

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

*IN RE BROILER CHICKEN ANTITRUST
LITIGATION*

Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-08637-TMD-JG

This Document Relates To:

Hon. Judge Thomas M. Durkin

All End-User Consumer Plaintiff Actions

Magistrate Judge Jeffrey T. Gilbert

**STATUS REPORT REGARDING DISTRIBUTION
FOR END-USER CONSUMER PLAINTIFF ACTIONS**

Pursuant to this Court's request, End-User Consumer Plaintiffs (EUCPs) respectfully submit this status report to update the Court on the progress of claims administration, the distribution timeline, and an update regarding the documentation requirements the claims administrator is now using for high-value claims in the EUCP settlements.

As this Court recalls, EUCPs recovered \$203.35 million on behalf of the class. The Court issued final approval to the first round of settlements with defendants Tyson, Fieldale, Peco, George's, Mar-Jac and Pilgrim's on December 20, 2021. Dkt. No. 5304. The Court issued final approval to a second round of settlements with defendants Claxton, Foster Farms, Harrison Poultry, House of Raeford, Koch, Mountaire, O.K. Foods, Perdue, Sanderson, Simmons, and Wayne Farms on June 30, 2025. Dkt. No. 7790. The distribution of the settlements has been stayed pending resolution of the Seventh Circuit Appeal (No. 24-2307) regarding EUCPs' attorneys' fees and the subsequent motion for attorneys' fees which is still pending before the Court (Dkt. No. 7855).

The claims administrator is currently in the process of auditing certain claims. Several class members reached out to the Court (*see, e.g.*, Dkt. No. 8328), and the Court requested as status report on the state of distribution.

The claims period closed on July 31, 2025. Dkt. No. 7766, ¶ 4. Under the plan of distribution, the claims administrator, A.B. Data, set aside a certain time period to process claims "to identify fraudulent markers" among the more than 10 million claims. *Id.* Working with the claims administrator, Class Counsel originally set the requirement that any claim which exceeded \$50 per month in purchases had to have documentation for those purchases. A number of class members reached out with concerns regarding the difficulty of documenting their purchases dating back through the class period of 2012 to 2019. After working with the claims

administrator, the threshold for requiring additional documentation has been raised to \$300 per month, and updated communications have been sent to all implicated class members. Moreover, if a class member is unable to provide any documentation support their claim of over \$300 per month, they have now been informed it will be presumed that they spent \$300 per month for each of their claimed months. This approach is intended to balance the need for audit and verification of claims with unusual purchases, with the practical limitations faced by class members in retaining documentation from the relevant period.

Class members who contacted the Court, including Ms. Patton (Dkt. No. 8328), have all been sent updated instructions regarding the auditing process and are being assisted by Class Counsel and the claims administrator.

The claims administrator and Class Counsel are now working towards the following schedule:

Event	Date
Close of deficiency / audit period	May 8, 2026
Claims processing complete and claims finalized	May 22, 2026
Payment to eligible claims begins	June 5, 2026

Dated: April 24, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies that on April 24, 2026 a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed through the Court's CM/ECF system, which caused notice to be sent to all counsel of record.

Dated: April 24, 2026

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