

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)

GOLD KIST INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

PROTEIN ACQUISITION CORPORATION
PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

(Names of Filing Persons—Offerors)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

380614107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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CALCULATION OF FILING FEE

Transaction Valuation*

\$1,060,016,120

Amount of Filing Fee**

\$113,422.00

* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of the filing fee only. Calculated by multiplying \$20.00, the per share tender offer price, by the sum of (i) the 51,036,806 outstanding shares of Common Stock as of August 9, 2006 (according to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 1, 2006 filed by Gold Kist Inc.), and (ii) the 1,964,000 shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding grants and awards under Gold Kist Inc. share-based compensation plans (according to the Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 1, 2006 filed by Gold Kist Inc.).

** Calculated as 0.0107% of the transaction value.

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Check the appropriate boxes to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

This Amendment No. 3 (this "Amendment") amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed on September 29, 2006 and amended by Amendment No. 1 filed September 29, 2006 and Amendment No. 2 filed October 12, 2006 (as so amended, the "Schedule TO") by Protein Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Purchaser") and Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a Delaware Corporation ("Parent") and owner of all of the outstanding common stock of Purchaser. The Schedule TO relates to the offer by Purchaser to purchase all the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Gold Kist Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and the associated common stock and Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock purchase rights (the "Rights," and together with the Common Stock, the "Shares") issued pursuant to the Stockholder Protection Rights Agreement, dated as of July 9, 2004, between the Company and Sun Trust Bank, as Rights Agent (the "Rights Agreement"), for \$20.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash (subject to applicable withholding taxes), without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated September 29, 2006, as amended. Except as specifically provided herein, this Amendment does not modify any of the information previously reported on the Schedule TO.

Item 6. Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals

Item 6 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

Section 11, "Purpose of the Offer; Plans for the Company after the Offer and the Merger," of the Offer to Purchase is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

The discussion under the caption "Debt Tender Offer" in Section 11 of the Offer to Purchase is amended by the addition of the following paragraph at the end thereof:

As of 5:00 p.m. New York City time on October 13, 2006, Parent had received valid tenders and consents from holders of Gold Kist Notes representing approximately 99% of the outstanding Gold Kist Notes, which is sufficient to approve Parent's proposed amendments to the Gold Kist Indenture. In accordance with Parent's offer to purchase the Gold Kist Notes, tenders of Gold Kist Notes and consents to the proposed amendments became irrevocable as of that time, and tenders of Gold Kist Notes and related consents furnished after that date will be irrevocable. Parent's offer to purchase the Gold Kist Notes is scheduled to expire at midnight, New York City time, on October 27, 2006, unless the offer is extended.

Item 12. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 12 of the Schedule TO is hereby amended and supplemented by the addition of Exhibit (a)(25) and, as so amended, is restated as follows:

- (a)(1) Offer to Purchase dated September 29, 2006.
- (a)(2) Form of Letter of Transmittal.
- (a)(3) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
- (a)(4) Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
- (a)(5) Form of Letter to Clients.
- (a)(6) Form of Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9.
- (a)(7) Summary Advertisement as published in The Wall Street Journal on September 29, 2006.
- (a)(8) Press Release announcing Parent's intention to commence the Offer issued by Parent on September 28, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(9) Letter dated September 28, 2006 from Parent to the Board of Directors of the Company (included in Exhibit (a)(8)).

- (a)(10) Letter dated September 28, 2006 to employees of Parent (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(11) Letter dated September 28, 2006 to customers of Parent (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(12) Letter dated September 28, 2006 to Parent growers (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(13) Tender Offer FAQs (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(14) Frequently Asked Questions for Pilgrim's Pride Employees (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(15) Press release issued by Parent on September 28, 2006 announcing Parent's intention to commence the Offer to Purchase Gold Kist 10¹/₄% Senior Notes due March 15, 2014 and related Consent Solicitation (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(16) Press release issued by Parent on August 18, 2006 (previously filed on August 18, 2006 pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and refiled on August 24, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(17) Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's Proposal for Gold Kist Inc. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) dated August 21, 2006 (previously filed on August 21, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(18) Investor Presentation dated August 21, 2006 (previously filed on August 21, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(19) Letter dated August 18, 2006 from Parent to the Company regarding the stockholder proposal provided by O.B. Goolsby, Jr., to the Company (previously filed on August 22, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(20) Letter dated August 30, 2006 from Parent to the Company.
- (a)(21) Letter dated September 20, 2006 from Parent to the Company.
- (a)(22) Press Release issued by Parent on September 29, 2006 announcing commencement of the Offer to Purchase the Company's 10¹/₄% Senior Notes due March 15, 2014 and related Consent Solicitation.
- (a)(23) Press Release issued by Parent on October 12, 2006 responding to the Schedule 14D-9 filed by the Company.
- (a)(24) Press Release issued by Parent on October 12, 2006 announcing the purchase price for the Gold Kist Notes and receipt of tenders and related consents from holders of 73.2% of the outstanding Gold Kist Notes.
- (a)(25) Press Release issued by Parent on October 16, 2006 announcing receipt of tenders of Gold Kist Notes and related consents sufficient to approve proposed amendments to the Gold Kist Indenture.
- (b)(1) Credit Agreement by and among CoBank ACB, Agriland FCS and the Company dated as of September 21, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (b)(2) Pilgrim's Pride Corporation \$450,000,000 Senior Unsecured Increasing Rate Bridge Facility Commitment Letter from Lehman Brothers to the Company dated September 27, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).

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- (d) None.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Pilgrim's Pride Announces Receipt of Requisite Consents Related to its
Tender Offer for Gold Kist's Outstanding 10¹/₄%
Senior Notes due March 15, 2014**

Received Approximately 99% Favorable Tender Response

Pittsburg, Texas October 16, 2006 — Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (NYSE: PPC) announced today that as of 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 13, 2006 (the "Consent Date"), it had received the requisite consents from holders of approximately 99% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes to the proposed amendments to the Notes and the indenture under which the Notes were issued, in connection with its previously announced tender offer for any and all of Gold Kist Inc.'s outstanding 10¹/₄% Senior Notes due March 15, 2014 (CUSIP No. 380616AB8, ISIN US380616AB82) (the "Notes"). The proposed amendments are described in more detail in the Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement, dated September 29, 2006 (the "Offer to Purchase"). In accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase, tenders of the Notes and consents to the proposed amendments that have been delivered became irrevocable as of the Consent Date. Tenders of Notes and consents delivered after the Consent Date will also be irrevocable.

The tender offer and consent solicitation are being made in connection with Pilgrim's Pride's previously announced proposed acquisition of all of the outstanding common shares of Gold Kist. Pilgrim's Pride's obligation to accept for purchase and to pay for Notes properly tendered and not withdrawn according to the terms of the Offer to Purchase is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions which are described in the Offer to Purchase, including the satisfaction or waiver of all conditions to the tender offer for Gold Kist's common shares.

The tender offers for the Notes and the Gold Kist common shares are scheduled to expire at midnight, New York City time, on Friday, October 27, 2006 (unless the tender offer is earlier terminated or extended (such date and time referred to as the "Expiration Date")). However, no consent payments will be made in respect of Notes tendered after 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, October 13, 2006. Holders who validly tender their Notes will receive payment on the Payment Date, and will also receive accrued and unpaid interest from the last interest payment date to, but not including, the Payment Date. The "Payment Date" is expected to be promptly after the Expiration Date and immediately prior to the closing of the transactions contemplated by the tender offer for Gold Kist's common shares.

Pilgrim's Pride has engaged Lehman Brothers Inc. to serve as the Dealer Manager for the tender offer and the Solicitation Agent for the consent solicitation. Mellon Investor Services LLC has been retained to serve as the Depository and Innisfree M&A Incorporated has been retained to serve as the Information Agent for the tender offer and consent solicitation. Requests for documents may be directed to Innisfree M&A Incorporated by telephone at (877) 687-1874 (toll free in the U.S. and Canada) or (212) 750-5833 (call collect) or in writing at 501 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Questions regarding the tender offer and consent solicitation may be directed to Lehman Brothers Inc. by telephone at (800) 438-3242 (toll free in the U.S.) or (212) 528-7581 (call collect).

This press release is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer to purchase or a solicitation of consents, which may be made only pursuant to the terms of the Offer to Purchase and related documents. The tender offer and consent solicitation are not being made in any jurisdiction in which, or to or from any person to or from whom, it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation under applicable securities or blue sky laws. In any jurisdiction where the laws require the tender offer or consent solicitation to be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the tender offer or consent solicitation shall

be deemed made on behalf of Pilgrim's Pride by Lehman Brothers Inc. or one or more registered brokers or dealers under the laws of such jurisdiction.

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation is the second-largest chicken producer in the United States and Mexico and the largest chicken producer in Puerto Rico. Pilgrim's Pride employs approximately 40,000 people and has major operations in Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Mexico and Puerto Rico, with other facilities in Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Mississippi and Utah.

Pilgrim's Pride products are sold to foodservice, retail and frozen entree customers. Pilgrim's Pride's primary distribution is through retailers, foodservice distributors and restaurants throughout the United States and Puerto Rico and in the Northern and Central regions of Mexico. For more information, please visit <http://www.pilgrimspride.com>.

Forward-Looking Statements:

Statements contained in this press release that state the intentions, plans, hopes, beliefs, anticipations, expectations or predictions of the future of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and its management, including as to the expected benefits of the proposed transaction with Gold Kist, are forward-looking statements. It is important to note that the actual results could differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements include: matters affecting the poultry industry generally, including fluctuations in the commodity prices of feed ingredients, chicken and turkey; additional outbreaks of avian influenza or other diseases, either in our own flocks or elsewhere, affecting our ability to conduct our operations and/or demand for our poultry products; contamination of our products, which has recently and can in the future lead to product liability claims and product recalls; exposure to risks related to product liability, product recalls, property damage and injuries to persons, for which insurance coverage is expensive, limited and potentially inadequate; changes in laws or regulations affecting our operations or the application thereof; competitive factors and pricing pressures or the loss of one or more of our largest customers; currency exchange rate fluctuations, trade barriers, exchange controls, expropriation and other risks associated with foreign operations; management of our cash resources, particularly in light of our leverage, and restrictions imposed by and as a result of, our leverage; inability to complete the proposed acquisition or effectively integrate Gold Kist's business or realize the associated cost savings and operating synergies currently anticipated; and the impact of uncertainties of litigation as well as other risks described under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Pilgrim's Pride Corporation undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Important Legal Information

This press release is provided for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities of Gold Kist. Any offers to purchase or solicitation of offers to sell Gold Kist notes will be made only pursuant to the Offer to Purchase. Gold Kist noteholders are advised to read these documents and any other documents relating to the tender offer and consent solicitation in their entirety because they contain important information. Gold Kist noteholders may obtain copies of these documents for free by calling Innisfree M&A Incorporated, the Information Agent for the offer, at 877-687-1874 (toll free from the U.S. and Canada).

This press release is provided for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell any securities of Gold Kist. Any offers to purchase or solicitation of offers to sell Gold Kist shares will be made only pursuant to the tender offer statement (including the offer to purchase, the letter of transmittal and other offer documents) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on September 29, 2006. Gold Kist stockholders are advised to read these documents and any other documents relating to the tender offer that are filed with the SEC carefully and in their entirety because they contain important information. Gold Kist stockholders may obtain copies of these documents for free at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or by calling Innisfree M&A Incorporated, the Information Agent for the offer, at 877-687-1874 (toll free from the U.S. and Canada).

Pilgrim's Pride currently intends to solicit proxies for use at Gold Kist's 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, to vote to increase the number of directors constituting Gold Kist's entire board to 15 and fill nine positions on the expanded board with nominees of the president and chief executive officer of Pilgrim's Pride. Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement and other disclosure documents regarding the proposed transaction, when they are filed, because they will contain important information. These disclosure documents will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and security holders may obtain a free copy of these disclosure documents (when they become available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. The disclosure documents filed with the SEC by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation may also be obtained for free by directing a request to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation at 4845 U.S. Highway 271 N, Pittsburg, Texas, 75686 Attn. Secretary. The identity of people who, under SEC rules, may be considered "participants in a solicitation" of proxies from Gold Kist stockholders for use at its 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and a description of their direct and indirect interest in the solicitation, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the Form 425 filed by Pilgrim's Pride with the SEC on August 24, 2006.

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