

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For quarter ended January 1, 1994

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 (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

110 South Texas, Pittsburg, TX 75686-0093
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(903) 855-1000
(Telephone number of principle executive offices)

Not Applicable
Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed
since last report.

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 periods that the registrant was required to file
such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements
for the past 90 days. Yes X No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's
classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date.

Common Stock \$.01 Par Value--27,589,250 shares
as of February 11, 1994

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Item 1: Financial Statements (Unaudited):

	Jan 1, 1994 (Unaudited)	Oct 2, 1993
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,580,000	\$ 4,526,000
Trade accounts and notes receivable, net	66,146,000	59,608,000
Inventories	88,692,000	91,794,000
Deferred income taxes	9,400,000	--
Prepaid expenses	978,000	1,260,000
Other current assets	9,952,000	9,843,000
Total Current Assets	179,748,000	167,031,000
Other Assets	12,781,000	13,114,000
Property, Plant and Equipment	372,062,000	366,221,000
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	128,750,000	123,520,000
	243,312,000	242,701,000
	\$ 435,841,000	\$ 422,846,000
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Notes payable - banks	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
Accounts payable	41,126,000	38,330,000
Accrued expenses	30,382,000	30,370,000
Current portion of long-term debt	11,959,000	13,643,000
Total Current Liabilities	88,467,000	94,343,000
Long-Term Debt, less current portion	158,138,000	159,554,000
Deferred Income Taxes	48,936,000	36,656,000
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock; \$.01 par value	276,000	276,000
Additional paid-in capital	79,763,000	79,763,000
Retained earnings	60,261,000	52,254,000
Total Stockholders' Equity	140,300,000	132,293,000
	\$ 435,841,000	\$ 422,846,000

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
 (UNAUDITED)

Three Months Ended
 January 1, 1994 January 2, 1993
 (13 weeks) (14 weeks)

Net sales	\$	221,851,000	\$	220,453,000
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of sales		190,714,000		192,118,000
Selling, general and administrative		14,979,000		14,192,000
		205,693,000		206,310,000
Operating Income		16,158,000		14,143,000
Other expense (income):				
Interest expense		4,950,000		6,478,000
Miscellaneous		[822,000]		[502,000]
Total other expense, net		4,128,000		5,976,000
Income before income taxes		12,030,000		8,167,000
Income tax expense		3,609,000		1,339,000
Net Income	\$	8,421,000	\$	6,828,000
Net income per share	\$.31	\$.25
Dividends declared per common share	\$.015	\$	--
Average shares outstanding		27,589,250		27,589,250

See Notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended	
	January 1, 1994 (13 weeks)	January 2, 1993 (14 weeks)
Cash Flow From Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 8,421,000	\$ 6,828,000
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	6,248,000	6,767,000
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	533,000	215,000
Deferred income taxes	2,880,000	728,000
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and notes receivable	[7,072,000]	535,000
Inventories	3,102,000	[3,071,000]
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	171,000	895,000
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,222,000	[5,555,000]
(Gain) loss on property disposals	[120,000]	[200,000]
Other	[139,000]	[137,000]
Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	17,246,000	7,005,000
Investing Activities:		
Acquisitions of property and equipment	[6,409,000]	[1,471,000]
Proceeds from property disposals	249,000	435,000
Net change in other assets	[35,000]	234,000
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	[6,195,000]	[802,000]
Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from notes payable to banks	--	--
Re-payments of notes payable to banks	[7,000,000]	--
Proceeds from long-term debt	31,000	12,000
Payments on long-term debt	[3,169,000]	[5,591,000]
Cash dividends paid	[828,000]	
[414,000]		
Cash Used In Financing Activities	[10,966,000]	[5,993,000]
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	[31,000]	[34,000]
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	54,000	176,000
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,526,000	11,550,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter	\$ 4,580,000	\$ 11,726,000

Supplemental disclosure information:

Cash paid during the period for			
Interest (net of amount capitalized)	\$	5,003,000	\$ 8,960,000
Income Taxes	\$	3,302,000	\$
255,000			

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(Unaudited)

NOTE A--BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the period ended January 1, 1994 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended October 1, 1994. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in Pilgrim's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 2, 1993.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Pilgrim's and its wholly owned subsidiaries. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The assets and liabilities of the foreign subsidiaries are translated at end-of-period exchange rates, except for non-current assets which are translated at equivalent dollar costs at dates of acquisition using historical rates. Operations of foreign subsidiaries are translated at average exchange rates in effect during the period. The translation adjustments are reflected in the statements of operations.

NOTE B--NET INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

Earnings per share for the periods ended January 1, 1994 and January 2, 1993 are based on the weighted average shares outstanding for the periods.

NOTE C--INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

	Jan 1, 1994	Oct 2, 1993
Live broilers and hens	\$ 39,276,000	\$ 44,417,000
Feed, eggs and other	27,555,000	25,473,000
Finished poultry products	21,861,000	21,904,000
	\$ 88,692,000	\$ 91,794,000

NOTE D--INCOME TAXES

Effective October 3, 1993, the Company adopted the provisions of FAS Statement No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." As permitted under the new rules, prior years' financial statements have not been restated.

The cumulative effect of adopting Statement 109 as of October 3, 1993 resulted in no change to the reported net income amounts for the quarter ended January 1, 1994.

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of the Company's United

States deferred tax liabilities and assets as of October 3, 1993 are as follows (no significant foreign deferred tax assets or liabilities exist):

Deferred tax liabilities:

Tax over book depreciation	\$ 23,004
Prior use of cash accounting	32,758
Total deferred tax liabilities	55,762

Deferred tax assets:

AMT credit carryforward	3,967
General business carryforward	2,462
Net operating loss carryforwards	6,589
Other	6,088
Total deferred tax assets	19,106

Net deferred tax liabilities \$ 36,656

Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following table presents certain items as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated.

	Percentage of Net Sales	
	Three Months Ended	
	Jan 1, 1994 (13 weeks)	Jan 2, 1993 (14 weeks)
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of sales	86.0%	87.1%
Gross profit	14.0%	12.9%
Selling, general and administrative	6.8%	6.4%
Operating Income	7.3%	6.4%
Interest expense	2.2%	2.9%
Income before income taxes	5.4%	3.7%
Net Income	3.8%	3.1%

First Quarter 1994, Compared to First Quarter 1993

The accounting cycle of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, the "Company", consisted of 13 weeks of operations during the first quarter of fiscal 1994 compared to 14 weeks during the first quarter of fiscal 1993, an operating cycle reduction of 7.7%.

Consolidated net sales were \$221.9 million for the first quarter of fiscal 1994, an increase of \$1.4 million, or .6%, over the first quarter of fiscal 1993. The increase in consolidated net sales resulted from a \$1.5 million increase in Mexican chicken sales to \$48.9 million and a \$.2 million increase in domestic chicken sales to \$147.1 million offset by a \$.3 million decrease in sales of other domestic products to \$25.8 million. The increase in Mexican chicken sales was primarily due to a 3.1% increase in the total revenue per dressed pound produced offset by a 9.3% decrease in dressed pounds produced. The increase in domestic chicken sales was primarily due to a 7.4% increase in total revenue per dressed pound produced offset by a 6.8% decrease in dressed pounds produced.

Consolidated cost of sales was \$190.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 1994, a decrease of \$1.4 million, or .7%, over the first quarter of fiscal 1993. The decrease primarily resulted from a \$7.0 million decrease in cost of sales of Mexican operations, offset by a \$5.6 million increase in the cost of sales in domestic operations.

The \$7.0 million cost of sales decrease in Mexican operations was

primarily due to decreased dressed pounds produced and the effects of the change in Mexican operations sales mix towards lower cost products and decreased average cost of sales per dressed pound due to increased efficiencies when compared to the same period in 1993.

The cost of sales increase in domestic operations of \$5.6 million occurring while dressed pounds produced decreased was due to slightly increased feed ingredient and production costs and a sales mix change in the Company's further processing and prepared foods operation to higher cost products. Feed ingredient prices continue to be influenced by floods that occurred in the midwestern United States in 1993.

Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased to 14.0% in the first quarter of fiscal 1994 from 12.9% in the first quarter of fiscal 1993. The increased gross profit of the Company's Mexican operations was primarily the result of a 3.1% increase in total revenue per dressed. The decrease in gross profit for domestic chicken operations was a result of increased average cost of sales per dressed pound offset partially by an increase in total revenues per dressed pound.

Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses were \$15.0 million for the first quarter of fiscal 1994, an increase of \$.8 million, or 5.5%, when compared to the first quarter of fiscal 1993. Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales increased in the first quarter of fiscal 1994 to 6.8% compared to 6.4% in the first quarter of fiscal 1993; these increases were primarily due to increased accruals for employment taxes in the Company's Mexican operation and accrued retirement and bonuses costs which are dependent upon consolidated profits offset partially by reduced selling and administrative cost in the Company's domestic operation.

Consolidated operating income was \$16.2 million for the first quarter of fiscal 1994 an increase of \$2.0 million, or 14.2%, when compared to the first quarter of 1993. The increase was due primarily to higher margins in Mexican operations described previously.

Consolidated net interest expense was \$5.0 million in the first quarter of fiscal 1994 a decrease of \$1.5 million, or 23.6%, when compared to the first quarter of fiscal 1993. This decrease was due to lower outstanding debt, lower interest rates, and an reduction of amortization of fees and expenses incurred for refinancing when compared to the first quarter of fiscal 1993.

Consolidated income tax expense as a percentage of income before income taxes increased in the first quarter of fiscal 1994 to 30% compared to 16.4% in the first quarter of fiscal 1993. This increase is due primarily to the increase in United States income tax rates and deferred foreign income tax reversals of \$1.1 million during the first quarter of fiscal 1993.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's liquidity in first quarter 1994 showed marked improvement from the previous year end due to record first quarter net income. The Company's working capital at January 1994 increased to \$91.3 million (\$81.9 million excluding current deferred income taxes recorded in connection with the adoption of FAS 109) from \$72.7 million at October 2, 1993. The current ratio at January 1, 1994 increased to 2.14 to 1 (1.93 to 1 excluding current deferred income taxes recorded in connection with the adoption of FAS 109) from 1.77 to 1 at October 2, 1993 and the Company's stockholder's equity increased to \$140.3 at January 1, 1994 million from \$132.3 million at October 2, 1993. The Company reduced its ratio of total debt to capitalization to 55.5% at January 1, 1994 from 58.3% at October 2, 1993. The Company maintains a \$75 million revolving credit facility with available unused lines of credit of \$53 million at February 14, 1994.

Trade accounts and other accounts receivable were \$66.1 million at

January 1, 1994, a \$6.5 million increase from October 2, 1993. This 11.0% increase was due primarily to an increase in the amounts of property insurance claims receivable at January 1, 1994 and slower collections experienced in the quarter when compared to the year ended October 2, 1993.

Accounts payable were \$41.1 million at January 1, 1994, a 7.3% increase from October 2, 1993, primarily due to increases in feed ingredient costs.

Deferred tax assets recorded in accordance with FAS 109 were \$19.1 million as of October 3, 1993. The Company believes that all of these deferred tax assets will be realized through the reversal of existing temporary differences and anticipated future taxable earnings.

Capital expenditures for the first three months of 1994 were \$6.4 million and were primarily incurred to improve efficiencies and for the routine replacement of equipment. The Company anticipates that it will spend \$25.0 million or less for capital expenditures in fiscal year 1994 and expects to finance such expenditures with available operating cash flow and leases.

PART II
Other Information

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

The Company did not file any reports on Form 8-K during the three months ended January 1, 1994.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of 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.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

Date February 15, 1994

/s/ Clifford E. Butler
Clifford E. Butler
Vice Chairman of the Board,
Chief Financial Officer and
Secretary and Treasurer
in his respective capacity
as such