

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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): September 15, 2004

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.)

110 South Texas Street
Pittsburg, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

75686-0093
(ZIP Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(903) 855-1000**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information in this Item 2.02 and the Exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

On January 10, 2005, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation issued a press release announcing that it had raised its previously issued earnings guidance for its first quarter of fiscal 2005.

The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated January 10, 2005.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

Date: January 10, 2005

By: /s/ Richard A. Cogdill

Richard A. Cogdill
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

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**PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
INCREASES FIRST FISCAL QUARTER EARNINGS GUIDANCE**

ANNOUNCES FIRST FISCAL QUARTER'S CONFERENCE CALL FOR JANUARY 24, 2005

PITTSBURG, Texas January 10, 2005; Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (NYSE: PPC) today announced that it is raising its previously issued earnings guidance for its first quarter of fiscal 2005 to a range of \$0.68 to \$0.73 per share versus the \$0.50 to \$0.60 per share range previously communicated by the Company, due primarily to lower feed ingredient costs and stronger results in the Company's prepared foods division than previously forecasted for the quarter.

A conference call to discuss the Company's first quarter of fiscal 2005 financial results and guidance for the remainder of fiscal 2005 will be held at 10:00 a.m. CST (11:00 a.m. EST) on January 24, 2005. To listen live via telephone, call 800-391-2548, verbal pass code VG495227. The call will also be webcast live on the Internet at <http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?p=irol-eventDetails&c=68228&eventID=996433>. The webcast will be available for replay within two hours of the conclusion of the call. A telephone replay will be available beginning at 2:00 p.m. CST on January 24 through February 1 at 800-355-2355 pass code 495227#.

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation is the second-largest poultry producer in the United States and Mexico and the largest chicken producer in Puerto Rico. Pilgrim's Pride employs more than 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, California, Iowa, Mississippi, Utah and Wisconsin. Pilgrim's Pride products are sold to foodservice, retail and frozen entree customers. The Company'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 www.pilgrimspride.com

Forward-Looking Statements:

Statements contained in this press release that state the intentions, hopes, beliefs, anticipations, expectations or predictions of the future of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and its management, including the earnings guidance for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, 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 affecting the production performance and/or marketability of the company's 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; management of our cash resources, particularly in light of our leverage; restrictions imposed by and as a result of, our leverage; currency exchange rate fluctuations, trade barriers, exchange controls, expropriation and other risks associated with foreign operations; changes in laws or regulations affecting our operations as well as competitive factors and pricing pressures; risks associated with the acquisition of ConAgra Foods' chicken division including possible unknown liabilities assumed in connection with the acquisition and loss of customers of the acquired business; inability to recognize the anticipated cost savings and anticipated benefits in connection with our turkey division restructuring; 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.

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