s Current Report filed on October 13, 2009). †
- 10.16 Credit Agreement dated December 28, 2009 among the Company, To-Ricos, Ltd. and To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd., CoBank, ACB, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 29, 2009).
- 10.17 Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation Short-Term Management Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 30, 2009). †
- 10.18 Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 30, 2009). †
- 10.19 Letter Agreement dated June 1, 2010 between Gary D. Tucker and the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on July 30, 2010). †
- 10.20 Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 28, 2009, by and among the Company, To-Ricos, Ltd. and To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd., CoBank, ACB, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.\*
- 10.21 Employment Agreement dated January 14, 2011 between the Company and William Lovette (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 18, 2011). †
- 10.22 Restricted Share Agreement dated January 14, 2011 between the Company and William Lovette (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 18, 2011). †
- 12 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the years ended December 26, 2010, September 26, 2009, September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, September 30, 2006, and the transition period from September 27, 2009 to December 27, 2009.\*
- 21 Subsidiaries of Registrant.\*
- 23 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.\*
- 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*

- 32.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*
- 32.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*

\* **Filed herewith**

\*\* **Furnished herewith**

† **Represents a management contract or compensation plan arrangement**

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on February 11, 2011.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gary D. Tucker  
Gary D. Tucker  
Principal Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Wesley Mendonça Batista</u> Wesley Mendonça Batista	Chairman of the Board	02/11/11
<u>/s/ William W. Lovette</u> William W. Lovette	President Chief Executive Officer	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Gary D. Tucker</u> Gary D. Tucker	Chief Accounting Officer Principal Financial Officer	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Charles Macaluso</u> Charles Macaluso	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Don Jackson</u> Don Jackson	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Joesley Mendonça Batista</u> Joesley Mendonça Batista	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ José Batista Júnior</u> José Batista Júnior	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim</u> Lonnie “Bo” Pilgrim	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes</u> Marcus Vinicius Pratini de Moraes	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Michael L. Cooper</u> Michael L. Cooper	Director	02/11/11
<u>/s/ Wallim Cruz de Vasconellos Junior</u> Wallim Cruz de Vasconellos Junior	Director	02/11/11

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (the "Company") as of December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 26, 2010, the three months ended December 27, 2009 and the years ended September 26, 2009 and September 27, 2008. Our audits also include the financial statement schedule listed in the index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation at December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 26, 2010, the three months ended December 27, 2009 and the years ended September 26, 2009 and September 27, 2008, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 26, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 11, 2011, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Fort Worth, Texas  
February 11, 2011

**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>December 26, 2010</b>	<b>September 26, 2009</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except shares and per share data)</b>	
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,077	\$ 220,029
Restricted cash	60,953	-
Investment in available-for-sale securities	1,554	5,302
Trade accounts and other receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts	321,765	316,953
Inventories	1,029,254	763,869
Income taxes receivable	58,465	15,028
Current deferred tax assets	3,476	-
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	81,250	44,540
Assets held for sale	47,671	473
Total current assets	1,710,465	1,366,194
Investment in available-for-sale securities	11,595	57,314
Deferred tax assets	22,609	16,732
Other long-lived assets	67,143	63,609
Identified intangible assets, net	48,950	57,179
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,358,136	1,499,476
	\$ 3,218,898	\$ 3,060,504
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 329,780	\$ 182,173
Accounts payable to JBS USA, LLC	7,212	-
Accrued expenses	297,594	309,259
Pre-petition obligations	346	-
Income taxes payable	6,814	-
Current deferred tax liabilities	38,745	16,732
Current maturities of long-term debt	58,144	-
Total current liabilities	738,635	508,164
Long-term debt, less current maturities	1,281,160	41,062
Deferred tax liabilities	3,476	22,213
Other long-term liabilities	117,031	98,783
Total liabilities not subject to compromise	2,140,302	670,222
Liabilities subject to compromise	-	2,233,161
Commitments and contingencies	-	-
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued	-	-
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 800,000,000 shares authorized; 214,281,914 shares issued and outstanding at year-end 2010; 77,141,389 shares issued and outstanding at year-end 2009	2,143	771
Additional paid-in capital	1,442,810	646,793
Accumulated deficit	(348,653)	(469,407)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(23,637)	(27,237)
Total Pilgrim's Pride Corporation stockholders' equity	1,072,663	150,920
Noncontrolling interest	5,933	6,201
Total stockholders' equity	1,078,596	157,121
	\$ 3,218,898	\$ 3,060,504

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**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	Twelve Months Ended December 26, 2010	Three Months Ended December 27, 2009	Twelve Months Ended September 26, 2009	Twelve Months Ended September 27, 2008
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net sales	\$ 6,881,629	\$ 1,602,734	\$ 7,088,055	\$ 8,518,757
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales	6,416,318	1,531,104	6,764,788	8,738,126
Operational restructuring charges, net	4,318	2,877	12,464	27,990
Gross profit (loss)	460,993	68,753	310,803	(247,359)
Selling, general and administrative expense	209,544	62,523	241,489	292,735
Goodwill impairment	-	-	-	501,446
Administrative restructuring charges, net	66,022	(1,359)	1,987	16,156
Total costs and expenses	6,696,202	1,595,145	7,020,728	9,576,453
Operating income (loss)	185,427	7,589	67,327	(1,057,696)
Other expenses (income):				
Interest expense	105,553	44,673	161,929	134,220
Interest income	(3,805)	(480)	(4,386)	(2,593)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	11,726	-	-	-
Miscellaneous, net	(13,076)	(884)	(3,642)	(3,414)
Total other expenses	100,398	43,309	153,901	128,213
Income (loss) from continuing operations before reorganization	85,029	(35,720)	(86,574)	(1,185,909)
Reorganization items, net	18,541	32,726	87,275	-
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	66,488	(68,446)	(173,849)	(1,185,909)
Income tax benefit	(23,838)	(102,371)	(21,586)	(194,921)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	90,326	33,925	(152,263)	(990,988)
Income (loss) from discontinued business, net of tax	-	-	599	(6,409)
Net income (loss)	90,326	33,925	(151,664)	(997,397)
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	3,185	312	(82)	1,184
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	\$ 87,141	\$ 33,613	\$ (151,582)	\$ (998,581)
<b>Net income (loss) per common share—basic:</b>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.45	\$ (2.06)	\$ (14.31)
Income (loss) from discontinued business attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	-	-	0.01	(0.09)
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.45	\$ (2.05)	\$ (14.40)
<b>Net income (loss) per common share—diluted:</b>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44	\$ (2.06)	\$ (14.31)
Income (loss) from discontinued business attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	-	-	0.01	(0.09)
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.44	\$ (2.05)	\$ (14.40)

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**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)**

	<u>Twelve Months Ended December 26, 2010</u>	<u>Three Months Ended December 27, 2009</u>	<u>Twelve Months Ended September 26, 2009</u>	<u>Twelve Months Ended September 27, 2008</u>
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic	214,282	74,374	74,056	69,337
Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents	-	2,767	2,060	-
Diluted	<u>214,282</u>	<u>77,141</u>	<u>76,116</u>	<u>69,337</u>
<b>Amounts attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders:</b>				
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax	\$ 87,141	\$ 33,613	\$ (152,181)	\$ (992,172)
Income (loss) from discontinued business, net of tax	-	-	599	(6,409)
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 87,141</u>	<u>\$ 33,613</u>	<u>\$ (151,582)</u>	<u>\$ (998,581)</u>

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**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

	<u>Twelve Months Ended December 26, 2010</u>	<u>Three Months Ended December 27, 2009</u>	<u>Twelve Months Ended September 26, 2009</u>	<u>Twelve Months Ended September 27, 2008</u>
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Net income (loss)	\$ 90,326	\$ 33,925	\$ (151,664)	\$ (997,397)
Other comprehensive income:				
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	(226)	41	2,695	(2,252)
Recognition in earnings of a previously unrecognized loss on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge, net of tax	(2,565)	(139)	(357)	(356)
Gains (losses) associated with pension and other postretirement benefits, net of tax	6,420	69	(50,736)	9,767
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	3,629	(29)	(48,398)	7,159
Comprehensive income (loss)	93,955	33,896	(200,062)	(990,238)
Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	3,185	312	(82)	1,184
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	<u>\$ 90,770</u>	<u>\$ 33,584</u>	<u>\$ (199,980)</u>	<u>\$ (991,422)</u>

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**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Stockholders							Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Subsidiaries
	Total	Comprehensive Income	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)  (In thousands)	Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	
Balance at September 29, 2007	\$1,174,320		\$ 687,775	\$ 14,002	66,556	\$ 665	\$ 469,779	\$ 2,099
Comprehensive income (loss):								
Net income (loss)	(997,397)	(998,581)	(998,581)					1,184
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:								
Net unrealized holding losses on available-for- sale securities, net of tax	(2,252)	(2,252)		(2,252)				
Recognition in earnings of a previously unrealized gain on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge, net of tax	(356)	(356)		(356)				
Gains associated with pension and other postretirement benefits	9,767	9,767		9,767				
Total other comprehensive income	7,159	7,159						
Total comprehensive loss	(990,238)	(991,422)						
Formation of joint venture	3,031							3,031
Sale of common stock	177,218				7,500	75	177,143	
Cash dividends declared (\$.09 per share)	(6,328)		(6,328)					
Other activity	52		52					
Balance at September 27, 2008	\$ 358,055		\$ (317,082)	\$ 21,161	74,056	\$ 740	\$ 646,922	\$ 6,314
Comprehensive income (loss):								
Net loss	(151,664)	(151,582)	(151,582)					(82)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:								
Net unrealized holding gains on available-for- sale securities, net of tax	2,695	2,695		2,695				
Recognition in earnings of a previously unrealized gain on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge, net of tax	(357)	(357)		(357)				
Losses associated with pension and other postretirement benefits	(50,736)	(50,736)		(50,736)				
Total other comprehensive loss	(48,398)	(48,398)						
Total comprehensive loss	(200,062)	(199,980)						
Issuance of restricted common stock					3,085	31	(31)	
Other activity	(872)		(743)				(98)	(31)
Balance at September 26, 2009	\$ 157,121		\$ (469,407)	\$ (27,237)	77,141	\$ 771	\$ 646,793	\$ 6,201
Comprehensive income (loss):								
Net income	33,925	33,613	33,613					312
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:								
Net unrealized holding gains on available-for- sale securities, net of tax	41	41		41				
Recognition in earnings of a previously unrealized gain on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge, net of tax	(139)	(139)		(139)				
Gains associated with pension and other postretirement benefits	69	69		69				
Total other comprehensive loss	(29)	(29)						
Total comprehensive income	33,896	33,584						
Share-based payments	1,790						1,790	
Other activity	1							1
Balance at December 27, 2009	\$ 192,808		\$ (435,794)	\$ (27,266)	77,141	\$ 771	\$ 648,583	\$ 6,514

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (CONTINUED)**

	Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Stockholders						
	Total	Comprehensive Income	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital
	(In thousands)						
Comprehensive income (loss):							
Net income	90,326	87,141	87,141				3,185
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:							
Net unrealized holding losses on available-for- sale securities, net of tax	(226)	(226)		(226)			
Recognition in earnings of a previously unrealized gain on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge, net of tax	(2,565)	(2,565)		(2,565)			
Gains associated with pension and other postretirement benefits	6,420	6,420		6,420			
Total other comprehensive income	3,629	3,629					
Total comprehensive income	93,955	90,770					
Common stock issued	800,000				137,141	1,372	798,628
Other activities	(8,167)						(4,401)
Balance at December 26, 2010	<u>\$1,078,596</u>		<u>\$ (348,653)</u>	<u>\$ (23,637)</u>	<u>214,282</u>	<u>\$ 2,143</u>	<u>\$1,442,810</u>
							<u>\$ 5,933</u>

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**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	Twelve Months Ended December 26, 2010	Three Months Ended December 27, 2009	Twelve Months Ended September 26, 2009	Twelve Months Ended September 27, 2008
(In thousands)				
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>				
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	\$ 87,141	\$ 33,613	\$ (151,582)	\$ (998,581)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation to cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	231,045	56,705	236,005	240,305
Asset impairment	26,484	-	5,409	13,184
Goodwill impairment	-	-	-	501,446
Noncash loss on early extinguishment of debt recognized as a component of other expense	11,726	-	-	-
Noncash loss on early extinguishment of debt recognized as a reorganization item	13,654	-	-	-
Accretion of bond discount	38	-	-	-
Gain on property disposals	(401)	(1,377)	(26,353)	(14,850)
Share-based compensation	-	1,790	-	-
Deferred income tax benefit	(69,260)	(112,392)	(21,478)	(195,944)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	(55,881)	-	(10,072)	-
Trade accounts and other receivables	(9,045)	6,577	(173,915)	(19,864)
Inventories	(285,839)	26,006	284,678	(103,937)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(45,315)	9,897	24,036	(23,392)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(91,119)	16,540	(101,255)	(71,293)
Income taxes receivable, net	145,056	10,909	(2,269)	(1,552)
Deposits	56,552	(49,635)	-	-
Other	(231)	(2,690)	1,730	(6,374)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	14,605	(4,057)	64,934	(680,852)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>				
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment	(179,332)	(30,463)	(88,193)	(152,501)
Purchases of investment securities	(17,201)	(6,024)	(19,958)	(38,043)
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investment securities	68,100	4,511	18,946	27,545
Proceeds from property sales and disposals	14,698	3,522	85,736	41,367
Cash used in investing activities	(113,735)	(28,454)	(3,469)	(121,632)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>				
Proceeds from short-term notes payable	-	-	430,817	-
Payments on short-term notes payable	-	-	(430,817)	-
Proceeds from long-term debt	2,438,855	60,370	833,424	2,264,912
Payments on long-term debt	(3,197,399)	(10,144)	(719,762)	(1,646,028)
Proceeds from sale of common stock	800,000	-	-	177,218
Change in outstanding cash management obligations	-	-	(11,172)	13,558
Purchase of remaining interest in subsidiary	(7,637)	-	-	-
Payment of capitalized loan costs	(62,788)	-	-	-
Other financing activities	(511)	(1,976)	(1,337)	(11,917)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(29,480)	48,250	101,153	797,743
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,613)	532	(4,142)	126
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(130,223)	16,271	158,476	(4,615)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	236,300	220,029	61,553	66,168
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 106,077	\$ 236,300	\$ 220,029	\$ 61,553
<b>Supplemental Disclosure Information:</b>				
Interest paid (net of amount capitalized)	\$ 66,044	\$ 16,298	\$ 79,689	\$ 142,339
Income taxes paid (received)	\$ (115,974)	\$ (86)	\$ 11,228	\$ 6,411

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

#### *Business*

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (referred to herein as "Pilgrim's," "PPC," "the Company," "we," "us," "our," or similar terms) is one of the largest chicken companies in the United States ("US"), Mexico and Puerto Rico. Our fresh chicken retail line is sold in the southeastern, central, southwestern and western regions of the US, throughout Puerto Rico, and in the northern and central regions of Mexico. Our prepared-foods products meet the needs of some of the largest customers in the food service industry across the US. Additionally, the Company exports commodity chicken products to approximately 95 countries. As a vertically integrated company, we control every phase of the production of our products. We operate feed mills, hatcheries, processing plants and distribution centers in 14 US states, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Our fresh chicken products consist of refrigerated (non-frozen) whole or cut-up chicken, either pre-marinated or non-marinated, and pre-packaged chicken in various combinations of freshly refrigerated, whole chickens and chicken parts. Our prepared chicken products include portion-controlled breast fillets, tenderloins and strips, delicatessen products, salads, formed nuggets and patties and bone-in chicken parts. These products are sold either refrigerated or frozen and may be fully cooked, partially cooked or raw. In addition, these products are breaded or non-breaded and either pre-marinated or non-marinated.

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On December 28, 2009, the Company adopted the Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws (the "Restated Bylaws"), which changed the Company's fiscal year end from the Saturday nearest September 30 of each year to the last Sunday in December of each year. This change aligns the Company's reporting cycle with the fiscal calendar of JBS USA Holdings, Inc. ("JBS USA"). The change was effective with the Company's 2010 fiscal year, which began December 27, 2009 and ended December 26, 2010 and resulted in an approximate three-month transition period which began September 27, 2009 and ended December 27, 2009 (the "Transition Period"). The Company now operates on the basis of a 52/53-week fiscal year that ends on the Sunday falling on or before December 31. The reader should assume any reference we make to a particular year (for example, 2010) in the notes to these Consolidated Financial Statements applies to our fiscal year and not the calendar year.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and its majority owned subsidiaries. We eliminate all significant affiliate accounts and transactions upon consolidation.

The Company re-measures the financial statements of its Mexico subsidiaries as if the US dollar were the functional currency. Accordingly, we translate assets and liabilities, other

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than non-monetary assets, of the Mexico subsidiaries at current exchange rates. We re-measure non-monetary assets using the historical exchange rate in effect on the date of each asset's acquisition. We re-measure income and expenses at average exchange rates in effect during the period. Currency exchange gains or losses are included in the line item *Miscellaneous, net* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

### ***Accounting Adjustments and Reclassifications***

In 2010, subsequent to the purchase of a controlling interest in our common stock by JBS USA, we began recognizing production complex administration costs as components of cost of sales to conform to the treatment utilized by JBS USA and by other companies within the animal proteins industry. To conform to the 2010 presentation, we have reclassified production complex administration costs originally recognized as components of selling, general and administrative expenses in the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements to cost of sales.

We also have made certain other reclassifications to the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 Consolidated Financial Statements with no impact to reported net income (loss) in order to conform to the 2010 presentation.

### ***Revenue Recognition***

Revenue is recognized upon the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the product to the customer and is recorded net of estimated incentive offerings including special pricing agreements, promotions and other volume-based incentives. Revisions to these estimates are charged back to net sales in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known.

### ***Shipping and Handling Costs***

Costs associated with the products shipped to customers are recognized in cost of sales.

### ***Cash Equivalents***

The Company considers highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

### ***Current and Long-Term Investments***

The Company's current and long-term investments consist primarily of investment-grade debt and equity securities, bond and equity mutual funds, and insurance contracts. The

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investment-grade debt and equity securities as well as the bond and equity mutual funds are classified as available-for-sale. These securities are recorded at fair value, and unrealized holding gains and losses are recorded, net of tax, as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income. Debt securities with remaining maturities of less than one year and those identified by management at the time of purchase for funding operations in less than one year are classified as current. Debt securities with remaining maturities greater than one year that management has not identified at the time of purchase for funding operations in less than one year are classified as long-term. All equity securities are classified as long-term. Unrealized losses are charged against net earnings when a decline in fair value is determined to be other than temporary. Management reviews several factors to determine whether a loss is other than temporary, such as the length of time a security is in an unrealized loss position, the extent to which fair value is less than amortized cost, the impact of changing interest rates in the short and long term, and the Company's intent and ability to hold the security for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. The Company determines the cost of each security sold and each amount reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings using the specific identification method. Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade date basis. The insurance contracts are held in the Company's deferred compensation trusts. They are recorded at fair value with the gains and losses resulting from changes in fair value immediately recognized in earnings.

Investments in joint ventures and entities in which the Company has an ownership interest greater than 50% and exercises control over the venture are consolidated in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Noncontrolling interests are included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Investments in joint ventures and entities in which the Company has an ownership interest between 20% and 50% and exercises significant influence are accounted for using the equity method. The Company owns a 49% interest in Merit Provisions LLC ("Merit") that it consolidates because the Company provided financial support to the entity that owns a 51% interest in Merit. The operations of Merit are not significant to the Company as a whole at this time. The Company invests from time to time in ventures in which its ownership interest is less than 20% and over which it does not exercise significant influence. Such investments are accounted for under the cost method. The fair values for investments not traded on a quoted exchange are estimated based upon the historical performance of the ventures, the ventures' forecasted financial performance and management's evaluation of the ventures' viability and business models. To the extent the book value of an investment exceeds its assessed fair value, the Company will record an appropriate impairment charge. Thus, the carrying value of the Company's investments approximates fair value.

### ***Accounts Receivable***

The Company records accounts receivable when revenue is recognized. We record an allowance for doubtful accounts, reducing our receivables balance to an amount we estimate is collectible from our customers. Estimates used in determining the allowance for doubtful accounts are based on historical collection experience, current trends, aging of accounts

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receivable, and periodic credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition. We write off accounts receivable when it becomes apparent, based upon age or customer circumstances, that such amounts will not be collected. Generally, the Company does not require collateral for its accounts receivable.

### ***Inventories***

Live chicken inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market and breeder hens at the lower of cost, less accumulated amortization, or market. The costs associated with breeder hens are accumulated up to the production stage and amortized over their productive lives using the unit-of-production method. Finished poultry products, feed, eggs and other inventories are stated at the lower of cost (average) or market.

We record valuations and adjustments for our inventory and for estimated obsolescence at or equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value based upon known conditions affecting inventory obsolescence, including significantly aged products, discontinued product lines, or damaged or obsolete products. We allocate meat costs between our various finished chicken products based on a by-product costing technique that reduces the cost of the whole bird by estimated yields and amounts to be recovered for certain by-product parts. This primarily includes leg quarters, wings, tenders and offal, which are carried in inventory at the estimated recovery amounts, with the remaining amount being reflected as our breast meat cost.

Generally, the Company performs an evaluation of whether any lower of cost or market adjustments are required at the country level based on a number of factors, including: (i) pools of related inventory, (ii) product continuation or discontinuation, (iii) estimated market selling prices and (iv) expected distribution channels. If actual market conditions or other factors are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory adjustments may be required.

### ***Property, Plant and Equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, and repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of these assets. Estimated useful lives for building, machinery and equipment are five to 33 years and for automobiles and trucks are three to ten years. The charge to income resulting from amortization of assets recorded under capital leases is included with depreciation expense.

The Company records impairment charges on long-lived assets used in operations when events and circumstances indicate that the assets may be impaired and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the carrying amount of those

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assets. The impairment charge is determined based upon the amount the net book value of the assets exceeds their fair market value. In making these determinations, the Company utilizes certain assumptions, including, but not limited to: (i) future cash flows estimated to be generated by these assets, which are based on additional assumptions such as asset utilization, remaining length of service and estimated salvage values, (ii) estimated fair market value of the assets and (iii) determinations with respect to the lowest level of cash flows relevant to the respective impairment test, generally groupings of related operational facilities.

Given the interdependency of the Company's individual facilities during the production process, which operate as a vertically integrated network, and the fact that the Company does not price transfers of inventory between its vertically integrated facilities at market prices, it evaluates impairment of assets held and used at the country level (i.e., the US and Mexico) within each segment. Management believes this is the lowest level of identifiable cash flows for its assets that are held and used in production activities. At the present time, the Company's forecasts indicate that it can recover the carrying value of its assets based on the projected cash flows of the operations. A key assumption in management's forecast is that the Company's sales volumes will return to historical margins as supply and demand between commodities and chicken and other animal-based proteins become more balanced. However, the exact timing of the return to historical margins is not certain, and if the return to historical margins is delayed, impairment charges could become necessary in the future.

### ***Identified Intangible Assets***

Our identified intangible assets consist of assets subject to amortization such as trade names, customer relationships and non-compete agreements. We calculate amortization of those assets that are subject to amortization on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The useful lives range from three to 15 years for trade names and non-compete agreements and 13 years for customer relationships.

We review intangible assets subject to amortization for impairment whenever an event or change in circumstances indicates the carrying values of the assets may not be recoverable. We test intangible assets subject to amortization for impairment and estimate their fair values using the same assumptions and techniques we employ on property, plant and equipment.

### ***Litigation and Contingent Liabilities***

The Company is subject to lawsuits, investigations and other claims related to employment, environmental, product and other matters. The Company is required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes, as well as potential ranges of probable losses, to these matters. The Company estimates the amount of reserves required, including anticipated cost of defense, if any, for these contingencies when losses are determined to be probable and after considerable analysis of each individual issue. With respect to our

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environmental remediation obligations, the accrual for environmental remediation liabilities is measured on an undiscounted basis. These reserves may change in the future due to changes in the Company's assumptions, the effectiveness of strategies, or other factors beyond the Company's control.

### *Accrued Self Insurance*

Insurance expense for casualty claims and employee-related health care benefits are estimated using historical and current experience and actuarial estimates. Stop-loss coverage is maintained with third-party insurers to limit the Company's total exposure. Certain categories of claim liabilities are actuarially determined. The assumptions used to arrive at periodic expenses are reviewed regularly by management. However, actual expenses could differ from these estimates and could result in adjustments to be recognized.

### *Income Taxes*

The provision for income taxes has been determined using the asset and liability approach of accounting for income taxes. Under this approach, deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the book and tax bases of recorded assets and liabilities, net operating losses and tax credit carry forwards. The amount of deferred tax on these temporary differences is determined using the tax rates expected to apply to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, as applicable, based on the tax rates and laws in the respective tax jurisdiction enacted as of the balance sheet date.

The Company reviews its deferred tax assets for recoverability and establishes a valuation allowance based on historical taxable income, potential for carry back of tax losses, projected future taxable income, applicable tax strategies, and the expected timing of the reversals of existing temporary differences. A valuation allowance is provided when it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Valuation allowances have been established primarily for net operating loss carry forwards. See "Note 13. Income Taxes" to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company deems its earnings from Mexico to be permanently reinvested. As such, US deferred income taxes have not been provided on these earnings. If such earnings were not considered indefinitely reinvested, certain deferred foreign and US income taxes would be provided. For activity after 2008, the Company did not permanently reinvest its earnings in Puerto Rico. Therefore, net earnings generated in Puerto Rico have US taxes provided as if the earnings were distributed.

The Company follows the provisions under ASC 740-10-25 that provides a recognition threshold and measurement criteria for the financial statement recognition of a tax benefit taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Tax benefits are recognized only when it is more

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likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the benefits will be sustained on examination. Tax benefits that meet the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold are measured using a probability weighting of the largest amount of tax benefit that has greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon settlement. Whether the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is met for a particular tax benefit is a matter of judgment based on the individual facts and circumstances evaluated in light of all available evidence as of the balance sheet date. See “Note 13. Income Taxes” to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### ***Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits***

Our pension and other postemployment benefit costs and obligations are dependent on the various actuarial assumptions used in calculating such amounts. These assumptions relate to discount rates, salary growth, long-term return on plan assets, health care cost trend rates and other factors. We base the discount rate assumptions on current investment yields on high-quality corporate long-term bonds. The salary growth assumptions reflect our long-term actual experience and future or near-term outlook. We determine the long-term return on plan assets based on historical portfolio results and management’s expectation of the future economic environment. Our health care cost trend assumptions are developed based on historical cost data, the near-term outlook and an assessment of likely long-term trends. Actual results that differ from our assumptions are accumulated and, if in excess of the lesser of 10% of the projected benefit obligation or the fair market value of plan assets, amortized over the estimated future working life of the plan participants.

### ***Operating Leases***

Rent expense for operating leases is recorded on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless the lease contains an escalation clause which is not fixed or determinable. The lease term begins when we have the right to control the use of the leased property, which is typically before rent payments are due under the terms of the lease. If a lease has a fixed or determinable escalation clause, the difference between rent expense and rent paid is recorded as deferred rent and is included in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Rent for operating leases that do not have an escalation clause or where escalation is based on an inflation index is expensed over the lease term as it is payable.

### ***Derivative Financial Instruments***

The Company attempts to mitigate certain financial exposures, including commodity purchase exposures and interest rate risk, through a program of risk management that includes the use of derivative financial instruments. We recognize all derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value. We elected not to designate derivative financial instruments executed to mitigate commodity purchase exposures as hedges of forecasted transactions. Therefore, we recognize changes in the fair value of these derivative

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financial instruments immediately in earnings. Gains or losses related to these derivative financial instruments are included in the line item *Cost of sales* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the US requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. We make significant estimates in regard to receivables collectability; inventory valuation; realization of deferred tax assets; valuation of long-lived assets, including goodwill; valuation of contingent liabilities, liabilities subject to compromise and self insurance liabilities; valuation of pension and other postretirement benefits obligations; and valuation of acquired businesses.

### ***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted guidance under Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 805, *Business Combinations*, which establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer (i) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, (ii) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase, and (iii) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. It also requires an acquirer to recognize as expense most transaction and restructuring costs as incurred, rather than include such items in the cost of the acquired entity. Adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Topic 805 will impact any future business combinations that occur on or after the adoption date. The Company will evaluate the impact of the subject guidance as each business combination is consummated.

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted guidance under ASC Subtopic 810-10, *Consolidation-Overall*, which establishes standards for how a reporting entity (i) identifies, labels and presents in its consolidated statement of financial position the ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than itself, (ii) identifies and presents on the face of its consolidated statement of operations the amount of consolidated net income attributable to itself and to the noncontrolling interest, (iii) accounts for changes in its ownership interest while it retains a controlling financial interest in a subsidiary, (iv) initially measures any retained noncontrolling equity investment in a subsidiary that is deconsolidated and (v) discloses other information about its interests and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. The Company has retroactively reclassified the noncontrolling interests in certain

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subsidiaries, none of which are material to the Company's operations. Accordingly, the adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 810-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted guidance under ASC Subtopic 715-20, *Compensation-Retirement Benefits-Defined Benefit Plans-General*, which establishes standards for an employer's disclosures about assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan, including disclosures about investment policies and strategies, categories of plan assets, fair value measurements of plan assets and significant concentrations of risk. Adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 715-20 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On September 27, 2009, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2009-05, *Measuring Liabilities at Fair Value*, which provides amendments to ASC Subtopic 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures-General*, for the fair value measurement of liabilities and clarifies the techniques required to measure fair value when a quoted price in an active market for the identical liability is not available. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 820-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

On December 28, 2009, the Company adopted a portion of ASU 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*, which provides amendments to ASC Subtopic 820-10 that require new disclosures regarding transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. ASU 2010-06 also clarifies existing disclosures regarding (i) the level of asset and liability disaggregation and (ii) fair value measurement inputs and valuation techniques. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC Subtopic 820-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. ASU 2010-06 also provides amendments to ASC Subtopic 820-10 that will require new disclosures regarding activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. The adoption of the subject guidance under ASC 820-10 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## **2. CHAPTER 11 PROCEEDINGS**

### **Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Filings and Proceedings**

#### *Background*

On December 1, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and six of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division (the "Bankruptcy Court").

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### *The Plan and Emergence*

On December 10, 2009, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order (the “Confirmation Order”) approving and confirming the Joint Plan of Reorganization filed by the Debtors under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with the Bankruptcy Court, along with the Disclosure Statement for the Debtors’ Joint Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (as amended and supplemented, the “Plan”). The Plan provided for a reorganization of the Debtors’ businesses as a going concern. The Plan was premised on (i) a transaction with JBS USA whereby, pursuant to the SPA (defined below), JBS USA would purchase 64.0% of the common stock of the reorganized Company (“Reorganized PPC”) in exchange for \$800.0 million in cash, to be used by the Debtors to, among other things, fund distributions to holders of allowed claims under the Plan, and (ii) the Debtors entering into a new credit facility having an aggregate commitment of up to \$1.75 billion (as described below, the “Exit Credit Facility”). In connection with the Plan, all holders of allowed claims will be paid in full unless otherwise agreed by the applicable holder, provided that the Plan contemplates that the 7 5/8% Senior Notes due 2015, the 8 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017 and the 9 1/4% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013 (together, the “Unsecured Notes”) issued under the Company’s outstanding indentures would be reinstated unless and to the extent a holder of the notes elected to receive a cash payment equal to the principal amounts of the notes plus unpaid pre-petition interest, with interest accruing on such unpaid interest at the default contract rate through the date on which we emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, December 28, 2009 (the “Effective Date”), and the accrued unpaid post-petition interest on the principal amount of the notes at the non-default contract rate through the Effective Date.

Pursuant to the Plan and the Confirmation Order, the following agreements were terminated on the Effective Date: (i) the Amended and Restated Post-Petition Credit Agreement dated as of December 31, 2008, among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, Bank of Montreal, as the DIP Agent, and the lenders party thereto, as amended (the “DIP Credit Agreement”), (ii) the Fourth Amended and Restated Secured Credit Agreement dated as of February 8, 2007, among the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, Bank of Montreal, as administrative agent, and the lenders parties thereto, as amended (the “Pre-petition BMO Facility”), and (iii) the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated September 21, 2006, among the Company, CoBank, as agent, and the lenders party thereto, as amended (the “Pre-petition CoBank Facility” and together with the DIP Credit Agreement and the Pre-petition BMO Facility, the “Prior Secured Credit Facilities”). The proceeds of the Exit Credit Facility were used to repay the amounts outstanding under the Prior Secured Credit Facilities.

### *The Acquisition*

On the Effective Date, the Company’s common stock outstanding immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Plan was cancelled and converted into the right to receive shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Reorganized PPC based on a one-for-one

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exchange ratio, which constituted 36.0% of the total number of shares of common stock of Reorganized PPC issued pursuant to the Plan. The remaining shares of common stock of Reorganized PPC, constituting 64.0% of the total issued pursuant to the Plan and outstanding on the Effective Date, were issued to the Plan Sponsor, a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of JBS S.A., a Brazil-based meat producer, for \$800.0 million in cash pursuant to the terms and condition of a Stock Purchase Agreement (the “SPA”) entered into by the Company and the Plan Sponsor on September 16, 2009, as amended (the “Acquisition”). Proceeds from the sale of the common stock of Reorganized PPC to JBS USA were used to fund cash distributions to unsecured creditors. Effective December 29, 2009, the NYSE listed the common stock of Reorganized PPC and it is now quoted under the ticker symbol “PPC.”

In connection with the closing of the Acquisition, the Company entered into a stockholders agreement with JBS USA (the “Stockholders Agreement”), adopted and filed an Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Restated Certificate of Incorporation”) and adopted the Restated Bylaws. The Stockholders Agreement and the Restated Certificate of Incorporation govern the constitution of the Company’s board of directors and the selection of its members. The Stockholders Agreement, among other things, also restricts the ability of JBS USA to purchase shares of the common stock of Reorganized PPC, requires the approval of the Company’s stockholders with respect to specified amendments to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Restated Bylaws and requires JBS USA to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain the listing of the common stock of Reorganized PPC on a national securities exchange. Among other rights, the Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that, if JBS USA completes an initial public offering of its common stock, then JBS USA has the right to exchange all of the outstanding common stock of Reorganized PPC for JBS USA common stock. For a period beginning upon the completion of such offering and ending two years and 30 days after the effective date of the Plan, JBS USA may exercise this exchange right during limited exchange windows in each fiscal quarter beginning six trading days after both Reorganized PPC and JBS USA have made their respective periodic reports or earnings releases for the preceding quarter or year, as applicable, and ending on the last day of the fiscal quarter during which the report or release was made. The number of shares of JBS USA common stock to be issued in exchange for the Reorganized PPC common stock will be dependent upon the relative average volume-weighted daily trading prices per share of the common stock of Reorganized PPC and the JBS USA common stock during the period immediately preceding the time JBS USA exercises its exchange right.

### *Exit Credit Facility*

Upon exiting from bankruptcy on December 28, 2009, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries entered into the Exit Credit Facility, which provides for an aggregate commitment of \$1.75 billion. See “Note 12. Long-Term Debt and Other Borrowing Arrangements” for additional information on the DIP Credit Agreement and the Exit Credit Facility.

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### *Financial Reporting Considerations*

The emergence from bankruptcy did not qualify for fresh start accounting as the reorganization value of the Company upon emergence exceeded post-petition liabilities and allowed claims. The acquisition of a controlling interest in the Company by JBS USA did not qualify for push down accounting as JBS USA only purchased 64.0% of the common stock of Reorganized PPC. Thus, there was not a revaluation of the Company's assets and liabilities related to the Company's emergence from bankruptcy.

Between the Petition Date and through December 26, 2010, the Company applied ASC Topic 852, *Reorganizations*, in preparing the Consolidated Financial Statements. ASC Topic 852 requires that the financial statements, for periods subsequent to the Chapter 11 filing, distinguish transactions and events that are directly associated with the reorganization from the ongoing operations of the business. Accordingly, certain expenses (including professional fees), realized gains and losses and provisions for losses that are realized or incurred in the bankruptcy proceedings are recorded in *Reorganization items, net* on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. In addition, pre-petition obligations that were impacted by the bankruptcy reorganization process were classified on the Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 26, 2009 in *Liabilities subject to compromise*.

The Debtors' reorganization items consisted of the following:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>2009</u>
	<u>(In thousands)</u>		
Professional fees directly related to reorganization <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 2,785	\$ 14,175	\$ 34,831
Incentive compensation <sup>(b)</sup>	-	14,071	-
Finance costs related to various credit facilities <sup>(c)</sup>	13,654	-	11,375
Net loss (gain) on asset disposal <sup>(d)</sup>	-	570	(15,850)
Other costs <sup>(e)</sup>	2,102	3,910	56,919
Reorganization items, net	<u>\$ 18,541</u>	<u>\$ 32,726</u>	<u>\$ 87,275</u>

(a) *Professional fees directly related to the reorganization* included post-petition fees and fee reductions associated with advisors to the Debtors, the statutory committee of unsecured creditors and certain secured creditors. Professional fees are estimated by the Debtors and continue to be reconciled to actual invoices when received.

(b) During the Transition Period incentive compensation included certain incentive compensation costs that were contingent upon confirmation by the Bankruptcy Court of a plan of reorganization that satisfied the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code. These costs included incentive compensation of \$10.3 million awarded under the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation FY2009 Performance Bonus Plan approved by the Bankruptcy Court on September 29, 2009, and both cash incentive compensation of \$2.0 million and share-based incentive compensation of \$1.8 million awarded under the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Company and Don Jackson, the Company's former Chief Executive Officer, which was approved by the Bankruptcy Court on January 27, 2009 (the "Jackson Employment Agreement"). The Company recognized share-based compensation expense of \$0.9 million on December 10, 2009, when restrictions on 1,542,828 shares of common stock awarded to Dr. Jackson lapsed following the confirmation of the Plan and the Company's achievement of certain financial performance targets established under the Jackson Employment Agreement. The Company also recognized share-based compensation expense of \$0.9 million on December 27, 2009, when restrictions on 1,542,828 shares of common stock awarded to the Dr. Jackson expired upon the Company's achievement of certain financial performance targets established under the Jackson Employment Agreement. As of December 27, 2009, the intrinsic value of the shares of common stock awarded to Dr. Jackson totaled \$25.9 million.

(c) For the year ended December 26, 2010, *Finance costs related to various credit facilities* included expenses related to the elimination of an amortized loan cost associated with the Prior Secured Credit Facilities and the Unsecured Notes and the recognition in

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earnings of a previously unrealized gain on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge associated with the Unsecured Notes. For the year ended September 26, 2009, *Finance costs related to various credit facilities* included finance costs related to the DIP Credit Agreement.

- (d) In 2009, the Company recognized net gains on asset disposals including (i) a gain recognized on the sale of the Farmerville, Louisiana processing facility, (ii) a gain recognized on the sale of undeveloped land in Camp County, Texas, (iii) a loss recognized on the sale of the Company's interest in a hog farming joint venture and (iv) a loss recognized on the sale of the assets of Luker, Inc., a metal fabrication subsidiary. During the Transition Period the Company recognized a loss on the sale of Valley Rail Services, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company that participated in a joint venture holding the access rights to a railroad spur in northern Virginia.
- (e) Other expenses includes (i) severance, grower pay, live flock impairment, inventory disposal costs, equipment relocation costs and other shutdown costs related to the closed processing facilities in Douglas, Georgia; El Dorado, Arkansas; Farmerville, Louisiana; Franconia, Pennsylvania; Dalton, Georgia; Athens, Georgia; and Athens, Alabama, (ii) severance costs related to the closed distribution center in Houston, Texas, the February 2009 Operations management reduction-in-force ("RIF") action, the April 2009 non-production employee RIF action, and reduced or consolidated production at various facilities throughout the US, (iii) asset impairment costs related to the closed processing facility in Dalton, Georgia and (iv) fees associated with the termination of the Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement dated September 26, 2008, as amended, on December 3, 2008.

Net cash received from reorganization activities for the year ended December 26, 2010 totaled \$0.3 million from the sale of maintenance inventory parts. These cash flows are included in the section Cash flows from investing activities on the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. Net cash received from reorganization activities during the Transition Period totaled \$1.0 million from the sale of Valley Rail Service, Inc. Net cash received from reorganization activities during the year ended September 26, 2009 totaled \$77.6 million. This represented proceeds of \$72.3 million from the sale of the Farmerville, Louisiana processing facility, proceeds of \$5.0 million from the sales of undeveloped land in Camp County, Texas and Hopkins County, Texas and proceeds of \$0.3 million from the sale of the assets owned by Luker, Inc.

Net cash paid for reorganization items in 2010 totaled \$30.7 million. This represented payment of incentive compensation totaling \$13.0 million that was contingent upon confirmation by the Bankruptcy Court of a plan of reorganization that satisfied the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, professional fees directly related to the reorganization totaling \$15.7 million, severance payments of \$1.5 million and payment of facility closure costs totaling \$0.5 million. Net cash paid for reorganization items during the Transition Period totaled \$17.0 million. This represented payment of professional fees directly related to the reorganization totaling \$9.5 million, severance payments of \$2.3 million and payment of facility closure costs totaling \$5.2 million. Net cash paid for reorganization items in 2009 totaled \$51.7 million. This represented payment of professional fees directly related to the reorganization totaling \$25.4 million, payment of DIP Credit Agreement related expenses totaling \$11.4 million, severance payments of \$8.6 million, payment of facility closure costs totaling \$5.6 million and payment of fees associated with the termination of the Company's Amended and Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement dated September 26, 2008 totaling \$0.7 million.

For additional information on costs related to (i) the closures of our facilities in Douglas, Georgia; El Dorado, Arkansas; Farmerville, Louisiana; Franconia, Pennsylvania; Dalton, Georgia; Athens, Georgia; and Athens, Alabama and (ii) severance costs related to the closed distribution center in Houston, Texas, the February 2009 Operations management RIF action,

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the April 2009 non-production employee RIF action and reduced or consolidated production at various facilities throughout the US, see “Note 4. Exit or Disposal Activities” to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company resolved a majority of the claims against it through settlement or by Bankruptcy Court order resulting in benefits of \$8.8 million that are reflected in *Miscellaneous, net* on the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the year ended December 26, 2010. The claims resolution process continues for the remaining unresolved claims and will continue until all claims are concluded. Prior to the Effective Date, estimated claims were presented as *Liabilities subject to compromise* in the Consolidated Balance Sheets because of the uncertainty of the eventual settlement amounts. Due to the Plan becoming effective and the claims reconciliation process being substantially complete with respect to claims not subject to litigation, there is little uncertainty as to the total amount to be distributed under the Plan with respect to these claims. As such, pre-petition obligations after the Effective Date are no longer presented as subject to compromise. The unpaid amounts are now classified as *Pre-petition obligations*. During the year ended December 26, 2010, the Company paid creditors, excluding creditors under the Prior Secured Credit Facilities and the Unsecured Notes, for allowed claim amounts with interest totaling approximately \$101.1 million. As of December 26, 2010, the following pre-petition obligations relating to claims not subject to litigation remain outstanding (in thousands):

Trade claims	\$	313
Interest accrued on unpaid claims		<u>33</u>
Total pre-petition obligations	\$	<u><u>346</u></u>

The Company is also the named defendant in several pre-petition lawsuits that, as of December 26, 2010, have not been resolved. See “Note 17. Commitments and Contingencies” to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

### 3. DISCONTINUED BUSINESS

The Company sold certain assets of its turkey business for \$18.6 million and recorded a gain of \$1.5 million (\$0.9 million, net of tax) during the second quarter of 2008. This business was composed of substantially all of our former turkey segment. The results of this business are included in the line item *Income from operation of discontinued business, net of tax* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for all periods presented.

For a period of time, we continued to generate operating results and cash flows associated with our discontinued turkey business. These activities were transitional in nature. We entered into a short-term co-pack agreement with the acquirer of the discontinued turkey business under which they processed turkeys for sale to our customers through the end of 2008. We had no remaining turkey inventories as of December 26, 2010 and did not recognize operating results related to our discontinued turkey business after the second quarter of 2009.

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Neither our continued involvement in the distribution and sale of these turkeys or the co-pack agreement conferred upon us the ability to influence the operating and/or financial policies of the turkey business under its new ownership.

No debt was assumed by the acquirer of the discontinued turkey business or required to be repaid as a result of the disposal transaction. We elected to allocate to the discontinued turkey operation other consolidated interest that was not directly attributable to or related to other operations of the Company based on the ratio of net assets to be sold or discontinued to the sum of the total net assets of the Company plus consolidated debt. Interest allocated to the discontinued business totaled \$1.4 million in 2008. We did not allocate interest to the discontinued business in 2010 or 2009.

The following amounts related to our turkey business have been segregated from continuing operations and included in the line items *Income (loss) from operation of discontinued business, net of tax* and *Gain on sale of discontinued business, net of tax* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Net sales	\$ 25,788	\$ 86,261
Income (loss) from operation of discontinued business before income taxes	\$ 962	\$ (11,746)
Income tax expense (benefit)	363	(4,434)
Income (loss) from operation of discontinued business, net of tax	\$ 599	\$ (7,312)
Gain on sale of discontinued business before income taxes	\$ —	\$ 1,450
Income tax expense	—	547
Gain on sale of discontinued business, net of tax	\$ —	\$ 903

#### 4. EXIT OR DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES

From February 2008 through December 2010, the Company completed the following exit or disposal activities:

- Closed ten processing facilities/complexes (we reopened a facility in Douglas, Georgia and plan to have it at full capacity by fall 2011) and eight distribution centers;
- Sold one closed processing complex and four closed distribution centers;
- Reduced or consolidated production at various other processing facilities/complexes;
- Closed two administrative office buildings; and
- Reduced its workforce by 898 non-production positions.

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Significant activities that occurred between the Petition Date and the Effective Date were approved by the Bankruptcy Court, when required under the Bankruptcy Code, as part of the Company's reorganization efforts. To date, these exit or disposal activities have eliminated approximately 12,000 positions and resulted in net charges totaling \$84.2 million.

Results of operations for 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 included exit or disposal costs totaling \$32.0 million, \$3.2 million, \$30.5 million and \$16.2 million, respectively. All exit or disposal costs, with the exception of costs related to lease obligations and inventory reserves related to closed facilities, have resulted in cash expenditures or will result in cash expenditures within one year.

Results of operations for 2010, the Transition Period, and 2009 also included adjustments totaling \$11.9 million, \$4.1 million, and \$9.2 million, respectively, which reduced the accrued costs. There were no significant adjustments in 2008. Adjustments recognized in 2010 included favorable adjustments to incentive compensation and related excise taxes upon finalization of an incentive plan analysis as well as the elimination of accrued severance and other exit or disposal costs at the culmination of the related exit or disposal period. These adjustments also included the assumption of a lease obligation related to our closed administrative office by an outside party.

Exit or disposal costs totaling \$4.3 million, \$2.9 million, \$12.5 million and \$28.0 million recognized during 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively, were classified as *Operational restructuring charges*, a component of gross profit, because management believes these costs are directly related to the Company's ongoing production activities. Exit or disposal costs totaling \$66.0 million, a credit of \$1.4 million, costs of \$2.0 million and \$16.2 million were recognized during 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively, and were classified as *Administrative restructuring charges*, a component of operating income below gross profit, because management believes these costs were not directly related to the Company's ongoing production. Exit or disposal costs totaling \$18.5 million, \$32.7 million and \$87.3 million incurred during 2010, the Transition Period and 2009, respectively, were classified as reorganization items. There were no reorganization items incurred in 2008.

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The following table sets forth restructuring activity that occurred during 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008:

	<u>Accrued Lease Obligation</u>	<u>Accrued Severance</u>	<u>Accrued Other Exit or Disposal Costs</u>	<u>Inventory Reserves</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(In thousands)				
<b>September 29, 2007</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accruals	4,778	4,000	7,378	2,021	18,177
Payment/Disposal	(312)	(1,306)	(1,727)	(806)	(4,151)
Adjustments	-	-	-	(3)	(3)
<b>September 27, 2008</b>	4,466	2,694	5,651	1,212	14,023
Accruals	-	17,830	7,667	5,029	30,526
Payment/Disposal	(622)	(12,876)	(2,753)	(4,775)	(21,026)
Adjustments	(2,202)	(4,305)	(2,454)	(212)	(9,173)
<b>September 26, 2009</b>	1,642	3,343	8,111	1,254	14,350
Accruals	-	833	-	741	1,574
Payment/Disposal	(86)	(2,393)	(5,608)	(92)	(8,179)
Adjustments	(1,536)	(522)	1,111	-	(947)
<b>December 27, 2009</b>	20	1,261	3,614	1,903	6,798
Accruals	-	31,965	9,869	2,118	43,952
Payment /Disposal	-	(28,624)	(2,611)	(2,649)	(33,884)
Adjustments	(20)	(452)	(10,872)	(579)	(11,923)
<b>December 26, 2010</b>	\$ -	\$ 4,150	\$ -	\$ 793	\$ 4,943

Costs incurred in the second, third and fourth quarters of 2009, the Transition Period and the first quarter of 2010, were primarily classified as reorganization items. Consistent with the Company's previous practice and because management believes costs incurred in 2008 and the first quarter of 2009 were related to ceasing production at previously announced facilities and not directly related to the Company's ongoing production, they are classified as a component of operating income (loss) below gross profit.

In 2009, the Company recognized losses totaling \$12.5 million related to sales of unneeded broiler eggs. These losses were recognized as components of gross profit (loss).

The Company recognized impairment charges totaling \$26.5 million and \$5.4 million for the year ended December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, respectively, to reduce the carrying amounts of certain property, plant and equipment to their estimated fair values. These costs were classified as restructuring items in 2010 and reorganization items in 2009. Consistent with our previous practice and because management believes the realization of the carrying amounts of the affected assets was directly related to the Company's production activities, the charges were reported as a component of gross profit (loss).

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Components of operational restructuring charges and administrative restructuring charges are summarized below:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
		(In thousands)		
<b>Operational restructuring charges:</b>				
Relocation charges expensed as incurred	\$ 3,288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Asset impairments (See Note 10—Property, Plant and Equipment)	1,030	-	-	11,061
Loss on egg sales and flock depletion expensed as incurred	-	2,877	12,464	14,906
Other restructuring costs	-	-	-	2,023
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 4,318</u>	<u>\$ 2,877</u>	<u>\$ 12,464</u>	<u>\$ 27,990</u>
<b>Administrative restructuring charges, net:</b>				
Accrued severance provisions (adjustments)	\$ 31,227	\$ -	\$ 1,941	\$ 4,000
Relocation charges expensed as incurred	7,224	-	-	-
Asset impairments (See Note 10—Property, Plant and Equipment)	25,453	-	-	-
Loss on inventory scrapped expensed as incurred	2,118	-	-	-
Grower compensation	-	-	-	3,989
Lease continuation	-	(1,359)	-	3,389
Other restructuring costs	-	-	46	4,778
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 66,022</u>	<u>\$ (1,359)</u>	<u>\$ 1,987</u>	<u>\$ 16,156</u>

On April 12, 2010, the Company announced that it planned to reduce corporate and administrative positions across the organization under the second phase of its integration with JBS USA. As of December 26, 2010, the total planned reduction in workforce under this second phase of integration is 251 positions, of which 228 positions have been eliminated.

We continue to review and evaluate various restructuring and other alternatives to streamline our operations, improve efficiencies and reduce costs. Such initiatives may include selling assets, consolidating operations and functions, employee relocation and voluntary and involuntary employee separation programs. Any such actions may require us to obtain the pre-approval of our lenders under our Exit Credit Facility. In addition, such actions will subject the Company to additional short-term costs, which may include asset impairment charges, lease commitment costs, employee retention and severance costs and other costs. Certain of these activities may have a disproportionate impact on our income relative to the cost savings in a particular period.

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### 5. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

The asset (liability) amounts recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheet (carrying amounts) and the estimated fair values of financial instruments at December 26, 2010 consisted of the following:

	2010		2009		Note Reference
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	
	(In thousands)				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,077	\$ 106,077	\$ 220,029	\$ 220,029	
Short-term restricted cash and cash equivalents <sup>(a)</sup>	60,953	60,953	-	-	
Short-term investments in available-for-sale securities	1,554	1,554	5,302	5,302	8
Trade accounts and other receivables	321,765	321,765	316,953	316,953	6
Derivative trading accounts margin cash <sup>(b)</sup>	4,528	4,528	-	-	
Commodity derivative assets <sup>(b)</sup> :					8
Futures	32,962	32,962	-	-	
Options	399	399	-	-	
Long-term investments in available-for-sale securities	11,595	11,595	57,314	57,314	8
Long-term restricted cash and cash equivalents <sup>(c)</sup>	5,000	5,000	10,072	10,072	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses <sup>(d)</sup>	(618,199)	(618,199)	(491,432)	(491,432)	11
Commodity derivative liabilities <sup>(e)</sup> :					8
Futures	(8,497)	(8,497)	-	-	
Options	(7,890)	(7,890)	-	-	
Public debt obligations <sup>(f)</sup>	(3,897)	(5,164)	(656,996)	(717,206)	12
Non-public debt obligations <sup>(f)</sup>	(1,335,407)	(1,349,971)	(1,388,098)	(g)	12

- (a) Cash held by the Company's captive insurance subsidiaries is restricted as to use because it collateralizes certain insurance obligations.
- (b) Derivative trading accounts margin cash and commodity derivative assets are included in *Prepaid expenses and other current assets* on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (c) Long-term restricted cash and cash equivalents are included in *Other assets* on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (d) *Accounts payable and accrued expenses* presented above excludes commodity derivative liabilities.
- (e) Commodity derivative liabilities are included in *Accrued expenses* on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (f) The fair values of the Company's public and non-public debt obligations were estimated by calculating the net present value of future payments for each public debt obligation or non-public borrowing discounted using the US Treasury interest rate applicable for an instrument with a life similar to the remaining life of each of our public debt obligations or non-public borrowings plus the same interest rate spread applied to each of our public debt obligations and non-public borrowings at inception.
- (g) Management expected that the fair value of the non-public credit facilities decreased below the aggregate face value of those facilities, but could not reliably estimate the aggregate fair value at the time as a result of our Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

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The carrying amounts of our cash and cash equivalents, derivative trading accounts margin cash, restricted cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and certain other liabilities approximate their fair values due to their relatively short maturities. The Company adjusts its investments, commodity derivative assets and commodity derivative liabilities to fair value based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical instruments, quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments with inputs that are observable for the subject instrument or unobservable inputs such as discounted cash flow models or valuations.

Effective September 28, 2008, the Company adopted guidance under ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value and required enhanced disclosures about fair value measurements. The subject guidance under ASC Topic 820 clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The subject guidance under ASC Topic 820 also requires disclosure about how fair value was determined for assets and liabilities and established a hierarchy for which these assets and liabilities must be grouped, based on significant levels of inputs as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability; or
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs, such as discounted cash flow models or valuations.

The determination of where assets and liabilities fall within this hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

As of December 26, 2010 the Company held certain items that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. These included cash and cash equivalents, derivative assets and liabilities, short-term investments in available-for-sale securities and long-term investments in available-for-sale securities. Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid, income-producing investments such as money market funds and other funds that have maturities of 90 days or less. Derivative assets and liabilities consist of long and short positions on both exchange-traded commodity futures and commodity options as well as margin cash on account with the Company's derivatives brokers. Short-term investments in available-for-sale securities consist of short-term, highly liquid, income-producing investments such as municipal debt securities that have maturities of greater than 90 days but less than one year. Long-term investments in available-for-sale securities consist of income-producing investments such as municipal debt securities, corporate debt securities, equity securities and fund-of-funds units that have maturities of greater than one year.

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The following items are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 26, 2010:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(In thousands)			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 106,077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,077
Short-term restricted cash and cash equivalents	60,953	-	-	60,953
Short-term investments in available-for-sale securities	-	1,554	-	1,554
Derivative trading accounts margin cash	4,528	-	-	4,528
Commodity derivative assets:				
Futures	32,962	-	-	32,962
Options	-	399	-	399
Long-term investments in available-for-sale securities	6,953	3,452	1,190	11,595
Long-term restricted cash and cash equivalents	5,000	-	-	5,000
Commodity derivative liabilities:				
Futures	(8,497)	-	-	(8,497)
Options	-	(7,890)	-	(7,890)

Financial assets classified in Level 1 at December 26, 2010 include cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents and commodity futures derivative instruments traded in active markets. The valuation of these instruments is determined using a market approach, taking into account current interest rates, creditworthiness, and liquidity risks in relation to current market conditions, and is based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets. The valuation of plan assets in Level 2 is determined using a market approach based upon quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, or other inputs that are observable for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 2 securities primarily include equity securities, fixed income securities and commodity option derivative instruments. The valuation of plan assets in Level 3 is determined using an income approach based on unobservable inputs such as discounted cash flow models or valuations. Level 3 securities consist of a fund of funds investment and auction rate securities.

The following table presents activity for the year ended December 26, 2010 related to the Company's investment in a fund of funds asset that is measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs:

	<u>Fund of Funds</u>	<u>Auction Rate Securities</u>	<u>Total</u>
	(In thousands)		
Balance at September 29, 2007	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Purchase of securities	1,000	2,000	3,000
Sale of securities	-	(7,150)	(7,150)
Included in other comprehensive income	197	-	197
Balance at September 27, 2008	1,197	3,850	5,047
Sale of securities	-	(3,850)	(3,850)
Included in other comprehensive income	(129)	-	(129)
Balance at September 26, 2009	1,068	-	1,068
Included in other comprehensive income	48	-	48
Balance at December 27, 2009	1,116	-	1,116
Included in other comprehensive income	74	-	74
Balance at December 26, 2010	<u>\$ 1,190</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,190</u>

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### 6. TRADE ACCOUNTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade accounts and other receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts, consisted of the following:

	<b>December 26, 2010</b>	<b>September 26, 2009</b>
	(In thousands)	
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 318,473	\$ 307,523
Other receivables	9,355	14,245
	327,828	321,768
Receivables, gross		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(6,063)	(4,815)
	\$ 321,765	\$ 316,953
Receivables, net		

### 7. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following:

	<b>December 26, 2010</b>	<b>September 26, 2009</b>
	(In thousands)	
<b>Chicken:</b>		
Live chicken and hens	\$ 348,700	\$ 287,858
Feed, eggs and other	221,939	206,137
Finished chicken products	440,458	249,732
	1,011,097	743,727
<b>Other products:</b>		
Commercial feed, table eggs, retail farm store and other	12,355	16,927
Distribution inventories (other than chicken products)	5,802	3,215
	18,157	20,142
Total other products inventories		
Total inventories	\$ 1,029,254	\$ 763,869

Inventories included a lower-of-cost-or-market allowance of \$2.5 million at December 26, 2010. The loss recognized on the application of the rule of lower-of-cost-or-market valuation in 2010 was also \$2.5 million. Inventories did not include a lower-of-cost-or-market allowance at September 26, 2009.

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### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### *Investments in Securities*

The following is a summary of our cash equivalents and current and long-term investments in available-for-sale securities:

	December 26, 2010		September 26, 2009	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
<b>Cash equivalents:</b>				
Fixed income securities	\$ 50	\$ 51	\$ 3,414	\$ 3,562
Other	1,531	1,531	35,628	35,628
<b>Current investments:</b>				
Fixed income securities	\$ 1,518	\$ 1,554	\$ 5,174	\$ 5,302
<b>Long-term investments:</b>				
Fixed income securities	\$ 3,285	\$ 3,452	\$ 46,843	\$ 49,477
Equity securities	5,884	6,953	6,595	6,769
Other	1,300	1,190	1,300	1,068

Maturities for the Company's investments in fixed income securities as of December 26, 2010, were as follows:

	Amount	Percent
	(In thousands)	
Matures in less than one year	\$ 1,605	32 %
Matures between one and two years	907	18 %
Matures between two and five years	1,898	37 %
Matures in excess of five years	647	13 %
	\$ 5,057	100 %

The cost of each security sold and the amount reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings is determined on a specific identification basis.

The Company and certain retirement plans that it sponsors invest in a variety of financial instruments. Certain postretirement funds in which the Company participates hold significant amounts of mortgage-backed securities. However, none of the mortgages collateralizing these securities are considered subprime.

Certain investments are held in trust as compensating balance arrangements for our insurance liability and are classified as long-term based on a maturity date greater than one year from the balance sheet date and management's intention not to use such assets in the next year.

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### *Derivative Financial Instruments*

The Company utilizes various raw materials in its operations, including corn, soybean meal, soybean oil, and energy, such as natural gas, electricity and diesel fuel, which are all considered commodities. The Company considers these raw materials generally available from a number of different sources and believes it can obtain them to meet its requirements. These commodities are subject to price fluctuations and related price risk due to factors beyond our control, such as economic and political conditions, supply and demand, weather, governmental regulation, and other circumstances. Generally, the Company purchases derivative financial instruments, specifically exchange-traded futures and options, in an attempt to mitigate price risk related to its anticipated consumption of commodity inputs for periods up to 12 months. The Company may purchase longer-term derivative financial instruments on particular commodities if deemed appropriate. As of December 26, 2010, the Company had long derivative positions in place covering 13.8% and 8.7% of anticipated corn and soybean meal needs, respectively, through December 2011.

The fair value of derivative assets is included in the line item *Prepaid expenses and other current assets* on the Consolidated Balance Sheets while the fair value of derivative liabilities is included in the line item *Accrued expenses* on the same statements. At December 26, 2010, the fair values of commodity derivative assets and commodity derivative liabilities totaled \$33.4 million and \$16.4 million, respectively. Our counterparties require that we post cash collateral for changes in the net fair value of the derivative contracts. At December 26, 2010, we had posted \$4.5 million of cash collateral with our counterparties to secure our open positions. We did not hold any outstanding derivative financial instruments at September 26, 2009. At December 26, 2010, we held written put options expiring between May 2011 and December 2011 on 6,775 corn contracts and 760 soybean meal contracts with an aggregate fair value of \$7.9 million. At December 26, 2010, we were also in short positions on 2,805 corn contracts and 692 soybean meal contracts with an aggregate fair value of \$8.5 million.

We have not designated the derivative financial instruments that we have purchased to mitigate commodity purchase exposures as cash flow hedges. Therefore, we recognized changes in the fair value of these derivative financial instruments immediately in earnings. Gains or losses related to these derivative financial instruments are included in the line item *Cost of sales* in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. The Company recognized \$69.2 million in net gains and net losses of \$21.1 million and \$38.3 million related to changes in the fair value of its derivative financial instruments during 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company did not participate in any derivative financial instrument transactions during the Transition Period.

During 2010, the Company recognized in earnings a previously unrealized gain totaling \$4.1 million on a derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge associated with the Unsecured Notes that were extinguished on December 28, 2009. This gain is included in the line item *Reorganization items, net* in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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### 9. IDENTIFIED INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Identified intangible assets consisted of the following:

	<u>Useful Life (Years)</u>	<u>Original Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u> (In thousands)	<u>Carrying Amount</u>
<b>September 26, 2009:</b>				
Trade names	3–15	\$ 39,271	\$ (22,328)	\$ 16,943
Customer relationships	13	51,000	(10,789)	40,211
Non-compete agreements	3	300	(275)	25
Total intangible assets		<u>90,571</u>	<u>(33,392)</u>	<u>57,179</u>
<b>December 26, 2010:</b>				
Trade names	3–15	39,271	(25,629)	13,642
Customer relationships	13	51,000	(15,692)	35,308
Non-compete agreements	3	300	(300)	-
Total intangible assets		<u>\$ 90,571</u>	<u>\$ (41,621)</u>	<u>\$ 48,950</u>

We recognized amortization expense related to identified intangible assets of \$5.7 million in 2010, \$2.5 million in the Transition Period, \$10.2 million in 2009 and \$10.2 million in 2008.

We expect to recognize amortization expense associated with identified intangible assets of \$5.7 million in each year from 2011 through 2015.

### 10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment (“PP&E”), net consisted of the following:

	<u>December 26, 2010</u>	<u>September 26, 2009</u>
	(In thousands)	
Land	\$ 81,212	\$ 109,532
Buildings, machinery and equipment	2,505,722	2,468,297
Autos and trucks	57,441	57,556
Construction-in-progress	96,442	74,943
Property, plant and equipment, gross	<u>2,740,817</u>	<u>2,710,328</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,382,681)</u>	<u>(1,210,852)</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,358,136</u>	<u>\$ 1,499,476</u>

The Company recognized depreciation expense of \$209.4 million, \$52.4 million, \$217.9 million and \$225.1 million during 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

During 2010, the Company sold certain property, plant and equipment for cash of \$14.7 million and recognized a gain of \$4.4 million. Property, plant and equipment sold included undeveloped land in Pittsburg, Texas and Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico; feed mills in

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Pittsboro, North Carolina and Mt. Pleasant, Texas; a research laboratory in Lithonia, Georgia; a research farm in Pittsboro, North Carolina; broiler farms in Pittsburg, Texas; a breeder farm in Leesburg, Texas; an engineering building in Pittsburg, Texas and aircraft hangars in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Between February 2008 and December 2010, the Company closed or idled (i) processing facilities/complexes in Athens, Alabama, Athens, Georgia, El Dorado, Arkansas, Franconia, Pennsylvania, and Clinton, Arkansas, (ii) hatcheries in Curry, Alabama, Gainesville, Georgia, Pittsburg, Texas and Siler City, North Carolina and (iii) various broiler farms in Camp County, Texas. We reopened the idled processing plant in Douglas, Georgia which we plan to have at full capacity by fall 2011. If market conditions are favorable, we plan to further expand production capacity at existing facilities and possibly reopen a second idled facility. Neither the Board of Directors nor JBS USA has determined if it would be in the best interest of the Company to divest any of these idled assets. Management is therefore not certain that it can or will divest any of these assets within one year, is not actively marketing these assets, and, accordingly, has not classified them as assets held for sale. The Company continues to depreciate these assets. At December 26, 2010 the carrying amount of these idled assets was \$76.7 million based on depreciable value of \$163.6 million and accumulated depreciation of \$86.9 million.

Between February 2008 and December 2010, the Company also closed or idled (i) processing plants in Dalton, Georgia, Bossier City, Louisiana and Siler City, North Carolina, (ii) administrative offices in Pittsburg, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, and Moorefield, West Virginia, (iii) distribution centers in Shreveport, Louisiana, (iv) a feed mill in Cartersville, Georgia and (v) various breeder and/or broiler farms in Camp County, Texas. The Company currently classifies these assets as well as certain undeveloped land in Titus County, Texas and a lake marina in Camp County, Texas as assets held for sale. At December 26, 2010, the Company reported assets held for sale totaling \$47.7 million in *Assets held for sale* on its Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The fair values of the Company's administrative campuses in Pittsburg, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia were estimated using the market approach in the fourth quarter of 2010. The Company recognized administrative restructuring charges totaling \$17.9 million and \$6.9 million, respectively, during 2010 to reduce the carrying amounts of certain idled assets located at these campuses to fair value. In 2010, the Company also recognized operational restructuring charges totaling \$1.0 million and administrative restructuring charges totaling \$0.7 million to impair the carrying amounts of certain idled assets located in Georgia, North Carolina and Texas to fair value.

The Company estimated the fair values of its other assets held for sale and idled assets in the fourth quarter of 2010. Most of these assets were valued at their highest and best use—as operating chicken processing facilities. A selected few of these assets were valued as empty facilities. Management does not believe that the aggregate carrying amount of the other assets

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held for sale or the idled assets are significantly impaired at the present time. However, should the carrying amounts of these assets consistently exceed future purchase offers received, if any, recognition of impairment charges could become necessary. At the present time, the Company's forecasts indicate that it can recover the carrying value of its operating assets, including its property, plant and equipment and identified intangible assets, based on the projected cash flows of the operations.

### 11. ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses consisted of the following components:

	December 26, 2010	September 26, 2009
(In thousands)		
Compensation and benefits	\$ 108,639	\$ 107,850
Interest and debt-related fees	12,624	11,239
Insurance and self-insured claims	83,648	86,081
Commodity derivative liabilities:		
Futures	8,497	-
Options	7,890	-
Other	76,296	104,089
	\$ 297,594	\$ 309,259

### 12. LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER BORROWING ARRANGEMENTS

Long-term debt consisted of the following components:

	Maturity	December 26, 2010	September 26, 2009
(In thousands)			
Senior notes, at 7 7/8%, net of unaccreted discounts	2018	\$ 496,393	\$ -
Senior unsecured notes, at 7 5/8%	2015	116	400,000
Senior subordinated unsecured notes, at 8 3/8%	2017	3,517	250,000
The Exit Credit Facility with two term notes payable at 5.313% and one term note payable at 9.00%	2014	632,500	-
The Exit Credit Facility with one revolving note payable on which the Company had funds borrowed at 4.183% and 6.75%	2012	205,300	-
Pre-petition BMO Facility with notes payable at LIBOR plus 1.25% to LIBOR plus 2.75%	2013	-	218,936
ING Credit Agreement (defined below) with notes payable at LIBOR plus 1.65% to LIBOR plus 3.125%	2011	-	41,062
Pre-petition CoBank Facility with four notes payable at LIBOR plus a spread, one note payable at 7.34% and one note payable at 7.56%	2016	-	1,126,398
Other	Various	1,478	8,698
Long-term debt		1,339,304	2,045,094
Less: Current maturities of long-term debt		(58,144)	-
Less: Long-term debt subject to compromise		-	(2,004,032)
Long-term debt, less current maturities		\$ 1,281,160	\$ 41,062

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### *Debt Obligations*

*Senior and Subordinated Notes.* On December 15, 2010, the Company closed on the sale of \$500.0 million of 7 7/8% Senior Notes due 2018 (the “2018 Notes”). The 2018 Notes are unsecured obligations of the Company and are guaranteed by one the Company’s subsidiaries. Interest is payable on December 15 and June 15 of each year, commencing on June 15, 2011. The proceeds from the sale of the notes, after initial purchasers’ discounts and expenses, were used to (i) repay all indebtedness outstanding under the Term A loan commitments of our Exit Credit Facility and (ii) repay a portion of the indebtedness outstanding under the Term B-1 loans commitments of our Exit Credit Facility. The indenture governing the 2018 Notes contains various covenants that may adversely affect our ability, among other things, to incur additional indebtedness, incur liens, pay dividends or make certain restricted payments, consummate certain asset sales, enter into certain transactions with JBS USA and our other affiliates, merge, consolidate and/or sell or dispose of all or substantially all of our assets. Additionally, we have \$3.6 million of 7 5/8% senior unsecured notes and 8 3/8% senior subordinated unsecured notes outstanding in the aggregate.

*Exit Credit Facility.* Upon exiting from bankruptcy, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries, consisting of To-Ricos, Ltd. and To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd. (collectively, the “To-Ricos Borrowers”), entered into the Exit Credit Facility, which provides for an aggregate commitment of \$1.75 billion consisting of (i) a revolving loan commitment of \$600.0 million, (ii) a Term A loans commitment of \$375.0 million and (iii) a Term B loans commitment of \$775.0 million. The Exit Credit Facility also includes an accordion feature that allows us at any time to increase the aggregate revolving loan commitment by up to an additional \$250 million and to increase the aggregate Term B loans commitment by up to an additional \$400 million, in each case subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including an aggregate cap on all commitments under the Exit Credit Facility of \$1.85 billion. The proceeds received from the Exit Credit Facility and sale of common stock to JBS USA were used to repay prepetition notes and bank debt as well as fund distributions to holders of other allowed claims. On January 13, 2011, we increased the amount of the revolving loan commitments under the Exit Credit Facility to \$700.0 million. The Term A loan was repaid on December 15, 2010 with proceeds from the 2018 Notes. The revolving loan commitment and the Term B loans will mature on December 28, 2014.

On December 26, 2010, a principal amount of \$632.5 million under the Term B loans commitment and \$205.3 million under the revolving loan commitment were outstanding. On December 28, 2009, the Company also paid loan costs totaling \$50.0 million related to the Exit Credit Facility that it recognized as an asset on its balance sheet. The Company amortizes these capitalized costs to expense over the life of the Exit Credit Facility.

Subsequent to the end of each fiscal year, a portion of our cash flow must be used to repay outstanding principal amounts under the Term B loans. With respect to 2010, the

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Company must pay approximately \$46.3 million of its cash flow toward the outstanding principal under the Term B loans. After giving effect to this prepayment and other prepayments of the Term B Loans, the Term B Loans must be repaid in 16 quarterly installments of approximately \$3.9 million beginning on April 15, 2011, with the final installment due on December 28, 2014. The Exit Credit Facility also requires us to use the proceeds we receive from certain asset sales and specified debt or equity issuances and upon the occurrence of other events to repay outstanding borrowings under the Exit Credit Facility.

The Exit Credit Facility includes a \$50.0 million sub-limit for swingline loans and a \$200.0 million sub-limit for letters of credit. Outstanding borrowings under the revolving loan commitment bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 3.00% plus the greater of (i) the US prime rate as published by the *Wall Street Journal*, (ii) the average federal funds rate plus 0.5%, and (iii) the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.0%, in the case of alternate base rate loans, or 4.00% plus the one, two, three or six month LIBOR rate adjusted by the applicable statutory reserve, in the case of Eurodollar loans. Outstanding Term B-1 loans bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 3.50% plus greater of (i) the US prime rate, as published by the *Wall Street Journal*, (ii) the average federal funds rate plus 0.5%, and (iii) the one month LIBOR rate plus 1.0%, in the case of alternate base rate loans, or 4.50%, plus the one, two, three or six month LIBOR Rate adjusted by the applicable statutory reserve, in the case of Eurodollar loans. Outstanding Term B-2 loans bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 9.00%. Commitment fees charged on the revolving commitments under the Exit Credit Facility accrue at a per annum rate equal to 0.50%.

Actual borrowings by the Company under the revolving credit commitment part of the Exit Credit Facility are subject to a borrowing base, which is a formula based on certain eligible inventory, eligible receivables and restricted cash under the control of CoBank ACB, as administrative agent under the Exit Credit Facility. The borrowing base formula is reduced by the sum of (i) inventory reserves, (ii) rent and collateral access reserves, and (iii) any amount more than 15 days past due that is owed by the Company or its subsidiaries to any person on account of the purchase price of agricultural products or services (including poultry and livestock) if that person is entitled to any grower's or producer's lien or other security arrangement. Revolving loan availability under the borrowing base is also limited to an aggregate of \$25.0 million with respect to the To-Ricos Borrowers. As of December 26, 2010, the applicable borrowing base was \$600.0 million, the amount available for borrowing under the revolving loan commitment was \$354.2 million and outstanding borrowings and letters of credit under the revolving loan commitment totaled \$245.8 million.

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The Exit Credit Facility provides that the Company may not incur capital expenditures in excess of \$275.0 million in 2011 and \$350.0 million per fiscal year thereafter. The Company must also maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a minimum level of tangible net worth and may not exceed a maximum senior secured leverage ratio. The Company must maintain compliance with these covenants at the following levels:

Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio <sup>(a)</sup>	At least 1.05 to 1.00 on or before December 31, 2012 and at least 1.10 to 1.00 after January 1, 2013.
Maximum senior secured leverage ratio <sup>(b)</sup>	No greater than (i) 4.00 to 1.00 on or before December 31, 2012, (ii) 3.75 to 1.00 for the period from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013 and (iii) 3.50 to 1.00 for any period after January 1, 2014.
Minimum consolidated tangible net worth <sup>(c)</sup>	At least \$656.1 million plus 50.0% of the cumulative net income (excluding any losses) of the Company and its subsidiaries from the Effective Date through the date of calculation.

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- (a) Fixed charge coverage ratio means the ratio of (i) EBITDA, as adjusted, minus the unfinanced portion of capital expenditures, minus taxes paid in cash, in each case for the period of eight consecutive fiscal quarters ending as of such date; to (ii) Fixed Charges as of such date, all calculated for the Company on a consolidated basis. EBITDA, as adjusted, means (i) net income (loss) for such period plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, plus (ii) cash (if taken in connection with or during the bankruptcy of the Company) and non-cash tangible and intangible asset impairment charges, lease termination costs, severance costs, facility shutdown costs, and other related restructuring charges for such period related to a permanent reduction in capacity, plant or facility closures/cut-backs or a significant reconfiguration of a plant or facility and extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring non-cash charges or losses (other than for write-down or write-off of inventory); minus (iii) any extraordinary, unusual or nonrecurring income or gains; provided however, that aggregate principal amount of Plan Sponsor Subordinated Indebtedness included in the calculating EBITDA shall not exceed \$100.0 million. Plan Sponsor Subordinated Indebtedness means additional unsecured Indebtedness owed to JBS USA Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any wholly-owned subsidiary thereof that is (i) organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and (ii) has been formed for the purpose of acquiring a majority of the equity interests of the Company, or merging or consolidating with the Company for the purpose of acquiring a majority of the equity interests of the Company. Fixed Charges means all amounts that are required to be paid by the Company during an eight fiscal quarter period for scheduled principal payments on indebtedness and capital lease obligations; plus all amounts that were paid in cash by the Company during the preceding eight fiscal quarter period in respect of interest, dividends, contributions to certain employee pension benefit plans and non-cancellable operating lease payments not included in the calculation of EBITDA.
- (b) Senior secured leverage ratio means the ratio of Senior Secured Indebtedness on such date to EBITDA, as adjusted, during the preceding four consecutive fiscal quarters. Senior Secured Indebtedness means, at any date, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness (other than unsecured Indebtedness) of the Company at such date, determined on a consolidated basis, to the extent required to be reflected in the "Liabilities" section of the Consolidated Balance Sheet of the Company. Indebtedness means the aggregate principal amount of all (i) borrowed money and capital lease obligations, (ii) deposits or advances owed by the Company, (iii) obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (iv) obligations under conditional sale or other title retention agreements, (v) obligations related to the deferred purchase price of property or services, (vi) all indebtedness of others secured by liens on property of the Company, (vii) guarantor obligations, (viii) obligations in respect to letters of credit, letters of guaranty, bankers' acceptances and liquidated earn-outs and (ix) any other off-balance sheet liability, each to the extent required to be reflected in the Liabilities section of our Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (c) Consolidated tangible net worth means shareholders' equity minus intangible assets.

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The Company is currently in compliance with these covenants. However, chicken prices, commodity prices, access to export markets and other factors could affect the Company's ability to maintain compliance with its financial covenants.

Under the Exit Credit Facility, JBS USA, the Company's majority stockholder, or its affiliates may make loans to the Company on a subordinated basis on terms reasonably satisfactory to the agents under the Exit Credit Facility and up to \$100 million of such subordinated indebtedness may be included in the calculation of EBITDA (as defined in the Exit Credit Facility).

The Exit Credit Facility contains various covenants that may adversely affect our ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, incur liens, pay dividends or make certain restricted payments, consummate certain assets sales, enter into certain transactions with JBS USA and our other affiliates, merge, consolidate and/or sell or dispose of all or substantially all of our assets.

All obligations under the Exit Credit Facility are unconditionally guaranteed by certain of the Company's subsidiaries and are secured by a first priority lien on (i) the domestic (including Puerto Rico) accounts and inventory of the Company and its subsidiaries, (ii) 100% of the equity interests in the To-Ricos Borrowers and the Company's domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the equity interests in the Company's direct foreign subsidiaries, (iii) substantially all of the personal property and intangibles of the Company, the To-Ricos Borrowers and the guarantor subsidiaries, and (iv) substantially all of the real estate and fixed assets of the Company and the subsidiary guarantors.

*ING Credit Agreement.* On September 25, 2006, a subsidiary of the Company, Avícola Pilgrim's Pride de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. (the "Mexico Borrower"), entered into a secured revolving credit agreement (the "ING Credit Agreement") with ING Capital, LLC, as agent (the "Mexico Agent") and the lenders party thereto (the "Mexico Lenders"). The ING Credit Agreement has a final maturity date of September 25, 2011 and a revolving commitment of 557.4 million Mexican pesos, a US dollar-equivalent \$45.1 million at December 26, 2010. There were no outstanding borrowings under the ING Credit Agreement at December 26, 2010. Outstanding amounts under the ING Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to: the LIBOR Rate, the Base Rate, or the Interbank Equilibrium Interest Rate (the "TIIE Rate"), as applicable, plus the Applicable Margin (as those terms are defined in the ING Credit Agreement). While the Company was operating in Chapter 11, the Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans, Base Rate loans, and TIIE loans was 6.0%, 4.0%, and 5.8%, respectively. Following the Effective Date, the Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans and Base Rate loans is 0.375% higher than the highest applicable interest rate margin under the Exit Credit Facility and for TIIE loans is 0.20% less than the Applicable Margin for LIBOR loans.

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The ING Credit Agreement requires the Company to make a mandatory prepayment of the revolving loans, in an aggregate amount equal to 100.0% of the net cash proceeds received by any Mexican subsidiary of the Company (a “Mexico Subsidiary”), as applicable, in excess of thresholds specified in the ING Credit Agreement (i) from the occurrence of certain asset sales by the Mexico Subsidiaries; (ii) from the occurrence of any casualty or other insured damage to, or any taking under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceedings of, any property or asset of any Mexico Subsidiary; or (iii) from the incurrence of certain indebtedness by a Mexico Subsidiary. Any such mandatory prepayments will permanently reduce the amount of the commitment under the ING Credit Agreement. The Mexico Subsidiaries have pledged substantially all of their receivables, inventory, and equipment and certain fixed assets. The Mexico Subsidiaries were excluded from the US bankruptcy proceedings.

### Other Disclosures

Most of our domestic inventories and domestic fixed assets are pledged as collateral on our long-term debt and credit facilities.

Annual maturities of long-term debt for the five years subsequent to December 26, 2010 are as follows:

	<b>Debt Maturities</b>
<b>For the fiscal years ending December:</b>	(In thousands)
2011	\$ 58,144
2012	15,612
2013	15,886
2014	749,027
2015	263
Thereafter	503,979
Total maturities	1,342,911
Less: Amount representing original issue discount, net of accretion	(3,607)
<b>Total long-term debt</b>	<b>\$ 1,339,304</b>

Total interest expense was \$105.6 million, \$44.7 million, \$161.9 million and \$134.2 million in 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively. Interest related to new construction capitalized in 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 was \$1.3 million, \$1.1 million, \$2.6 million and \$5.3 million, respectively.

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### 13. INCOME TAXES

Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes by jurisdiction is as follows:

	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)			
US	\$ (7,594)	\$ (64,709)	\$ (200,334)	\$ (1,164,376)
Foreign	74,082	(3,737)	26,485	(21,533)
Total	\$ 66,488	\$ (68,446)	\$ (173,849)	\$ (1,185,909)

The components of income tax expense (benefit) are set forth below:

	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)			
Current:				
Federal	\$ 28,156	\$ 10,266	\$ (320)	\$ 925
Foreign	25,815	(245)	2,829	(1,649)
State and other	(8,549)	—	(2,617)	1,747
Total current	45,422	10,021	(108)	1,023
Deferred:				
Federal	(27,823)	(118,514)	(21,025)	(212,151)
Foreign	(41,212)	15,434	1,199	35,277
State and other	(225)	(9,312)	(1,652)	(19,070)
Total deferred	(69,260)	(112,392)	(21,478)	(195,944)
	\$ (23,838)	\$ (102,371)	\$ (21,586)	\$ (194,921)

The effective tax rate for continuing operations for 2010 was (35.9)% compared to 12.4% for 2009. The effective tax rate for 2010 differed from 2009 primarily as a result of a benefit on the deconsolidation for tax purposes of the Mexico operations and a decrease in the valuation allowance. The deconsolidation for tax purposes of the Mexico operations was in response to changes in the Mexican tax laws that became effective January 1, 2010. The deconsolidation reduces the accrued taxes that had been previously recognized under the consolidated filing status as it eliminates recapturing certain taxes required under the new consolidation laws. The effective tax rate for continuing operations for 2008 was 16.4%. The effective tax rate for 2009 differed from 2008 primarily as a result of a decrease in reserves for unrecognized tax benefits offset by an increase in valuation allowance and the tax effect of permanent items.

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The following table reconciles the statutory US federal income tax rate to the Company's effective income tax rate:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Federal income tax rate	35.0 %	35.0 %	35.0 %	35.0 %
State tax rate, net	0.8	2.1	2.0	2.2
Permanent items	13.6	(0.6)	(0.9)	(0.8)
Permanent items – reorganization costs	(14.1)	(8.5)	(8.5)	-
Domestic production activity	(7.3)	-	-	-
Difference in US statutory tax rate and foreign country effective tax rate	(7.8)	0.6	2.2	(0.2)
Book income of consolidated entities attributable to non-controlling interest	(1.7)	0.2	-	-
Goodwill impairment	-	-	-	(14.8)
Tax credits	(7.6)	0.9	2.5	0.5
Change in reserve for unrecognized tax benefits	13.9	(4.9)	14.6	(0.2)
Change in valuation allowance	(10.9)	155.8	(33.0)	(6.0)
Change in tax legislation	(44.3)	(22.5)	-	-
Other	(5.5)	(8.5)	(1.5)	0.7
Total	<u>(35.9) %</u>	<u>149.6 %</u>	<u>12.4 %</u>	<u>16.4 %</u>

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax liabilities and assets are as follows:

	<u>December 26, 2010</u>	<u>September 26, 2009</u>
	(In thousands)	
Deferred tax liabilities:		
PP&E and identified intangible assets	\$ 136,358	\$ 178,986
Inventories	88,820	81,542
Insurance claims and losses	15,432	6,580
All other current	3,043	879
All other non-current	16,956	51,940
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>260,609</u>	<u>319,927</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating losses	103,389	296,678
Foreign net operating losses	26,580	34,896
Credit carry forwards	50,055	23,657
Allowance for doubtful accounts	10,053	2,186
Accrued liabilities	35,644	32,455
All other long-term	16,293	18,561
Derivatives	693	-
Workers compensation	33,089	25,504
Pension and other postretirement benefits	22,615	28,598
Subtotal	<u>298,411</u>	<u>462,535</u>
Valuation allowance	(53,938)	(164,821)
Total deferred tax assets	<u>244,473</u>	<u>297,714</u>
Net deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$ 16,136</u>	<u>\$ 22,213</u>

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible.

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Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities (including the impact of available carry back and carry forward periods), projected future taxable income and tax-planning strategies in making this assessment.

As of December 26, 2010, the Company does not believe it has sufficient positive evidence to conclude that realization of its net deferred tax asset position in various states and Mexico is more likely than not to be realized. The reduction in valuation allowance of \$5.9 million during 2010 was primarily due to the utilization of Mexico net operating loss carry forwards during 2010 offset by a full valuation allowance against the remaining Mexico net operating loss carry forwards as of December 26, 2010. As described in more detail below, during the Transition Period the Company carried back \$547.7 million of its US federal net operating losses. As a result, during the Transition Period the Company released valuation allowance that had been recorded on its US federal net operating losses in the amount of \$109.3 million. As of December 26, 2010, the Company's valuation allowance is \$53.9 million, of which \$26.6 million relates to state net operating losses and credit carry forwards and \$27.3 million relates to Mexico operations.

As of December 26, 2010, the Company had US federal net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$220.8 million that will begin to expire in 2026 and state net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$524.9 million that will begin to expire in 2011. The Company also had Mexico net operating loss carry forwards at December 26, 2010 of approximately \$88.6 million that will begin to expire in 2011.

As of December 26, 2010, the Company had approximately \$44.5 million of federal tax credit carry forwards that will begin to expire in 2024 and \$5.5 million of state tax credit carry forwards that will begin to expire in 2011.

During the Transition Period the Company generated additional net operating losses from stock compensation deductions in excess of expenses recognized for financial reporting purposes ("Excess Tax Benefits"). Excess Tax Benefits are realized when they reduce taxes payable, as determined using a "with and without" method, and are credited to additional paid-in capital when realized. The Company has not recorded Excess Tax Benefits of \$22.2 million as of December 26, 2010 from excess stock-based compensation deductions taken on our tax return for which a benefit has not yet been realized.

On November 6, 2009, H.R. 3548 was signed into law and included a provision that allowed most business taxpayers an increased carry back period for net operating losses incurred in 2008 or 2009. As a result, during 2009 the Company utilized \$547.7 million of its US federal net operating losses under the expanded carry back provisions of H.R. 3548 and filed a claim for refund of \$169.7 million. The Company received \$122.6 million in refunds from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") from the carry back claims during 2010. The Company anticipates receipt of the remainder of its claim pending resolution of its litigation with the IRS. See "Note 17. Commitments and Contingencies" for additional information.

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Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, imposes an annual limit on the ability of a corporation that undergoes an “ownership change” to use its US net operating losses to reduce its tax liability. The Company experienced an ownership change in December 2009, but believes that utilization of the US net operating losses and tax credits will not be hindered by the Section 382 limitation.

The Company has not provided any deferred income taxes on the undistributed earnings of its Mexico subsidiaries based upon the determination that such earnings will be indefinitely reinvested. As of December 26, 2010, the cumulative undistributed earnings of these subsidiaries were approximately \$131.4 million. If such earnings were not considered indefinitely reinvested, the Company estimates it would be subject to approximately \$46.0 million of US federal income taxes before considering the availability of any US foreign tax credits. For activity after fiscal year ending September 2008, the Company is not permanently reinvesting its earnings in Puerto Rico. Therefore, the earnings generated in Puerto Rico have US taxes provided on the earnings as if the earnings were distributed.

On October 31, 2009, the Mexican Congress enacted tax reform that became effective January 1, 2010. Under the provisions of the new law, the corporate tax rate increased from 28% to 30% beginning in calendar year 2010, will decrease from 30% to 29% in calendar year 2013, and will return to 28% in calendar year 2014. Also, beginning in calendar year 2010, the tax reform treated most consolidated income tax return benefits as temporary benefits for which deferred taxes must be paid once a five-year period has elapsed. For deferred taxes generated in calendar year 2006, that tax must be paid as follows: 25% in each of calendar years 2012 and 2013, 20% in calendar year 2014 and 15% in each of calendar years 2015 and 2016. Additionally, under the new bill, there are recapture rules that apply to separate company losses (post calendar year 1998) utilized in consolidation whereby the losses must be recaptured within five years instead of ten years if the separate company does not generate income to offset the losses. As a result of the tax impact of the new law, the Company recognized a charge of \$15.4 million during the Transition Period.

During 2010, the Company developed a method to deconsolidate its Mexico operations from a tax perspective to help minimize the impact of the new Mexico tax reform. The deconsolidation reduces the accrued taxes that had been previously recognized under the consolidated filing status as it eliminates recapturing certain taxes required under the new consolidation laws. As a result of the deconsolidation, the Company recognized a benefit of \$29.5 million during 2010.

The Company follows the provisions of ASC 740-10-25 that clarifies the accounting for income taxes by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold that a tax benefit is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements.

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A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	<b>December 26, 2010</b>	<b>September 26, 2009</b>
	(In thousands)	
Unrecognized tax benefits, beginning of year	\$ 25,516	\$ 65,322
Increase as a result of tax positions taken during the current year	9,005	926
Increase as a result of tax positions taken during prior years	87,654	3,495
Decrease as a result of tax positions taken during prior years	(55,156)	(2,348)
Decrease relating to settlements with taxing authorities	(345)	(44,737)
Unrecognized tax benefits, end of year	\$ 66,674	\$ 22,658

Included in unrecognized tax benefits of \$66.7 million at December 26, 2010, was \$13.0 million of tax benefits that, if recognized, would reduce the Company's effective tax rate. It is not practicable at this time to estimate the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that will change in the next twelve months.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in its provision for income taxes. As of December 26, 2010, the Company had recorded a liability of \$18.8 million for interest and penalties. During 2010, accrued interest and penalty amounts related to uncertain tax positions were increased by \$9.5 million which includes an increase of \$14.2 million recognized for 2010 and a decrease of \$4.7 million generally related to state tax positions that now meet the recognition threshold as a result of the Company's emergence from bankruptcy.

The IRS has concluded the examination and appeals phase for the tax year ended September 26, 2002. The Company continues to be under examination for Gold Kist and its subsidiaries for the tax years June 30, 2004 through December 27, 2006.

The Company operates in the US (including multiple state jurisdictions), Puerto Rico and Mexico. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to US federal, state or local income tax examinations for years prior to 2003 and is no longer subject to Mexico income tax examinations by taxing authorities for years prior to 2005.

The Company is currently working with the IRS through the normal processes and procedures that are available to all taxpayers outside of bankruptcy to resolve the IRS' proofs of claim. In connection, the Company has filed various petitions in United States Tax Court ("Tax Court") in response to the Notices of Deficiency that were issued to the Company. These matters are currently in the early stages of litigation. See "Note 17. Commitments and Contingencies" for additional information.

The Company requested and received approval from the IRS to change the Company's tax year end from the Saturday nearest September 30 of each year to the last Sunday in

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December of each year. This change aligns the Company's tax year with the tax year of JBS USA. The Company now operates on the basis of a 52/53-week tax year that ends on the Sunday falling on or before December 31.

### **14. PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The Company sponsors programs that provide retirement benefits to most of its employees. These programs include qualified defined benefit pension plans, non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans, a defined benefit postretirement life insurance plan, and defined contribution retirement savings plans. Under all of our retirement plans, the Company's expenses were \$9.4 million, \$2.2 million, \$10.1 million, and \$4.1 million in 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company used a year-end measurement date of December 26, 2010 for its pension and postretirement benefits plans. Certain disclosures are listed below. Other disclosures are not material to the financial statements.

#### **Qualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Company sponsored three qualified defined benefit pension plans:

- The Pilgrim's Pride Retirement Plan for Union Employees (the "Union Plan"),
- the Pilgrim's Pride Retirement Plan for El Dorado Union Employees (the "El Dorado" Plan), and
- the Pilgrim's Pride Pension Plan for Legacy Gold Kist Employees (the "GK Pension Plan").

The Union Plan covers certain locations or work groups within PPC. The El Dorado Plan was spun off from the Union Plan effective January 1, 2008 and covers certain eligible locations or work groups within the Company. This plan was settled in 2010. The GK Pension Plan covers certain eligible US employees who were employed at locations that the Company acquired in its acquisition of Gold Kist in 2007. Participation in the GK Pension Plan was frozen as of February 8, 2007, for all participants with the exception of terminated vested participants who are or may become permanently and totally disabled. The plan was frozen for that group as of March 31, 2007.

#### **Non-qualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

The Company sponsored two non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans:

- The Former Gold Kist Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP Plan"), and
- The Former Gold Kist Inc. Directors' Emeriti Retirement Plan (the "Directors' Emeriti Plan").

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Pilgrim's Pride assumed sponsorship of the SERP Plan and Directors' Emeriti Plan through its acquisition of Gold Kist in 2007. The SERP Plan provides benefits on compensation in excess of certain Internal Revenue Code limitations to certain former executives with whom Gold Kist negotiated individual agreements. Benefits under the SERP Plan were frozen as of February 8, 2007. The Directors' Emeriti Plan provides benefits to former Gold Kist directors.

### Defined Benefit Postretirement Life Insurance Plan

The Company currently sponsors one defined benefit postretirement life insurance plan named the Gold Kist Inc. Retiree Life Insurance Plan (the "Insurance Plan").

Pilgrim's Pride also assumed defined benefit postretirement medical and life insurance obligations, including the Insurance Plan, through its acquisition of Gold Kist in 2007. In January 2001, Gold Kist began to substantially curtail its programs for active employees. On July 1, 2003, Gold Kist terminated medical coverage for retirees age 65 or older, and only retired employees in the closed group between ages 55 and 65 could continue their coverage at rates above the average cost of the medical insurance plan for active employees. These retired employees will all reach the age of 65 by 2012 and liabilities of the postretirement medical plan will then end.

### Defined Benefit Plans Obligations and Assets

The following tables provide reconciliations of the changes in the plans' projected benefit obligations and fair value of assets as well as statements of the funded status, balance sheet reporting and economic assumptions for these plans:

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
<b>Change in projected benefit obligation:</b>				
		<b>(In thousands)</b>		
Projected benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 161,607	\$ 127,354	\$ 2,114	\$ 1,893
Service cost	165	672	-	-
Interest cost	8,659	8,899	115	135
Plan participant contributions	-	28	-	40
Actuarial losses (gains)	6,675	43,362	3	271
Benefits paid	(6,306)	(8,991)	(105)	(162)
Curtailments and settlements	(15,147)	-	-	-
Other	-	(1,877)	-	-
Projected benefit obligation, end of year	<u>\$ 155,653</u>	<u>\$ 169,447</u>	<u>\$ 2,127</u>	<u>\$ 2,177</u>

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	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Other Benefits</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Change in plan assets:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Fair value of plan assets, beginning of year	\$ 85,690	\$ 92,980	\$ -	\$ -
Actual return on plan assets	11,332	587	-	-
Contributions by employer	9,817	1,111	105	122
Plan participant contributions	-	28	-	40
Benefits paid	(6,306)	(8,991)	(105)	(162)
Curtailments and settlements	(15,670)	-	-	-
Other	-	(1,140)	-	-
Fair value of plan assets, end of year	<u>\$ 84,863</u>	<u>\$ 84,575</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Other Benefits</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Funded status:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Funded status	\$ (70,790)	\$ (84,872)	\$ (2,127)	\$ (2,177)
Unrecognized prior service cost	19	60	-	-
Unrecognized net actuarial loss (gain)	9,708	19,967	(47)	14
Accrued benefit cost	<u>\$ (61,063)</u>	<u>\$ (64,845)</u>	<u>\$ (2,174)</u>	<u>\$ (2,163)</u>
	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Other Benefits</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Amounts recognized in the balance sheets:</b>	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Accrued benefit cost (current)	\$ (12,820)	\$ (14,143)	\$ (183)	\$ (171)
Accrued benefit cost (long-term)	(57,970)	(70,729)	(1,944)	(2,006)
Long-term deferred income taxes	-	7,560	-	5
Accumulated other comprehensive loss (income)	9,727	12,467	(47)	9
Net amount recognized	<u>\$ (61,063)</u>	<u>\$ (64,845)</u>	<u>\$ (2,174)</u>	<u>\$ (2,163)</u>

The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit plans was \$157.8 million and \$171.6 million at December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, respectively. All of the Company's defined benefit plans had an accumulated benefit obligation in excess of plan assets at December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009.

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### Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Income)

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost (income) for the plans:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)							
Service cost	\$ 165	\$ 166	\$ 672	\$ 1,246	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest cost	8,659	2,198	8,899	9,576	115	32	135	132
Estimated return on plan assets	(6,117)	(1,547)	(6,781)	(10,200)	-	-	-	-
Curtailement loss	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settlement loss (gain)	1,504	78	-	(6,312)	-	-	(60)	153
Amortization of prior service cost	3	2	61	116	-	-	-	-
Amortization of net loss (gain)	1	(420)	(2,227)	(125)	-	(2)	(49)	-
Effect of special events	-	-	410	(158)	-	-	-	-
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	<u>\$ 4,251</u>	<u>\$ 477</u>	<u>\$ 1,034</u>	<u>\$ (5,857)</u>	<u>\$ 115</u>	<u>\$ 30</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>	<u>\$285</u>

### Economic Assumptions

The following table presents the assumptions used in determining the benefit obligations:

	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Discount rate	5.50%	5.34%	5.50%	5.33%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	3.00%	3.00%	NA	NA

The decrease in discount rate resulted in an increase in pension benefit obligation of \$4.6 million.

The following table presents the assumptions used in determining the net periodic benefit cost amounts:

	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
Discount rate	5.69%	5.47%	7.42%	5.08%	5.69%	6.98%	7.53%	5.87%
Rate of increase in compensation levels	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Expected return on plan assets	7.67%	7.65%	7.77%	7.77%	NA	NA	NA	NA

The expected rate of return on plan assets was determined based on the current interest rate environment and historical market premiums relative to the fixed income rates of equities and other asset classes. We also take into consideration anticipated asset allocations, investment strategies and the views of various investment professionals when developing this rate.

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### Plan Assets

The following table reflects the pension plans' actual asset allocations:

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Cash and money market funds	1%	1%
Equity securities	72%	69%
Debt securities	27%	30%
Total assets	100%	100%

Absent regulatory or statutory limitations, the target asset allocation for the investment of the assets for our ongoing pension plans is 30% in debt securities and 70% in equity securities. The plans only invest in debt and equity instruments for which there is a ready public market. We develop our expected long-term rate of return assumptions based on the historical rates of returns for equity and debt securities of the type in which our plans invest.

The fair value measurements of plan assets fell into the following levels of the fair value hierarchy as of December 26, 2010:

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>			
Cash and money market funds	\$ 687	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 687
Equity securities	-	60,955	-	60,955
Debt securities	-	23,221	-	23,221
Total	\$ 687	\$84,176	\$ -	\$84,863

Plan assets classified in Level 1 at December 26, 2010 include money market funds. The valuation of these instruments is determined using a market approach, taking into account current interest rates, creditworthiness, and liquidity risks in relation to current market conditions, and is based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets. The valuation of plan assets in Level 2 is determined using a market approach based upon quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, or other inputs that are observable for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 2 securities primarily include equity and fixed income securities funds.

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### Benefit Payments

The following table reflects the benefits as of December 26, 2010 expected to be paid in each of the next five years and in the aggregate for the five years thereafter from our pension and other postretirement plans. Because our pension plans are primarily funded plans, the anticipated benefits with respect to these plans will come primarily from the trusts established for these plans. Because our other postretirement plans are unfunded, the anticipated benefits with respect to these plans will come from our own assets.

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>	<b>Other Benefits</b>
	(In thousands)	
2011	\$ 12,820	\$ 183
2012	12,360	185
2013	11,780	187
2014	10,315	188
2015	9,955	188
2016—2020	49,174	902
Total	\$ 106,404	\$ 1,833

We anticipate contributing \$4.9 million and \$0.2 million to our pension and other postretirement plans, respectively, during 2011.

### Unrecognized Benefit Amounts in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) that were not recognized as components of net periodic benefits cost and the changes in those amounts are as follows:

	<b>Pension Benefits</b>		<b>Other Benefits</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	(In thousands)			
Net actuarial loss (gain)	\$ 9,708	\$19,967	\$ (47)	\$ 14
Net prior service cost	19	60	-	-
Total	\$ 9,727	\$20,027	\$ (47)	\$ 14

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	Pension Benefits				Other Benefits			
	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)							
Net actuarial loss (gain), beginning of period	\$ 10,017	\$ 19,967	\$ (30,714)	\$ (14,824)	\$ (50)	\$ 14	\$ (670)	\$ (41)
Amortization	(1)	(612)	2,227	125	-	(2)	49	-
Curtailement and settlement adjustments	(1,768)	(78)	(410)	6,312	-	-	60	(153)
Actuarial loss (gain)	6,675	(12,444)	43,362	(56,589)	3	(62)	270	(477)
Asset loss (gain)	(5,215)	3,184	6,193	34,264	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	(691)	(2)	-	-	305	1
Net actuarial loss (gain), end of period	<u>\$ 9,708</u>	<u>\$ 10,017</u>	<u>\$ 19,967</u>	<u>\$ (30,714)</u>	<u>\$ (47)</u>	<u>\$ (50)</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>	<u>\$ (670)</u>
Net prior service cost, beginning of period	\$ 58	\$ 60	\$ 121	\$ 237	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Amortization	(39)	(2)	(61)	(116)	-	-	-	-
Net prior service cost, end of period	<u>\$ 19</u>	<u>\$ 58</u>	<u>\$ 60</u>	<u>\$ 121</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

### Defined Contribution Plans

The Company currently sponsors two defined contribution retirement savings plans:

- The Pilgrim’s Pride Retirement Savings Plan (the “RS Plan”), a Section 401(k) salary deferral plan, and
- The To-Ricos Employee Savings and Retirement Plan (the “To-Ricos Plan”), a Section 1165(e) salary deferral plan.

Under the RS Plan, eligible US employees may voluntarily contribute a percentage of their compensation. The Company matches up to 30.0% of the first 2.14% to 6.00% of salary based on the salary deferral and compensation levels up to \$245,000. The Company’s expenses related to contributions to the RS Plan totaled \$4.5 million, \$1.3 million, \$5.9 million and \$7.6 million in 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The To-Ricos Plan is maintained for certain eligible Puerto Rican employees. Under the To-Ricos Plan, eligible employees may voluntarily contribute a percentage of their compensation and there are various company matching provisions. During 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, the Company’s expenses related to contributions to the To-Ricos Plan were immaterial.

The Company also maintains three postretirement plans for eligible Mexico employees as required by Mexico law that primarily cover termination benefits. Separate disclosure of the Mexican plan obligations is not considered material.

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Certain retirement plans that the Company sponsors invest in a variety of financial instruments. Certain postretirement funds in which the Company participates hold significant amounts of mortgage-backed securities. However, none of the mortgages collateralizing these securities are considered subprime.

### **15. STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

#### **Common Stock**

In December 2009, the Company's common stock outstanding immediately prior to the effectiveness of the Plan was cancelled and converted into the right to receive shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Reorganized PPC based on a one-for-one exchange ratio, which constituted approximately 77.2 million shares, or 36.0% of the total number of shares of common stock of Reorganized PPC issued pursuant to the Plan. The remaining approximately 137.1 million shares of common stock of Reorganized PPC, constituting 64.0% of the total issued pursuant to the Plan and outstanding on the Effective Date, were issued to JBS USA for \$800.0 million in cash.

In May 2008, the Company completed a public offering of 7.5 million shares of its common stock for total consideration of approximately \$177.4 million. The Company used the net proceeds of the offering to reduce outstanding indebtedness under two of its revolving credit facilities and for general corporate purposes.

#### **Stock Compensation**

The Company granted 200,000 restricted shares of its common stock to William W. Lovette effective January 14, 2011 in connection with the employment agreement between itself and Mr. Lovette. Fifty percent of these shares will vest on January 3, 2013 and the remaining shares will vest on January 3, 2014, subject to Mr. Lovette's continued employment with the Company through the applicable vesting date. The \$1.4 million fair value of the shares as of the grant date was determined by multiplying the number of shares granted by the closing market price of the Company's common stock on the grant date. Assuming no forfeiture of shares, the Company will recognize share-based compensation expense of \$0.7 million ratably from January 14, 2011 to January 3, 2013. The Company will also recognize share-based compensation expense of \$0.7 million ratably from January 14, 2011 to January 3, 2014.

On January 27, 2009, the Company granted Don Jackson 3,085,656 restricted shares of its common stock as part of the employment agreement between itself and Dr. Jackson. Restrictions placed on the shares expired upon achievement of certain performance targets established under the employment agreement and the confirmation of a plan of reorganization of the Company. The \$1.8 million fair value of the shares as of the grant date was determined by multiplying the number of shares granted by the closing market price of the Company's

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common stock on the grant date. The Company recognized share-based compensation expense of \$0.9 million on December 10, 2009, when restrictions on 1,542,828 shares of common stock awarded to Dr. Jackson lapsed following the confirmation of a plan of reorganization of the Company. The Company also recognized share-based compensation expense of \$0.9 million on December 27, 2009, when restrictions on 1,542,828 shares of common stock awarded to Dr. Jackson expired upon the Company's achievement of certain financial performance targets established under the employment agreement.

Other than the above arrangements, the Company does not have any other outstanding stock compensation grants.

### Restrictions on Retained Earnings

The Company and JBS USA executed the Stockholders Agreement at the closing of the Acquisition that, among other things, prohibits Reorganized PPC from declaring dividends other than on a pro rata basis until the completion of the Mandatory Exchange Transaction as described in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The Exit Credit Facility also prohibits us from paying dividends on the common stock of Reorganized PPC. Further, the indenture governing the 2010 Notes restricts, but does not prohibit, Reorganized PPC from declaring dividends.

### Other Comprehensive Income

The amounts of income tax expense or benefit allocated to each component of other comprehensive income, including reclassification adjustments, are as follows:

<u>Expense (Benefit)</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	(In thousands)			
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on available- for-sale securities	\$ (66)	\$ -	\$ 1,454	\$ (640)
Recognition in earnings of a previously unrecognized gain (loss) on derivative instrument designated as a cash flow hedge	(1,521)	-	(201)	(201)
Gains (losses) associated with pension and other postretirement benefits	3,934	-	(530)	5,923
	<u>\$ 2,347</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 723</u>	<u>\$ 5,082</u>

## 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Upon the Effective Date, JBS USA became the holder of the majority of the common stock of the Company (the "Current Major Stockholder"). Prior to the Effective Date, Lonnie A. "Bo" Pilgrim and certain entities related to Mr. Pilgrim collectively owned a majority of the voting power of the common stock of the Company (the "Former Major Stockholder").

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Mr. Pilgrim was also the Senior Chairman of the Company prior to the Effective Date. Mr. Pilgrim ceased being Senior Chairman on the Effective Date; however, he remains a director of the Company.

Transactions with the Current Major Stockholder and the Former Major Stockholder are summarized below:

	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)			
<b>Current Major Stockholder:</b>				
Purchases from Current Major Stockholder <sup>(a)(g)</sup>	\$ 93,898	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures paid by Current Major Stockholder on behalf of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation <sup>(f)(g)</sup>	26,818	-	-	-
Sales to Current Major Stockholder <sup>(a)(g)</sup>	5,422	-	-	-
Expenditures paid by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation on behalf of Current Major Stockholder <sup>(f)(g)</sup>	482	-	-	-
<b>Former Major Stockholder:</b>				
Sale of airplane hangars and undeveloped land to Former Major Stockholder <sup>(e)</sup>	1,450	-	-	-
Purchase of commercial egg property from Former Major Stockholder <sup>(c)</sup>	12,000	-	-	-
Loan guaranty fees paid to Former Major Stockholder <sup>(b)</sup>	8,928	-	1,473	4,904
Contract grower pay paid to Former Major Stockholder	1,249	185	1,037	1,008
Consulting fee paid to Former Major Stockholder <sup>(d)</sup>	1,497	-	-	-
Board fees paid to Former Major Stockholder	105	-	-	-
Lease payments and operating expenses on air plane	-	-	68	456
Lease payments on commercial egg property paid to Former Major Stockholder	125	188	750	750
Sales to Former Major Stockholder	28	146	686	710

- (a) JBS USA did not become the holder of the majority of the common stock of the Company until the Effective Date. Although transactions did occur between the Company and JBS USA during 2009, they were not related party transactions.
- (b) Until the Effective Date, Pilgrim Interests, Ltd., an entity related to Lonnie A. "Bo" Pilgrim, guaranteed a portion of the Company's debt obligations. In consideration of such guarantees, the Company has paid Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. a quarterly fee equal to 0.25% of one-half of the average aggregate outstanding balance of such guaranteed debt. Pursuant to the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement, the Company could not pay any loan guarantee fees during the Chapter 11 case without the consent of the lenders party thereto. At December 27, 2009, the Company had accrued loan guaranty fees totaling \$8.9 million. The Company paid these fees after emerging from bankruptcy on the Effective Date.
- (c) On February 23, 2010, the Company purchased a commercial egg property from the Former Major Stockholder for \$12.0 million. Prior to the purchase, the Company leased the commercial egg property including all of the ongoing costs of the operation from the Former Major Stockholder.
- (d) In connection with the Plan, the Company and Lonnie A. "Bo" Pilgrim entered into a consulting agreement, which became effective on the Effective Date. The terms of the consulting agreement include, among other things, that (i) Mr. Pilgrim will provide services to the Company that are comparable in the aggregate with the services provided by him to the Company prior to the Effective Date, (ii) Mr. Pilgrim would be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company and during the term of the consulting agreement will be nominated for subsequent terms on the board, (iii) Mr. Pilgrim will be compensated for services rendered to the Company at a rate of \$1.5 million a year for a term of five years, (iv) Mr. Pilgrim will be subject to

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customary non-solicitation and non-competition provisions and (v) Mr. Pilgrim and his spouse will be provided with medical benefits (or will be compensated for medical coverage) that are comparable in the aggregate to the medical benefits afforded to employees of the Company.

- (e) On June 9, 2010, the Company sold two airplane hangars and undeveloped land to the Former Major Stockholder for \$1.45 million.
- (f) On January 19, 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with JBS USA in order to allocate costs associated with JBS USA's procurement of SAP licenses and maintenance services for its combined companies. Under this agreement, the fees associated with procuring SAP licenses and maintenance services are allocated between the Company and JBS USA in proportion to the percentage of licenses used by each company. The agreement expires on the date of expiration, or earlier termination, of the underlying SAP license agreement. On May 5, 2010, the Company also entered into an agreement with JBS USA in order to allocate the costs of supporting the business operations by one consolidated corporate team, which have historically been supported by their respective corporate teams. Expenditures paid by the Current Major Stockholder on behalf of the Company will be reimbursed by the Company and expenditures paid by the Company on behalf of the Current Major Stockholder will be reimbursed by the Current Major Stockholder. This agreement expires on May 5, 2015.
- (g) As of December 26, 2010, the outstanding payable to JBS USA was \$7.2 million and the outstanding receivable from JBS USA was \$0.5 million. As of December 26, 2010, approximately \$3.9 million of goods from JBS USA were in transit and not reflected on our Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The Company is party to grower contracts involving farms owned by the Former Major Stockholder that provide for the placement of Company-owned flocks on these farms during the grow-out phase of production. These contracts are on terms substantially the same as contracts executed by the Company with unaffiliated parties and can be terminated by either party upon completion of the grow-out phase for each flock. The aggregate amounts paid by the Company to the Former Major Stockholder under these grower contracts were less than \$1.3 million in each of the periods 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008.

The Company leased an airplane from its Former Major Stockholder under an operating lease agreement. The terms of the lease agreement required monthly payments of \$33,000 plus operating expenses. The lease was terminated on November 18, 2008. Lease expense was \$66,000 and \$396,000 in 2009 and 2008, respectively. Operating expenses were \$1,500 and \$60,000 in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

The Company maintains depository accounts with a financial institution in which the Company's Former Major Stockholder is also a major stockholder. Fees paid to this bank in 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008 were insignificant. The Company had account balances at this financial institution of approximately \$4.2 million and \$2.3 million at December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, respectively.

The Former Major Stockholder has deposited \$0.3 million with the Company as an advance on miscellaneous expenditures.

A son of the Former Major Stockholder sold commodity feed products and a limited amount of other services to the Company totaling approximately \$0.4 million in each of the

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years ended 2010, 2009 and 2008. We made no purchases during the Transition Period. He also leases an insignificant amount of land from the Company.

### **17. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### **General**

We are a party to many routine contracts in which we provide general indemnities in the normal course of business to third parties for various risks. Among other considerations, we have not recorded a liability for any of these indemnities as based upon the likelihood of payment, the fair value of such indemnities would not have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

#### **Purchase Obligations**

The Company will sometimes enter into non-cancelable contracts to purchase capital equipment and certain commodities such as corn, soybean meal, cooking oil and natural gas. At December 26, 2010, the Company was party to outstanding purchase contracts totaling \$599.4 million. Payments for purchases made under these contracts are due in less than one year.

#### **Operating Leases**

The Consolidated Statements of Operations include rental expense for operating leases of approximately \$58.3 million, \$12.4 million, \$68.4 million and \$71.3 million in 2010, the Transition Period, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The Company's future minimum lease commitments under non-cancelable operating leases are as follows: 2011—\$27.4 million; 2012—\$14.7 million; 2013—\$6.6 million; 2014—\$2.0 million; and 2015—\$1.3 million.

Certain of the Company's operating leases include rent escalations. The Company includes the rent escalation in its minimum lease payments obligations and recognizes them as a component of rental expense on a straight-line basis over the minimum lease term.

The Company also maintains operating leases for various types of equipment, some of which contain residual value guarantees for the market value of assets at the end of the term of the lease. The terms of the lease maturities range from one to ten years. The maximum potential amount of the residual value guarantees is estimated to be approximately \$30.6 million; however, the actual amount would be offset by any recoverable amount based on the fair market value of the underlying leased assets. No liability has been recorded related to this contingency as the likelihood of payments under these guarantees is not considered to be probable and the fair value of such guarantees is immaterial. The Company historically has not experienced significant payments under similar residual guarantees.

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### **Financial Instruments**

At December 26, 2010, the Company was party to outstanding standby letters of credit totaling \$40.5 million that affected the amount of funds available for borrowing under the Exit Credit Facility.

The Company's loan agreements generally obligate the Company to reimburse the applicable lender for incremental increased costs due to a change in law that imposes (i) any reserve or special deposit requirement against assets of, deposits with or credit extended by such lender related to the loan, (ii) any tax, duty or other charge with respect to the loan (except standard income tax) or (iii) capital adequacy requirements. In addition, some of the Company's loan agreements contain a withholding tax provision that requires the Company to pay additional amounts to the applicable lender or other financing party, generally if withholding taxes are imposed on such lender or other financing party as a result of a change in the applicable tax law. These increased cost and withholding tax provisions continue for the entire term of the applicable transaction, and there is no limitation on the maximum additional amounts the Company could be obligated to pay under such provisions. Any failure to pay amounts due under such provisions generally would trigger an event of default, and, in a secured financing transaction, would entitle the lender to foreclose upon the collateral to realize the amount due.

### **Litigation**

The Company is subject to various legal proceedings and claims which arise in the ordinary course of business. In the Company's opinion, it has made appropriate and adequate accruals for claims where necessary; however, the ultimate liability for these matters is uncertain, and if significantly different than the amounts accrued, the ultimate outcome could have a material effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company. For a discussion of the material legal proceedings and claims, see Part I, Item 3. "Legal Proceedings." Below is a summary of some of these material proceedings and claims. The Company believes it has substantial defenses to the claims made and intends to vigorously defend these cases.

On December 1, 2008, the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court. The cases were jointly administered under Case No. 08-45664. Until the Effective Date, the Debtors operated their business as "debtors-in-possession" under the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and orders of the Bankruptcy Court. The Debtors emerged from Chapter 11 on the Effective Date. The Company continues to work through the claims allowance process with respect to claims arising before the Effective Date. The Company will be responsible to the extent those claims become allowed claims.

Among the claims presently pending are two claims brought against certain current and former directors, executive officers and employees of the Company, the Pilgrim's Pride

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Administrative Committee and the Pilgrim's Pride Pension Committee seeking unspecified damages under section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. § 1132. Each of these actions was brought by individual participants in the Pilgrim's Pride Retirement Savings Plan, individually and on behalf of a putative class, alleging that the defendants breached fiduciary duties to plan participants and beneficiaries or otherwise violated ERISA. Although the Company is not a named defendant in these actions, our bylaws require us to indemnify our current and former directors and officers from any liabilities and expenses incurred by them in connection with actions they took in good faith while serving as an officer or director. In these actions the plaintiffs assert claims in excess of \$35.0 million. The likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to the Company cannot be determined at this time.

Also, among the claims presently pending against the Company are two identical claims seeking unspecified damages, each brought by a stockholder, individually and on behalf of a putative class, alleging violations of certain antifraud provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company intends to defend vigorously against the merits of these actions. The likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to the Company cannot be determined at this time.

Other claims presently pending against the Company are claims seeking unspecified damages brought by current or former contract chicken growers who allege, along with other assertions, that the Company breached grower contracts, conspired with a competitor to depress grower pay and made false representations to induce the plaintiffs into building chicken farms and entering into chicken growing agreements with the Company. We deny any liability in these actions and intend to assert vigorous defenses to the litigation. Nonetheless, there can be no assurances that other similar claims may not be brought against the Company.

Another claim presently pending against the Company is a claim asserted by the City of Clinton, Arkansas (the "City") seeking approximately \$28.0 million in damages relating to construction of and/or improvements to a wastewater facility to purify water discharged from a processing plant that the Company idled in 2009. The Company filed a motion to dismiss, which was granted by the federal district court in September 2009. The City requested to replead its claims. The court ruled that the City could not replead its claims and dismissed the claims with prejudice. On December 31, 2009, the City filed its notice of appeal seeking to challenge the court's ruling. Oral argument before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals occurred on November 3, 2010. On January 18, 2011, the Fifth Circuit affirmed the Fort Worth Court's judgment in favor of the Company. Nonetheless, there can be no assurances that other similar claims may not be brought against the Company.

The United States Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has filed an amended proof of claim in the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to which the IRS asserts claims that total \$74.7 million. We have filed in the Bankruptcy Court (i) an objection to the IRS' amended proof of claim, and (ii) a motion requesting the Bankruptcy Court to determine our

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US federal tax liability pursuant to Sections 105 and 505 of the Bankruptcy Code. The objection and motion assert that the Company has no liability for the additional US federal taxes that have been asserted for pre-petition periods by the IRS. The IRS has responded in opposition to our objection and motion. On July 8, 2010, the Bankruptcy Court granted our unopposed motion requesting that the Bankruptcy Court abstain from determining our federal tax liability. As a result, we intend to work with the IRS through the normal processes and procedures that are available to all taxpayers outside of bankruptcy (including the United States Tax Court (“Tax Court”) proceedings discussed below) to resolve the IRS’ amended proof of claim.

In connection with the amended proof of claim, on May 26, 2010, we filed a petition in Tax Court in response to a Notice of Deficiency that was issued to the Company as the successor in interest to Gold Kist. The Notice of Deficiency and the Tax Court proceeding relate to a loss that Gold Kist claimed for its tax year ended June 26, 2004. The matter is currently in the early stages of litigation.

On August 10, 2010, we filed two petitions in Tax Court. The first petition relates to three Notices of Deficiency that were issued to us with respect to our 2003, 2005 and 2007 tax years. The second petition relates to a Notice of Deficiency that was issued to us with respect to Gold Kist’s tax year ended June 30, 2005, and its short tax year ended September 30, 2005. Both cases are currently in the early stages of litigation.

We express no opinion as to the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or the amount or range of any possible loss to us related to the above Tax Court cases.

The Notices of Deficiency and the Tax Court proceedings discussed above cover the same tax years and the same amounts that were asserted by the IRS in its \$74.7 million amended proof of claim that was filed in the Bankruptcy Court.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) investigated allegations of identity theft within our workforce. With our cooperation, ICE arrested approximately 350 of our employees in 2008 believed to have engaged in identity theft at five of our facilities. On December 30, 2009, PPC, the US Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Texas, and the Dallas Office of ICE entered into a non-prosecution agreement and civil resolution of the government’s investigation. Under this agreement: (i) the government agreed not to proceed either criminally or civilly against PPC, and to end its investigation of the immigration-related matters, relating to both the company and its current and former officers, employees and directors; (ii) PPC agreed to an immigration compliance program that would remain in effect for at least the 5-year term of the agreement; and (iii) PPC will pay an aggregate of \$4.5 million, which approximates the amount the Company had previously accrued for this matter, to the government in four annual installments. We paid the first two installments of \$1.1 million in February 2010 and February 2011. The parties acknowledged that PPC was

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admitting to no civil liability or criminal culpability as a result of the settlement. However, no assurances can be given that further enforcement efforts by governmental authorities against our employees or the Company (i) will not disrupt a portion of our workforce or our operations at one or more of our facilities, thereby negatively impacting our business or (ii) result in the assessment of fines against us that could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

### 18. INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLANS

In September 2009, the Company's Board of Directors approved, subject to confirmation of the Plan by the Bankruptcy Court and the approval of the Company's stockholders, the Short Term Management Incentive Plan, a new annual incentive program for use following the Company's exit from bankruptcy, providing for the grant of bonus awards payable upon achievement of specified performance goals (the "STIP"). The Bankruptcy Court and the stockholders approved the STIP in connection with the confirmation of the Plan in December 2009. Full-time salaried, exempt employees of the Company and its affiliates who are selected by the administering committee will be eligible to participate in the STIP. The Company has not accrued costs related to the STIP as of the date of this report as a liability was not probable to occur at this time given current results.

In September 2009, the Company's Board of Directors also approved, subject to confirmation of the Plan by the Bankruptcy Court and stockholder approval, a new, performance-based, omnibus long-term incentive plan (the "LTIP"), providing for the grant following the Company's exit from its Chapter 11 proceedings of a broad range of long-term equity-based and cash-based awards to the Company's officers and other employees, members of the Board and any consultants. The Bankruptcy Court and the stockholders approved the LTIP in connection with the confirmation of the Plan in December 2009. The equity-based awards that may be granted under the LTIP include "incentive stock option," within the meaning of the Code, non-qualified stock option, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards and restricted stock units. No awards have been granted under the LTIP and the Company has not accrued costs related to the LTIP as of the date of this report.

### 19. INSURANCE PROCEEDS

On July 21, 2008, the Mt. Pleasant Fire damaged a significant portion of the plant's building, machinery and equipment. The Company resumed operations at the plant in April 2009. The insurance claim was closed in May 2010. The Company received the following proceeds related to the Mt. Pleasant Fire:

	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)			
Business interruption	\$ 326	\$ 1,235	\$ 37,000	\$ 10,000
Equipment replacement	697	1,355	5,000	30,000
Total	\$ 1,023	\$ 2,590	\$ 42,000	\$ 40,000

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### **20. MARKET RISKS AND CONCENTRATIONS**

The Company's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents, investment securities and trade accounts receivable. The Company's cash equivalents and investment securities are high-quality debt and equity securities placed with major banks and financial institutions. The Company's trade accounts receivable are generally unsecured. Credit evaluations are performed on all significant customers and updated as circumstances dictate. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade accounts receivable are limited due to the large number of customers and their dispersion across geographic areas. With the exception of one customer that accounts for approximately 13.5% of trade accounts and other receivables at December 26, 2010, and approximately 11.3% of net sales for 2010, the Company does not believe it has significant concentrations of credit risk in its trade accounts receivable.

At December 26, 2010, approximately 33% of the Company's employees were covered under collective bargaining agreements. Approximately 5,200 employees covered under collective bargaining agreements are covered under agreements that expired in 2010 and have yet to be renegotiated or will expire in 2011. We have not experienced any work stoppage at any location in over six years. We believe our relations with our employees are satisfactory. At any given time, we will be in some stage of contract negotiation with various collective bargaining units.

### **21. BUSINESS SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC REPORTING**

We operate in one reportable business segment, as a producer and seller of chicken products we either produce or purchase for resale in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico. We conduct separate operations in the US, Puerto Rico and Mexico; however, for geographic reporting purposes, we include Puerto Rico with our US operations. Corporate expenses are allocated to Mexico based upon various apportionment methods for specific expenditures incurred related thereto with the remaining amounts allocated to the US.

During the current year, we announced organizational changes that resulted in the merger of our former Other Products segment into our Chicken segment. Data related to our former Other Products segment, which included primarily non-chicken products sold through our distribution centers, table eggs, animal feed and offal, is no longer reported directly to the chief operating decision maker. This information is now reported through chicken operations management. We reclassified prior year segment disclosures to conform to the new segment presentation.

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Net sales to customers and long-lived assets are as follows:

	2010	Transition Period	2009	2008
	(In thousands)			
<b>Net sales to customers:</b>				
United States	\$ 6,237,057	\$ 1,466,705	\$ 6,569,652	\$ 7,940,542
Mexico	644,572	136,029	518,403	578,215
Total	\$ 6,881,629	1,602,734	\$ 7,088,055	\$ 8,518,757
	<b>December 26, 2010</b>	<b>September 26, 2009</b>		
	(In thousands)			
<b>Long-lived assets:</b>				
United States	\$ 1,394,193	\$ 1,535,533		
Mexico	80,036	84,731		
Total	\$ 1,474,229	\$ 1,620,264		

The Company's Mexico operations had net assets of \$215.7 million and \$145.2 million at December 26, 2010 and September 26, 2009, respectively.

## 22. QUARTERLY RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

2010	First <sup>(a)</sup>	Second <sup>(b)</sup>	Third <sup>(c)</sup>	Fourth <sup>(d)</sup>	Year
	(In thousands, except per share data)				
Net sales	\$ 1,642,918	\$ 1,707,568	\$ 1,719,850	\$ 1,811,293	\$ 6,881,629
Gross profit	52,019	132,491	157,294	119,189	460,993
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	(45,547)	32,918	57,926	41,844	87,141
Net income (loss) per share amounts—basic and diluted	(0.21)	0.15	0.27	0.20	0.41
Number of days in quarter	91	91	91	92	365

- (a) In the first quarter of 2010, the Company recognized reorganization charges of \$20.7 million, restructuring charges of \$35.8 million and net losses on derivative financial instruments of \$11.4 million.
- (b) In the second quarter of 2010, the Company recognized reorganization credits of \$2.2 million, restructuring charges of \$2.1 million, asset impairment charges of \$14.8 million, net gains on derivative financial instruments of \$2.4 million and Mt. Pleasant Fire insurance recoveries of \$0.3 million.
- (c) In the third quarter of 2010, the Company recognized restructuring charges of \$1.1 million, asset impairment charges of \$0.4 million and net gains on derivative financial instruments of \$15.4 million.
- (d) In the fourth quarter of 2010, the Company recognized restructuring charges of \$4.9 million, asset impairment charges of \$11.2 million and net gains on derivative financial instruments of \$62.8 million.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Transition Period <sup>(a)</sup>

(In thousands, except per share data)

Net sales	\$ 1,602,734
Gross profit	68,753
Net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	33,613
Net income per share amounts—basic	0.45
Net income per share amounts—diluted	0.44
Number of days in the Transition Period	91

- (a) In the three months ended December 27, 2009, the Company recognized reorganization charges of \$32.7 million and restructuring charges of \$1.5 million.

<u>2009</u>	<u>First<sup>(a)</sup></u>	<u>Second<sup>(b)</sup></u>	<u>Third<sup>(c)</sup></u>	<u>Fourth<sup>(d)</sup></u>	<u>Year</u>
(In thousands, except per share data)					
Net sales	\$ 1,876,991	\$ 1,698,102	\$ 1,776,813	\$ 1,736,149	\$ 7,088,055
Gross profit (loss)	(100,646)	79,938	166,967	164,544	310,803
Net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation common stockholders	(228,782)	(58,765)	53,239	82,726	(151,582)
Per share amounts-basic:					
Continuing operations	\$ (3.10)	\$ (0.79)	\$ 0.72	\$ 1.11	\$ (2.06)
Discontinued business	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Net income (loss)	(3.09)	(0.79)	0.72	1.11	(2.05)
Per share amounts-diluted:					
Continuing operations	\$ (3.10)	\$ (0.79)	\$ 0.69	\$ 1.07	\$ (2.06)
Discontinued operations	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Net income (loss)	(3.09)	(0.79)	0.69	1.07	(2.05)
Number of days in quarter	91	91	91	91	364

- (a) In the first quarter of 2009, the Company recognized post-petition reorganization charges of \$13.3 million, pre-petition restructuring charges of \$2.4 million, losses on derivative financial instruments of \$21.4 million and Mt. Pleasant Fire insurance recoveries of \$5.0 million.
- (b) In the second quarter of 2009, the Company recognized post-petition reorganization charges of \$35.4 million, pre-petition restructuring credits of \$0.4 million and Mt. Pleasant Fire insurance recoveries of \$5.0 million.
- (c) In the third quarter of 2009, the Company recognized post-petition reorganization charges of \$16.8 million and Mt. Pleasant Fire insurance recoveries of \$15.0 million.
- (d) In the fourth quarter of 2009, the Company recognized post-petition reorganization charges of \$21.8 million, restructuring charges of \$12.5 million and Mt. Pleasant Fire insurance recoveries of \$17.0 million.

**SCHEDULE II  
PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION  
VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS**

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>		<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
		<u>Charged to Costs and Expenses</u>	<u>Charged to Other Accounts</u>		
(In thousands)					
<b>Trade Accounts and Other Receivables—</b>					
<b>Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:</b>					
Twelve months ended December 26, 2010	\$ 5,752	\$ 887	\$ -	\$ 576 (a)	\$ 6,063
Three months ended December 27, 2009	4,815	684	-	(253)(a)	5,752
Twelve months ended September 26, 2009	4,701	1,868	-	1,754 (a)	4,815
Twelve months ended September 27, 2008	5,017	1,956	-	2,272 (a)	4,701
<b>Trade Accounts and Other Receivables—</b>					
<b>Allowance for Sales Adjustments:</b>					
Twelve months ended December 26, 2010	\$ 7,999	\$ 121,383	\$ -	\$106,453 (b)	\$ 22,929
Three months ended December 27, 2009	7,463	23,622	-	23,086 (b)	7,999
Twelve months ended September 26, 2009	6,129	126,101	-	124,767 (b)	7,463
Twelve months ended September 27, 2008	7,792	142,895	-	144,558 (b)	6,129
<b>Deferred Tax Assets—</b>					
<b>Valuation Allowance:</b>					
Twelve months ended December 26, 2010	\$ 59,795	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,857 (c)	\$ 53,938
Three months ended December 27, 2009	164,821	2,025	-	107,051 (c)	59,795
Twelve months ended September 26, 2009	71,158	93,663	-	- (c)	164,821
Twelve months ended September 27, 2008	308	70,850	-	- (c)	71,158

(a) Uncollectible accounts written off, net of recoveries.

(b) Deductions either written off, rebilled or reclassified as liabilities for market development fund rebates.

(c) Reductions in the valuation allowance.

## **Exhibit Index**

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization dated September 15, 1986, by and among Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a Texas corporation; Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a Delaware corporation; and Doris Pilgrim Julian, Aubrey Hal Pilgrim, Paulette Pilgrim Rolston, Evanne Pilgrim, Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Greta Pilgrim Owens and Patrick Wayne Pilgrim (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 33-8805) effective November 14, 1986).
- 2.2 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated September 27, 2000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2 of WLR Foods, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K (No. 000-17060) dated September 28, 2000).
- 2.3 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 3, 2006, by and among the Company, Protein Acquisition Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and Gold Kist Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99.(D)(1) to Amendment No. 11 to the Company's Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed on December 5, 2006).
- 2.4 Stock Purchase Agreement by and between the Company and JBS USA Holdings, Inc., dated September 16, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 18, 2009).
- 2.5 Amendment No.1 to the Stock Purchase Agreement by and between the Company and JBS USA Holdings, Inc., dated December 28, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2.5 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed January 22, 2010).
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Form 8-A filed on December 28, 2009).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Form 8-A filed on December 28, 2009).
- 4.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (included as Exhibit 3.1).
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws of the Company (included as Exhibit 3.2).
- 4.3 Stockholders Agreement dated December 28, 2009 between the Company and JBS USA Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-A filed on December 28, 2009).
- 4.4 Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 29, 2009).
- 4.5 Waiver to the Stockholders Agreement dated November 4, 2010 between JBS USA Holdings, Inc. and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 8, 2010).

- 4.6 Indenture dated as of December 14, 2010 among the Company, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of West Virginia, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).
- 4.7 Registration Rights Agreement dated December 14, 2010 among the Company and the representatives of the initial purchasers of the Senior 7.875% Note due 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.2 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).
- 4.8 Form of Senior 7.875% Note due 2018 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.3 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).
- 4.9 Form of Guarantee (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 4.4 of the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2010).

Additional long-term debt instruments are not filed since the total amount of those securities authorized under any such instrument does not exceed 10 percent of the total assets of the Company and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The Company agrees to furnish a copy of such instruments to the SEC upon request.

- 10.1 Broiler Grower Contract dated May 6, 1997 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim (Farm 30) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.49 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 1997).
- 10.2 Commercial Egg Grower Contract dated May 7, 1997 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.50 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 1997).
- 10.3 Agreement dated October 15, 1996 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.23 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended January 2, 1999).
- 10.4 Heavy Breeder Contract dated May 7, 1997 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim (Farms 44, 45 & 46) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.51 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 29, 1997).
- 10.5 Broiler Grower Contract dated January 15, 1997 by and between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and B.J.M. Farms (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.26 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-29163) effective June 27, 1997).
- 10.6 Commercial Property Lease dated December 29, 2000 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pilgrim Poultry G.P. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.30 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended December 30, 2000).

- 10.7 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 27, 2004). †
- 10.8 Credit Agreement by and among the Avícola Pilgrim's Pride de México, S. de R.L. de C.V. (the "Borrower"), Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, certain Mexico subsidiaries of the Borrower, ING Capital LLC, and the lenders signatory thereto dated as of September 25, 2006 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2006).
- 10.9 Ground Lease Agreement effective February 1, 2008 between Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and Pat Pilgrim (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 1, 2008).
- 10.10 Change to Company Contribution Amount Under the Amended and Restated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan of the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed July 30, 2008). †
- 10.11 Form of Change in Control Agreement dated as of October 21, 2008 between the Company and certain of its executive officers (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 27, 2008). †
- 10.12 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated January 27, 2009, between the Company and Don Jackson (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 30, 2009). †
- 10.13 Change in Control Agreement by and between the Company and Donald Jackson dated September 15, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report filed on September 18, 2009). †
- 10.14 Consulting Agreement by and between the Company and Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim dated September 16, 2009 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.57 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed November 23, 2009). †
- 10.15 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation FY2009 Performance Bonus Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report filed on October 13, 2009). †
- 10.16 Credit Agreement dated December 28, 2009 among the Company, To-Ricos, Ltd. and To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd., CoBank, ACB, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 29, 2009).
- 10.17 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Short-Term Management Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 30, 2009). †

- 10.18 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation Long Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 30, 2009). †
- 10.19 Letter Agreement dated June 1, 2010 between Gary D. Tucker and the Company (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on July 30, 2010). †
- 10.20 Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement dated as of December 28, 2009, by and among the Company, To-Ricos, Ltd. and To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd., CoBank, ACB, as administrative agent, and the lenders party thereto.\*
- 10.21 Employment Agreement dated January 14, 2011 between the Company and William Lovette (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 18, 2011). †
- 10.22 Restricted Share Agreement dated January 14, 2011 between the Company and William Lovette (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 18, 2011). †
- 12 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the years ended December 26, 2010, September 26, 2009, September 27, 2008, September 29, 2007, September 30, 2006, and the transition period from September 27, 2009 to December 27, 2009.\*
- 21 Subsidiaries of Registrant.\*
- 23 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.\*
- 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*
- 32.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*
- 32.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*

\* **Filed herewith**

\*\* **Furnished herewith**

† **Represents a management contract or compensation plan arrangement**

**EXHIBIT 12**  
**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>Transition Period</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Earnings:	<b>(In thousands)</b>					
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 66,488	\$ (68,446)	\$ (173,849)	\$ (1,185,909)	\$ 98,926	\$ (26,063)
Add: Total fixed charges (see below)	132,905	48,899	181,094	158,414	146,919	65,584
Less: Interest capitalized	(1,296)	(1,082)	(2,619)	(5,288)	(5,736)	(4,298)
Total earnings	<u>\$ 198,097</u>	<u>\$ (20,629)</u>	<u>\$ 4,626</u>	<u>\$ (1,032,783)</u>	<u>\$ 240,109</u>	<u>\$ 35,223</u>
Fixed charges:						
Interest <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 118,574	\$ 45,756	\$ 164,548	\$ 139,508	\$ 128,919	\$ 53,311
Portion of non-cancellable lease expense representative of the interest factor <sup>(b)</sup>	14,331	3,143	16,546	18,906	18,000	12,273
Total fixed charges	<u>\$ 132,905</u>	<u>\$ 48,899</u>	<u>\$ 181,094</u>	<u>\$ 158,414</u>	<u>\$ 146,919</u>	<u>\$ 65,584</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.49	(f)	(e)	(d)	1.63	(c)

(a) Interest includes amortization of capitalized financing fees.

(b) One-third of non-cancellable lease expense is assumed to be representative of the interest factor.

(c) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$30.4 million.

(d) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$1,191.2 million.

(e) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$176.5 million.

(f) Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$69.5 million.

**EXHIBIT 21**  
**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION**  
**SUBSIDIARIES OF REGISTRANT**

	<b>Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization</b>
<b>US Subsidiaries</b>	
PFS Distribution Company	Delaware
Pilgrim's Pride, LLC	Delaware
POPPSA 3, LLC	Delaware
POPPSA 4, LLC	Delaware
PPC Transportation Company	Delaware
GC Properties	Georgia
Luker Inc.	Georgia
PPC of Alabama, Inc.	Georgia
Pilgrim's Pride Affordable Housing Corporation	Nevada
Pilgrim's Pride of Nevada, Inc.	Nevada
PPC Marketing, Ltd.	Texas
GK Insurance Company	Vermont
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of West Virginia, Inc.	West Virginia
 <b>Foreign Subsidiaries</b>	
Mayflower Insurance Company, Ltd.	Bermuda
To-Ricos Distribution, Ltd.	Bermuda
To-Ricos, Ltd.	Bermuda
Avícola Pilgrim's Pride de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Carnes y Productos Avícolas de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V. (Inactive)	Mexico
Comercializadora de Carnes de Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Compañía Incubadora Hidalgo S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Gallina Pesada S.A. de C.V.	Mexico
Grupo Pilgrim's Pride Funding Holdings S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Grupo Pilgrim's Pride Funding S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Inmobiliaria Avicola Pilgrim's Pride, S. de R.L.	Mexico
Operadora de Productos Avicolas S. de R.L. de C.V. (Inactive)	Mexico
Pilgrim's Pride S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Servicios Administrativos Pilgrim's Pride S. de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico

## **EXHIBIT 23**

### **CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP, INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements Form S-8 No. 333-74984, Form S-8 No. 333-111929, Form S-8 No. 333-163639 and Form S-3 No. 333-130113 of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and in the related Prospectuses of our reports dated February 11, 2011, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, included in this Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 26, 2010.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Fort Worth, Texas  
February 11, 2011

**EXHIBIT 31.1**  
**CERTIFICATION BY PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,**  
**AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302**  
**OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, William W. Lovette, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2010, of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 11, 2011

/s/ William W. Lovette

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William W. Lovette  
Principal Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT 31.2**  
**CERTIFICATION BY PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,**  
**AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302**  
**OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Gary D. Tucker, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2010, of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 11, 2011

/s/ Gary D. Tucker

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Gary D. Tucker  
Principal Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT 32.1**  
**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 1350 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), the undersigned officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify, to such officer's knowledge, that:

The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2010 (the "Form 10-K") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 11, 2011

/s/ William W. Lovette

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William W. Lovette  
Principal Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT 32.2**  
**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER**  
**PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 1350 ADOPTED PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), the undersigned officer of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify, to such officer's knowledge, that:

The Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2010 (the "Form 10-K") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: February 11, 2011

/s/ Gary D. Tucker

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Gary D. Tucker  
Principal Financial Officer

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