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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2017

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9273

(Commission File Number)

75-1285071

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1770 Promontory Circle
Greeley, CO

(Address of principal executive offices)

80634-9038

(Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is an overview of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation to be referenced during the Company's earnings conference call of August 3, 2017.

The information furnished in Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated August 2, 2017.

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

Date: August 2, 2017

/s/ Fabio Sandri

Fabio Sandri

Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated August 2, 2017.



Financial Results for Second Quarter Ended June 25, 2017

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
(NASDAQ: PPC)

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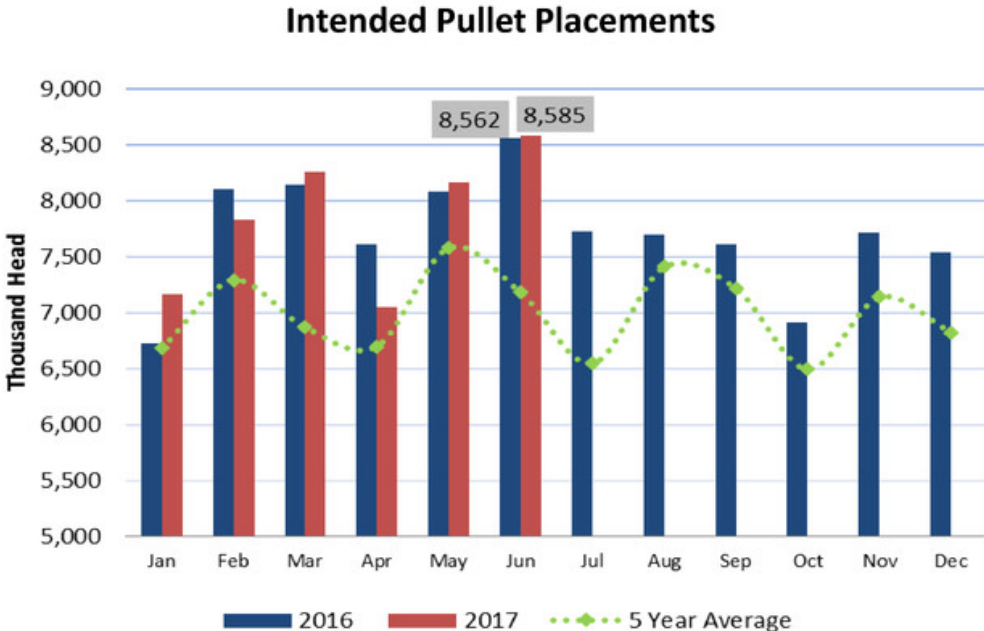
Cautionary Notes and Forward-Looking Statements

- Statements contained in this presentation that share our intentions, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future, denoted by the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “should,” “expect,” “project,” “plan,” “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 the following matters affecting the chicken industry generally, including fluctuations in the commodity prices of feed ingredients and chicken; actions and decisions of our creditors; our ability to obtain and maintain commercially reasonable terms with vendors and service providers; our ability to maintain contracts that are critical to our operations; our ability to retain management and other key individuals; certain of our reorganization and exit or disposal activities, including selling assets, idling facilities, reducing production and reducing workforce, resulted in reduced capacities and sales volumes and may have a disproportionate impact on our income relative to the cost savings; risk that the amounts of cash from operations together with amounts available under our exit credit facility will not be sufficient to fund our operations; management of our cash resources, particularly in light of our substantial leverage; restrictions imposed by, and as a result of, our substantial leverage; 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 previously and can in the future lead to product liability claims and product recalls; exposure to risks related to product liability, product recalls, property damage and injuries to persons, for which insurance coverage is expensive, limited and potentially inadequate; changes in laws or regulations affecting our operations or the application thereof; new immigration legislation or increased enforcement efforts in connection with existing immigration legislation that cause our costs of business to increase, cause us to change the way in which we do business or otherwise disrupt our operations; 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; disruptions in international markets and distribution channels; and the impact of uncertainties of litigation as well as other risks described herein and under “Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).
- 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 to information contained in previous filings or communications. Although we have attempted to list comprehensively these important cautionary risk factors, we must caution investors and others that other factors may in the future prove to be important and affecting our business or results of operations.
- This presentation may include information that may be considered non-GAAP financial information as contemplated by SEC Regulation G, Rule 100, including EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, LTM EBITDA, Net Debt, Free Cash Flow, Adjusted EBITDA Margin and others. Accordingly, we have provided tables in the accompanying appendix and in our previous filings with the SEC that reconcile these measures to their corresponding GAAP-based measures and explain why these measures are useful to investors, which can be obtained from the Consolidated Statements of Income provided with our previous filings with the SEC. Our method of computation may or may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used in filings with the SEC by other companies. See the consolidated statements of income and consolidated statements of cash flows included in our financial statements.



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2017 Pullet Placements Flat

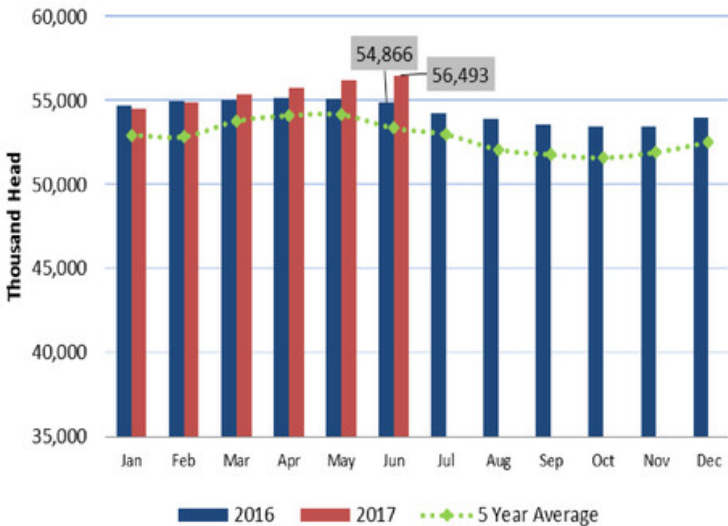


- Pullet placements are flat year on year, indicating modest production growth in 2017.

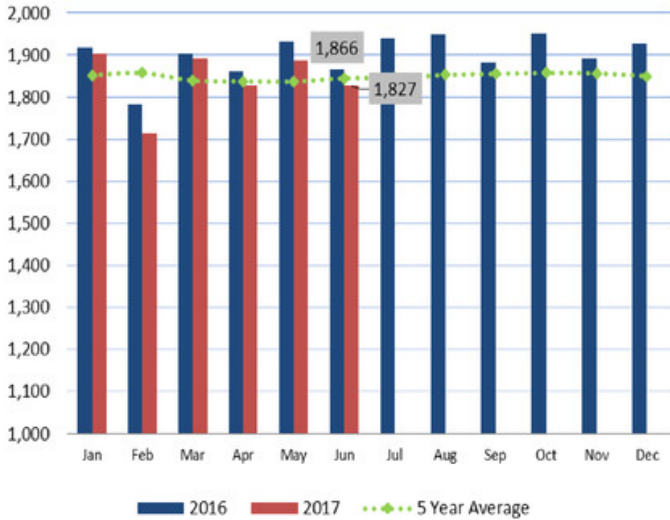


Decline in Egg Productivity Offsetting Modest Layer Growth

Broiler Type Hatching Layers



Egg Production Per 100 Layers



- Hatching layers are up in June but only +0.9% YTD, to support less productive new breed.

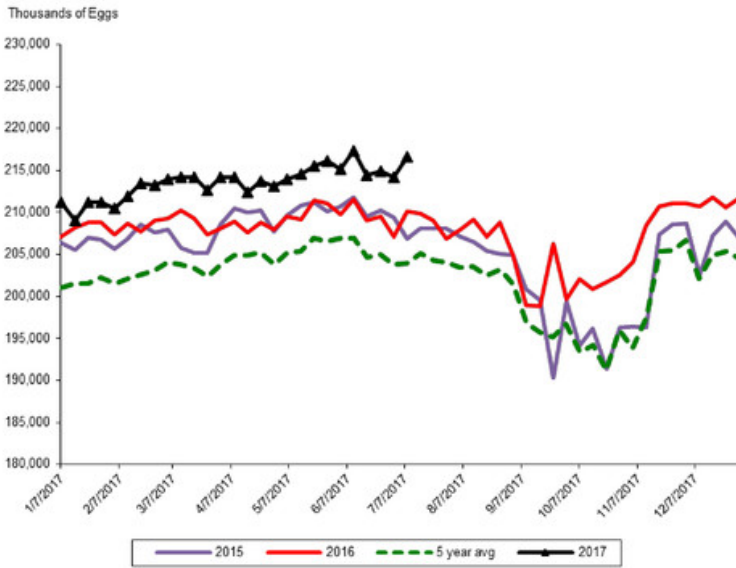


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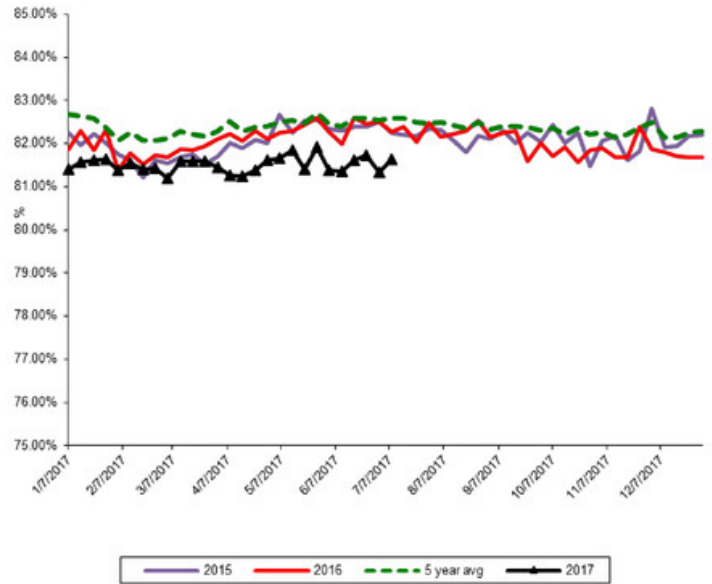
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Lower Hatchability Reduces Impact of +2% YTD Egg Sets

Weekly Egg Sets



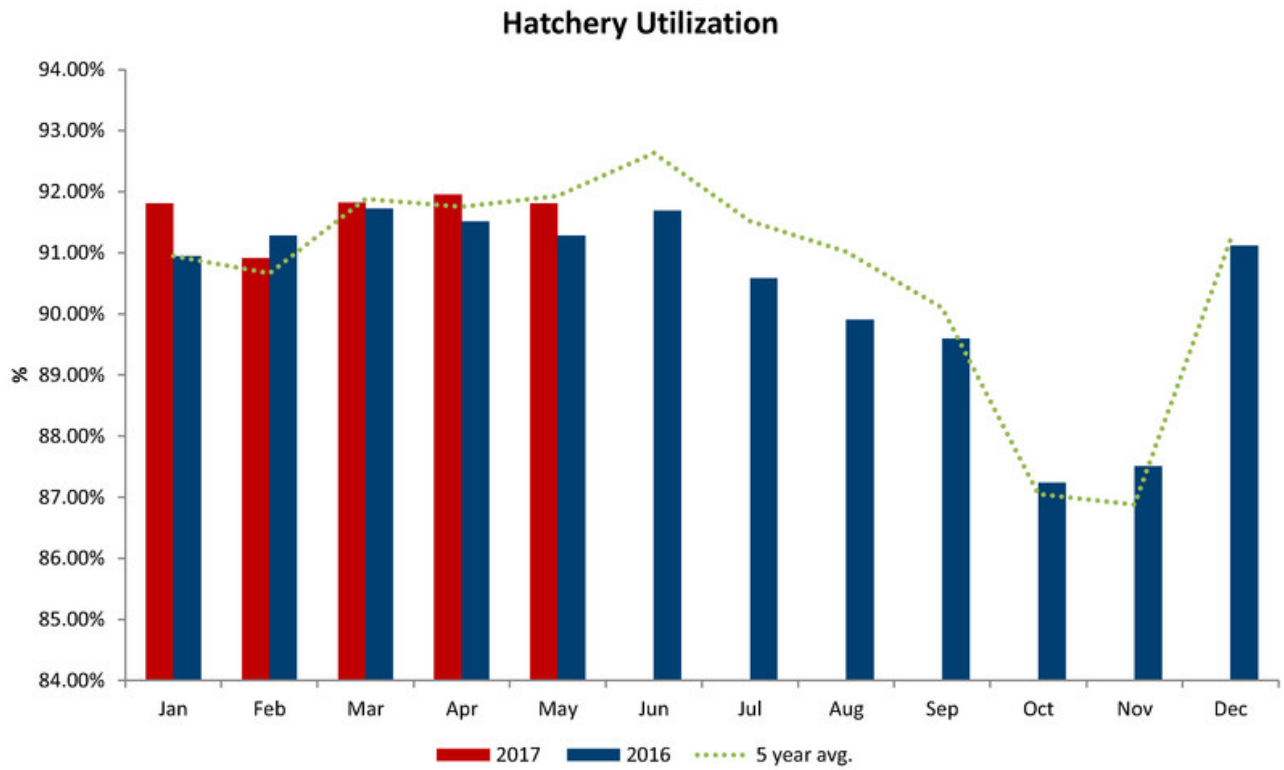
Hatchability



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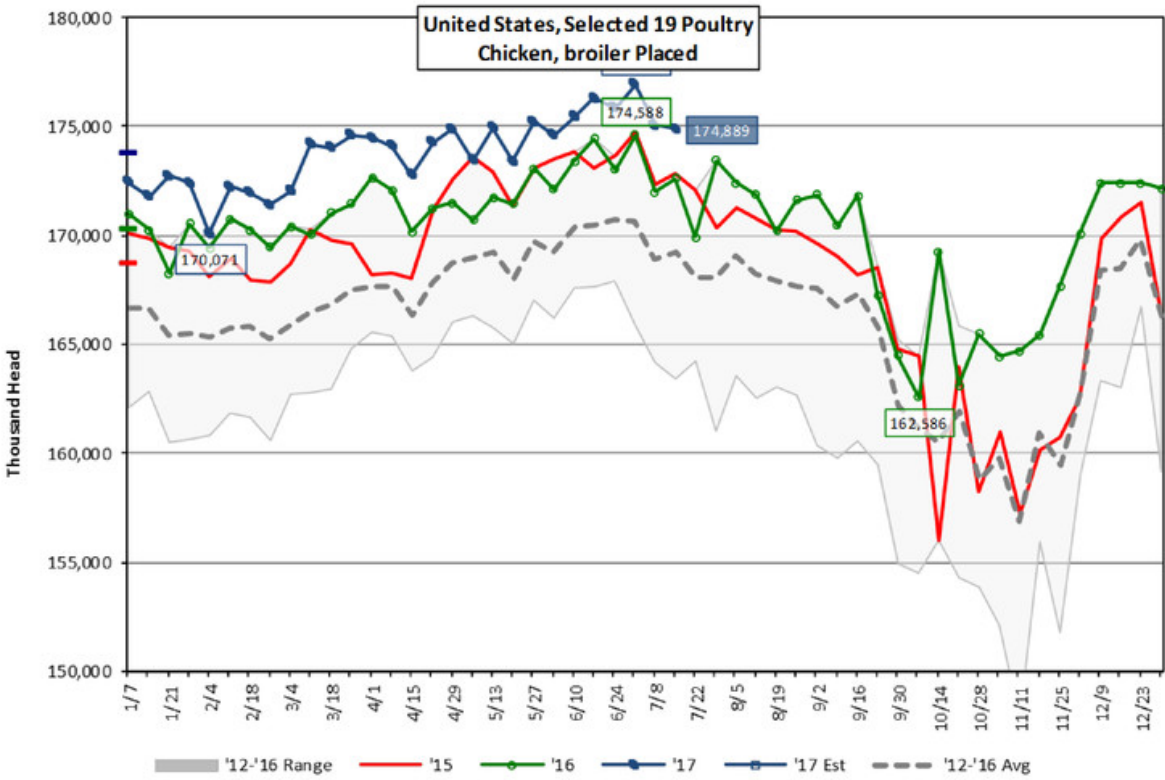
Hatchery Utilization Close to Peak Levels



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Source: Agristats/EMI

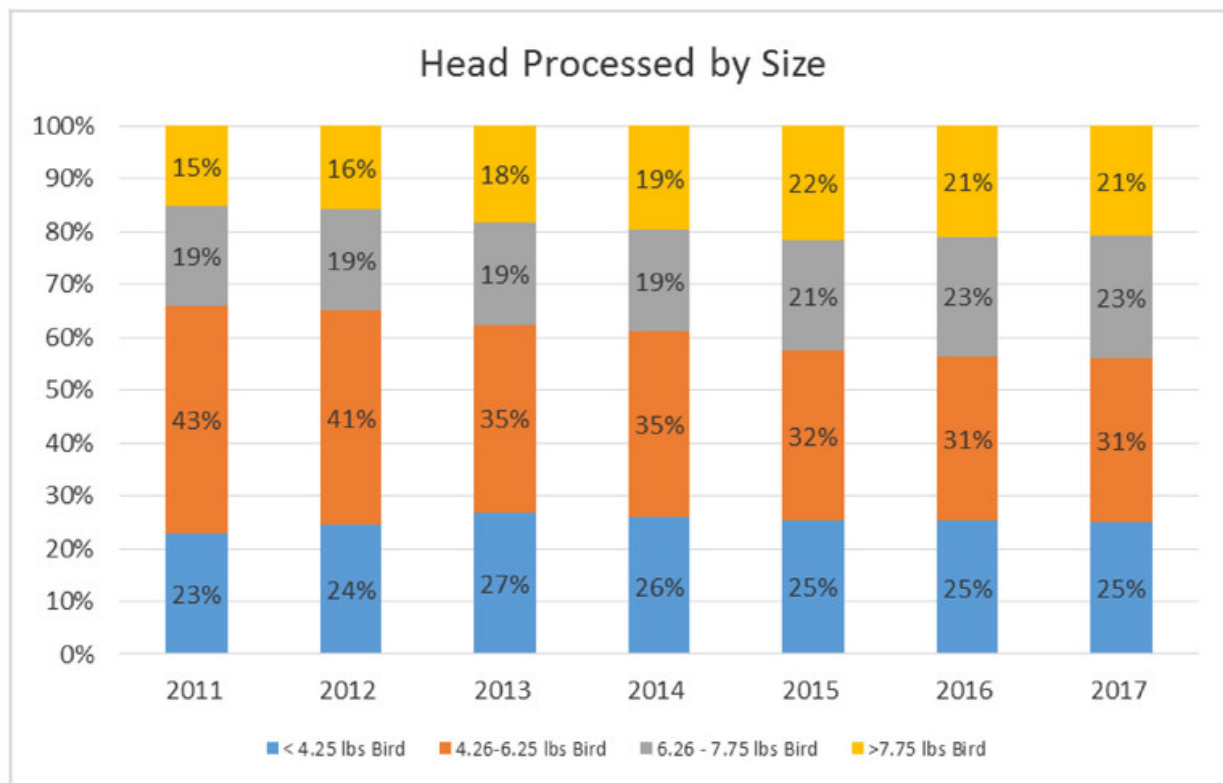
2017 Chick Placements Modestly Higher



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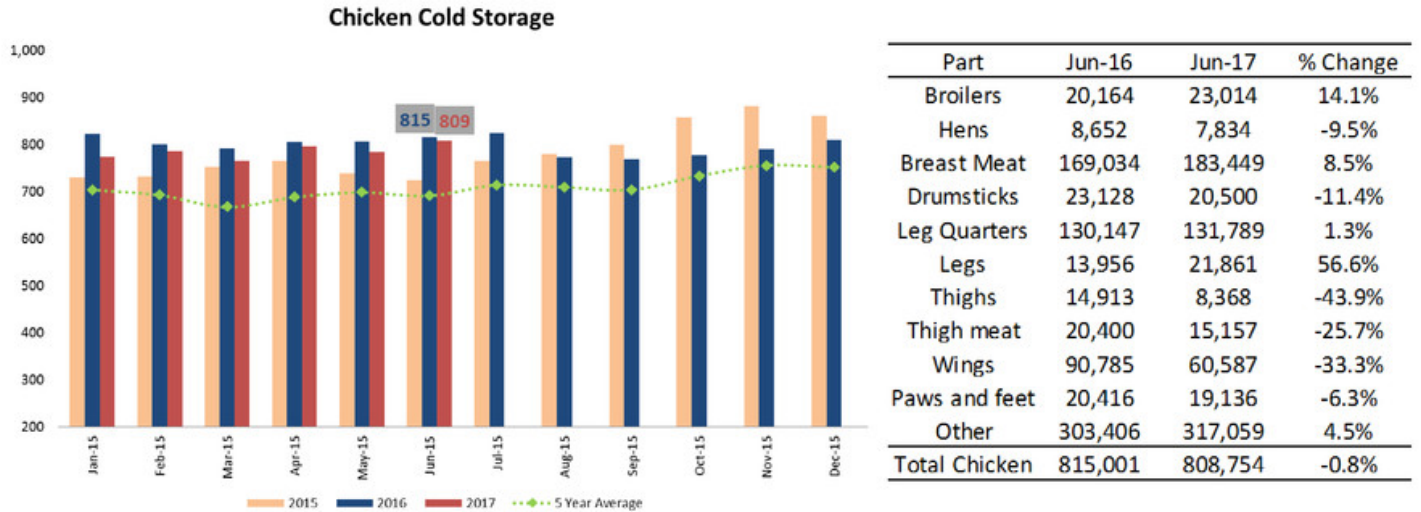
Avg Weight Trending Down; Jumbo Bird Share Not Growing After Significant Increase Since 2011



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Source: USDA

Cold Storage Levels Below 2016



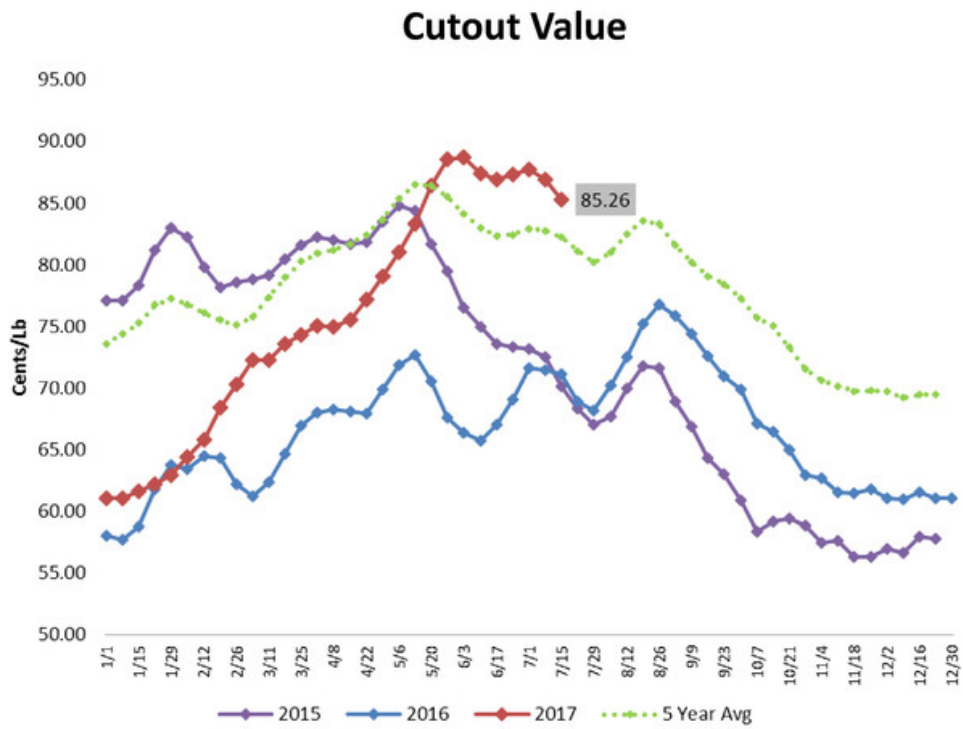
- Overall inventories -0.8% vs 2016 levels, driven by strong retail and improved demand for export-oriented cuts.



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Source: USDA

Cutout Values Above 2016 and Closer to 5-Year Levels

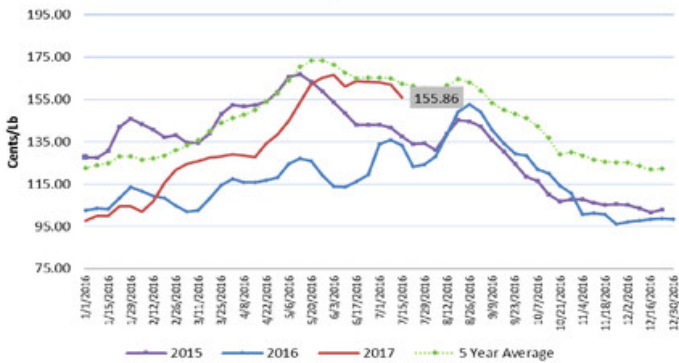


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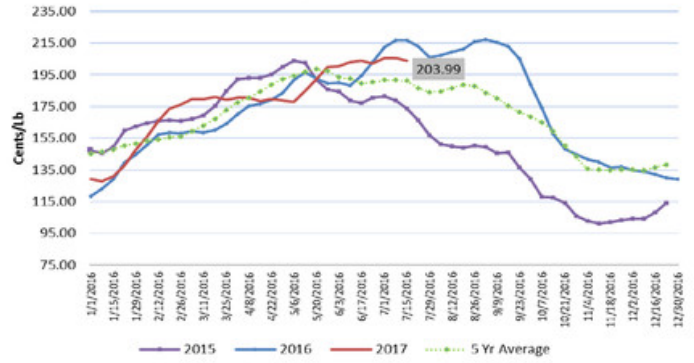
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Wings Counter-seasonally Strong, Other Parts Tracking to 5-year Average

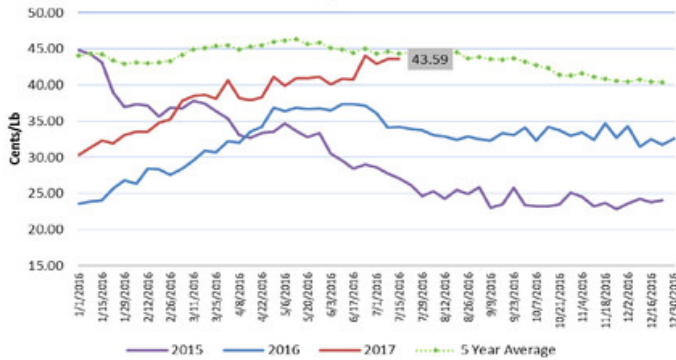
USDA Boneless/Skinless Breast NE



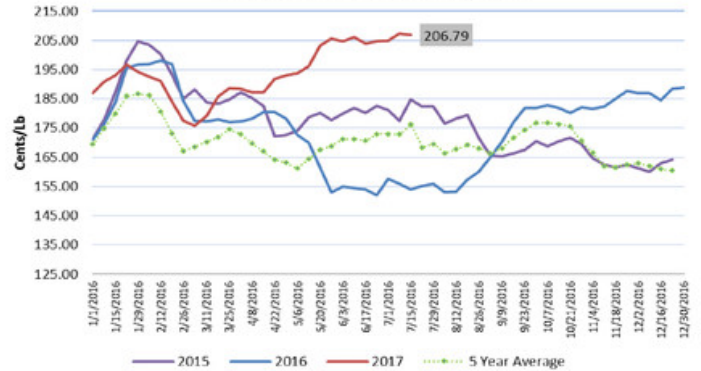
USDA Tenders NE



USDA Leg Quarters



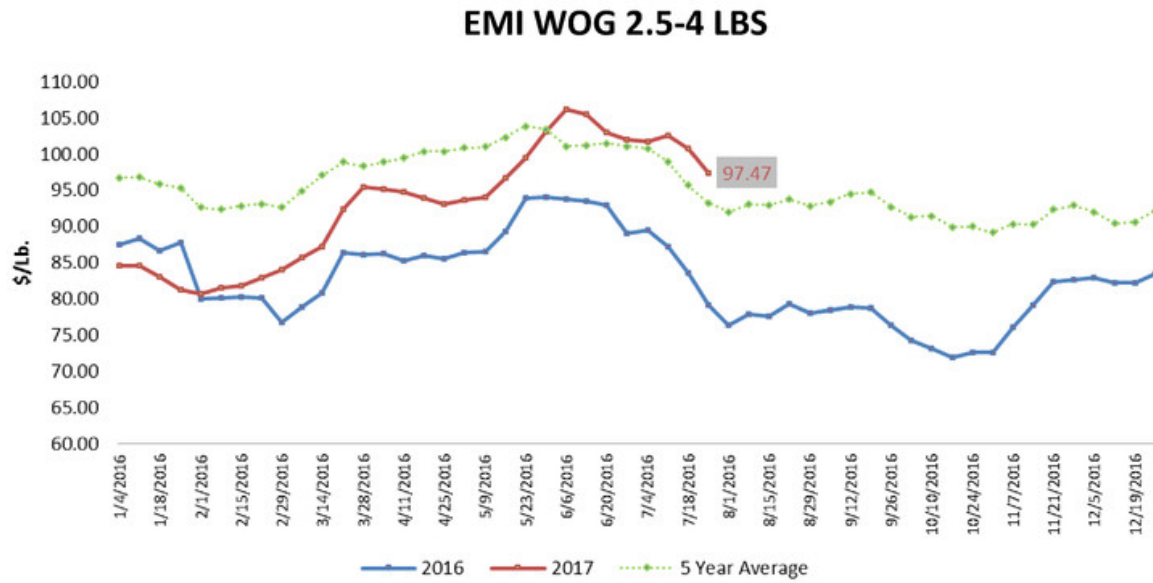
USDA Whole Wings NE



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Source: USDA

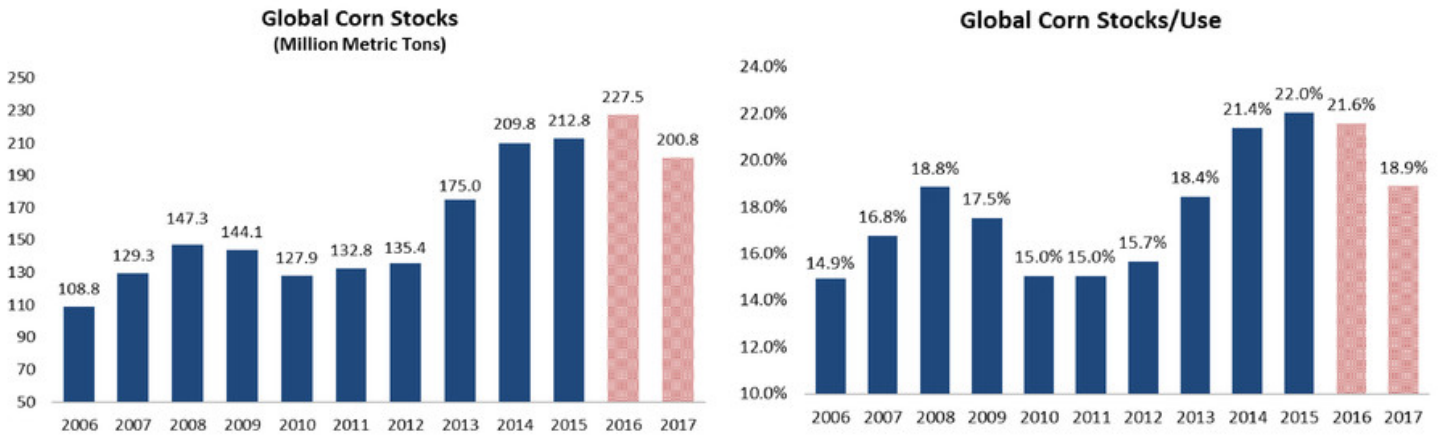
Strength in Small Bird and Retail Contracts Continues, In-line with Seasonality



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Source: EMI

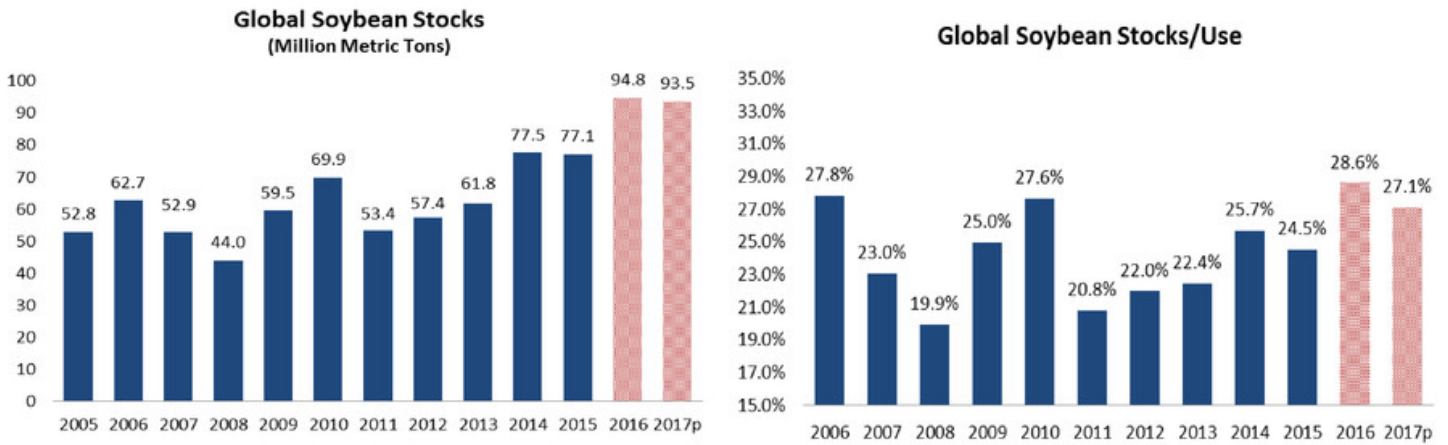
Corn Stocks Remain Close to Record High Levels



- Global stocks continue to stay at record high in '16, projected to be lower in '17 crop year.
- USDA lowered global stocks-to-use in both '16 and '17.



Global Soybean Inventories Elevated



- Global inventories of soybeans remain at record high levels, with 2017 projected to remain well supplied.
- Demand for oilseed products estimated to grow to finish out the 2016 crop year.



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Source: USDA

Second Quarter 2017 Financial Review

Main Indicators (\$M)	Q2-17	Q2-16
Net Revenue	2,251.6	2,028.3
Gross Profit	425.4	286.1
SG&A	61.6	49.5
Operating Income	359.4	236.6
Net Interest	14.9	10.9
Net Income	233.6	152.9
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	0.94	0.60
Adjusted EBITDA*	420.6	282.7
<i>Adjusted EBITDA Margin*</i>	<i>18.7%</i>	<i>13.9%</i>

* This is a non-GAAP measurement considered by management to be useful in understanding our results. Please see the appendix and most recent SEC financial filings for definition of this measurement and reconciliation to GAAP.

- Case-ready and small birds strength continues while portfolio strategy captured significant rebound in commodity segment; MX operating results remained strong.
- SG&A higher due to addition of GNP and investments in brands in USA and Mexico.
- Adjusted Q2-17 EBITDA well above Q2-16 and was among the top quarterly performance in the U.S.

In \$M	U.S.	MX
Net Revenue	1,882.1	369.5
Operating Income	277.6	81.8
<i>Operating Income Margin</i>	<i>14.8%</i>	<i>22.1%</i>

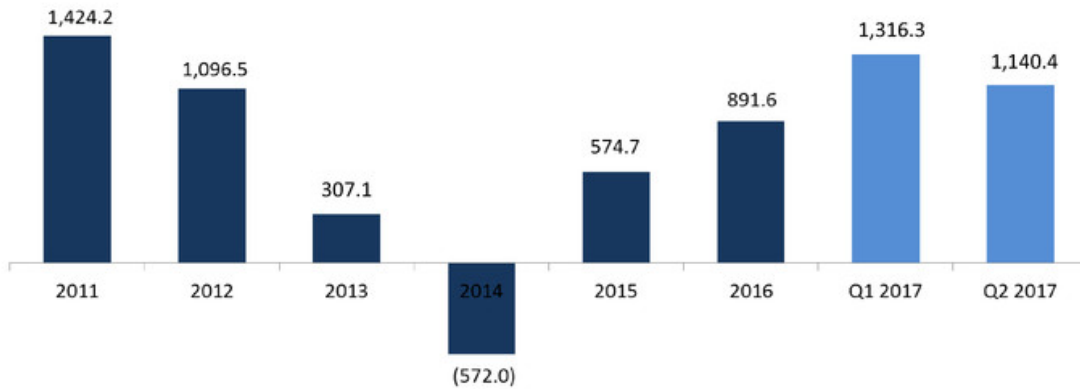


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Solid Balance Sheet, With Plenty of Room for Strategic Actions

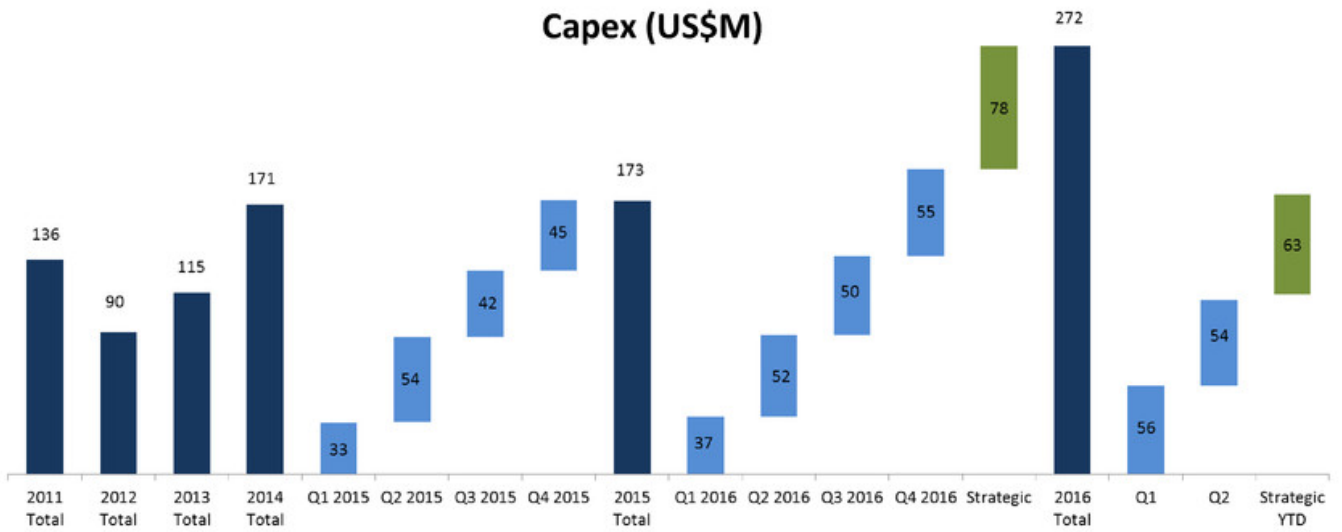
Net Debt (\$MM)



- Cash Flow From Operations generation of \$255MM in the quarter due to strong operating performance.
- Net debt multiple is 1.1x LTM EBITDA, below target of 2-3x, underlining our capability to fulfill strategic actions.



Second Quarter 2017 Capital Spending



- Strong Free Cash Flow generation has enabled us to direct more capital spending towards identified projects with rapid payback and structural projects.
- New strategic projects will support key customers growth and de-emphasize our exposure to commodity markets by yielding a more differentiated portfolio.



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Source: PPC

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APPENDIX



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Appendix: EBITDA Reconciliation

"EBITDA" is defined as the sum of net income (loss) plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. "Adjusted EBITDA" is calculated by adding to EBITDA certain items of expense and deducting from EBITDA certain items of income that we believe are not indicative of our ongoing operating performance consisting of: (i) income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests, (ii) restructuring charges, (iii) reorganization items, (iv) losses on early extinguishment of debt and (v) foreign currency transaction losses (gains). EBITDA is presented because it is used by management and we believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties, in addition to and not in lieu of results prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the US ("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. The Company also believes that Adjusted EBITDA, in combination with the Company's 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. They 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.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA

(Unaudited)	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016
	(In thousands)			
Net income	\$ 234,073	\$ 153,042	\$ 328,536	\$ 271,053
Add:				
Interest expense, net	14,891	10,865	26,975	22,205
Income tax expense	113,218	78,398	161,119	141,002
Depreciation and amortization	57,281	46,293	107,671	88,683
Minus:				
Amortization of capitalized financing costs	997	962	1,947	1,889
EBITDA	418,466	287,636	622,354	521,054
Add:				
Foreign currency transaction gains	(1,810)	(4,744)	(1,191)	(4,979)
Restructuring charges	4,349	—	4,349	—
Minus:				
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	432	156	974	(204)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 420,573	\$ 282,736	\$ 624,538	\$ 516,279



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Source: PPC

Appendix: Reconciliation of LTM EBITDA

The summary unaudited consolidated income statement data for the twelve months ended June 25, 2017 (the LTM Period) have been calculated by subtracting the applicable unaudited consolidated income statement data for the six months ended June 26, 2016 from the sum of (1) the applicable audited consolidated income statement data for the year ended December 25, 2016 and (2) the applicable audited consolidated income statement data for the six months ended June 25, 2017.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of LTM Adjusted EBITDA

(Unaudited)	Thirteen Weeks Ended September 25, 2016	Thirteen Weeks Ended December 25, 2016	Thirteen Weeks Ended March 26, 2017	Thirteen Weeks Ended June 25, 2017	LTM Ended June 25, 2017
	(In thousands)				
Net income	\$ 98,527	\$ 70,149	\$ 94,463	\$ 234,073	\$ 497,212
Add:					
Interest expense, net	11,834	10,158	12,084	14,891	48,967
Income tax expense	51,060	40,844	47,901	113,218	253,023
Depreciation and amortization	45,772	46,059	50,390	57,281	199,502
Minus:					
Amortization of capitalized financing costs	970	972	951	997	3,890
EBITDA	206,223	166,238	203,887	418,466	994,814
Add:					
Foreign currency transaction losses (gains)	4,142	4,734	619	(1,810)	7,685
Restructuring charges	279	790	—	4,349	5,418
Minus:					
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(130)	(469)	542	432	375
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 210,774	\$ 172,231	\$ 203,964	\$ 420,573	\$ 1,007,542



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Appendix: EBITDA Margin Reconciliation

EBITDA margins have been calculated by taking the relevant unaudited EBITDA figures, then dividing by Net Revenue for the applicable period.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION Reconciliation of EBITDA Margin

(Unaudited)	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended		Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016
(In thousands)								
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 234,073	\$ 153,042	\$ 328,536	\$ 271,053	10.40 %	7.55 %	7.69 %	6.79 %
Add:								
Interest expense, net	14,891	10,865	26,975	22,205	0.66 %	0.54 %	0.63 %	0.56 %
Income tax expense	113,218	78,398	161,119	141,002	5.03 %	3.87 %	3.77 %	3.53 %
Depreciation and amortization	57,281	46,293	107,671	88,683	2.54 %	2.28 %	2.52 %	2.22 %
Minus:								
Amortization of capitalized financing costs	997	962	1,947	1,889	0.04 %	0.05 %	0.05 %	0.05 %
EBITDA	418,466	287,636	622,354	521,054	18.59 %	14.19 %	14.56 %	13.05 %
Add:								
Foreign currency transaction gains	(1,810)	(4,744)	(1,191)	(4,979)	(0.08 %)	(0.23 %)	(0.03 %)	(0.12 %)
Restructuring charges	4,349	—	4,349	—	0.19 %	— %	0.10 %	— %
Minus:								
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	432	156	974	(204)	0.02 %	0.01 %	0.02 %	(0.01 %)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 420,573	\$ 282,736	\$ 624,538	\$ 516,279	18.68 %	13.95 %	14.61 %	12.94 %
Net Revenue:	\$ 2,251,604	\$ 2,028,315	\$ 4,272,096	\$ 3,991,252	\$2,251,604	\$2,028,315	\$4,272,096	\$3,991,252



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Appendix: Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings

A reconciliation of net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per common diluted share to adjusted net income (loss) attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation per common diluted share is as follows:

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Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings				
(Unaudited)				
	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016
(In thousands, except per share data)				
Net income attributable to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	\$ 233,641	\$ 152,886	\$ 327,562	\$ 271,257
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency transaction gains	(1,810)	(4,744)	(1,191)	(4,979)
Income before loss on early extinguishment of debt and foreign currency transaction gains	231,831	148,142	326,371	266,278
Weighted average diluted shares of common stock outstanding	248,973	254,944	248,950	255,045
Income before loss on early extinguishment of debt and foreign currency transaction gains per common diluted share	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.58	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.04



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Appendix: Adjusted EPS Bridge

A reconciliation of GAAP earnings per share (EPS) to adjusted earnings per share (EPS) is as follows:

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

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
GAAP EPS	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.06
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	—
Foreign currency transaction gains	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.02)
Adjusted EPS	<u>\$ 0.93</u>	<u>\$ 0.58</u>	<u>\$ 1.31</u>	<u>\$ 1.04</u>
Weighted average diluted shares of common stock outstanding	248,973	254,944	248,950	255,045



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Source: PPC

Appendix: Net Debt / Cash Position Reconciliation

Net debt is defined as total long term debt less current maturities, plus current maturities of long term debt and notes payable, minus cash, cash equivalents and investments in available-for-sale securities. Net debt is presented because it is used by management, and we believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other parties, in addition to and not in lieu of debt as presented under GAAP, to compare the indebtedness of companies. A reconciliation of net debt is as follows:

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
Reconciliation of Net Debt
(Unaudited)

	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016	December 25, 2016	December 27, 2015	December 28, 2014
(In thousands)					
Long term debt, less current maturities	\$ 1,404,264	\$ 1,117,979	\$ 1,011,858	\$ 985,509	\$ 3,980
Add: Current maturities of long term debt and notes payable	40,098	90	94	28,812	262
Minus: Cash and cash equivalents	303,937	41,047	120,328	439,638	576,143
Net debt (cash position)	\$ 1,140,425	\$ 1,077,022	\$ 891,624	\$ 574,683	\$ (571,901)



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Source: PPC

Appendix: Segment and Geographic Data

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Supplementary Selected Segment and Geographic Data

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		Twenty-Six Weeks Ended	
	June 25, 2017 (Unaudited)	June 26, 2016	June 25, 2017	June 26, 2016
(In thousands)				
Sources of net sales by country of origin:				
US:	\$ 1,882,142	\$ 1,677,445	\$ 3,618,547	\$ 3,347,726
Mexico:	369,462	350,870	653,549	643,526
Total net sales:	\$ 2,251,604	\$ 2,028,315	\$ 4,272,096	\$ 3,991,252
Sources of cost of sales by country of origin:				
US:	\$ 1,547,247	\$ 1,471,269	\$ 3,095,346	\$ 2,925,224
Mexico:	278,993	270,939	536,205	542,383
Elimination:	(23)	(24)	(47)	(48)
Total cost of sales:	\$ 1,826,217	\$ 1,742,184	\$ 3,631,504	\$ 3,467,559
Sources of gross profit by country of origin:				
US:	\$ 334,894	\$ 206,176	\$ 523,200	\$ 422,502
Mexico:	90,470	79,931	117,345	101,143
Elimination:	23	24	47	48
Total gross profit:	\$ 425,387	\$ 286,131	\$ 640,592	\$ 523,693
Sources of operating income by country of origin:				
US:	\$ 277,602	\$ 164,494	\$ 411,158	\$ 339,084
Mexico:	81,777	72,093	100,549	86,253
Elimination:	23	24	47	48
Total operating income:	\$ 359,402	\$ 236,611	\$ 511,754	\$ 425,385



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