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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Maximum Offering Price per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee(1)
Common Stock (par value \$0.01 per share)	7,500,000	\$24.00	\$180,000,000	\$7,074.00

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(r).
 PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To PROSPECTUS DATED DECEMBER 2, 2005)

7,500,000 Shares

Pilgrim s Pride Corporation

Common Stock

We are offering 7,500,000 shares of our common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PPC. The last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 12, 2008, was \$25.86 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors on page S-3 of this prospectus supplement.

	Per Share	Total
Public offering price	\$ 24.00	\$ 180,000,000
Underwriting commissions	\$ 0.35	\$ 2,625,000
Proceeds to us, before expenses	\$ 23.65	\$ 177,375,000

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the prospectus to which it relates is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Lehman Brothers expects to deliver the common stock on or about May 16, 2008.

Lehman Brothers

May 13, 2008

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SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the more detailed information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. This summary is not complete and does not contain all the information you should consider. You should carefully read the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the information incorporated herein by reference. Unless the context otherwise requires, we, us, our and similar terms, as well as references to the Company and Pilgrim s Pride, include all of our consolidated subsidiaries. We obtained the industry data used throughout this prospectus supplement from industry publications that we believe to be reliable, but we have not independently verified this information.

The Company

We are the largest producer of chicken in the United States (U.S.), the second largest producer and seller of chicken in Mexico and the largest producer of chicken in Puerto Rico, and we have one of the best known brand names in the chicken industry. In the U.S., we produce both prepared and fresh chicken, while in Mexico and Puerto Rico, we exclusively produce fresh chicken. Through vertical integration, we control the breeding, hatching and growing of chickens. We also control the processing, preparation, packaging and sale of our product lines, which we believe has made us one of the highest quality, lowest-cost producers of chicken in North America. We have consistently applied a long-term business strategy of focusing our growth efforts on the higher-value, higher-margin prepared foods products and have become a recognized industry leader in this market segment. Accordingly, our sales efforts have traditionally been targeted to the foodservice industry, principally chain restaurants and food processors, and have more recently been targeted to retailers seeking value-added products. We have continually made investments to ensure our prepared foods capabilities remain state-of-the-art and have complemented these investments with a substantial and successful research and development effort. In fiscal 2007, we generated net sales of \$7.5 billion, and our U.S. operations, including Puerto Rico, accounted for 93.2% of our net sales, with the remaining 6.8% arising from our Mexico operations.

On December 27, 2006, we acquired a majority of the outstanding common stock of Gold Kist Inc. (Gold Kist) through a tender offer. We subsequently acquired all remaining Gold Kist shares and, on January 9, 2007, Gold Kist became our wholly owned subsidiary. Gold Kist operated a fully-integrated chicken production business that included live production, processing, marketing and distribution. This acquisition has positioned us as the world s leading chicken producer, and that position has provided us with enhanced abilities to compete more efficiently and provide even better customer service, expand our geographic reach and customer base, further pursue value-added and prepared foods opportunities, and offer long-term growth opportunities for our stockholders, employees and growers. We are also better positioned to compete in the industry both internationally and in the U.S. as consolidations occur. On November 23, 2003, we completed the purchase of all the outstanding stock of the corporations represented as the ConAgra Foods, Inc. chicken division. The acquired business has been included in our results of operations since the date of the acquisition. The acquisition provided us with additional lines of specialty prepared chicken products, well-known brands, well-established distributor relationships and Southeastern U.S. processing facilities. The acquisition also included the largest distributor of chicken products in Puerto Rico.

Our principal executive offices are located at 4845 U.S. Highway 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686-0093. Our telephone number is (903) 434-1000. We were incorporated in Texas in 1968 and reincorporated in Delaware in 1986. We maintain a website at <http://www.pilgrimspride.com>. The information on our website is not a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

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The Offering

Issuer	Pilgrim s Pride Corporation, a Delaware corporation.
Common stock offered	7,500,000 shares.
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering	74,055,733 shares.*
Use of proceeds	We will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$177.0 million (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses). We intend to use the proceeds from the sale to reduce indebtedness outstanding under two of our revolving credit facilities and for general corporate purposes. Please read "Use of Proceeds" in this prospectus supplement.
New York Stock Exchange symbol	PPC

* The common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 66,555,733 shares outstanding as of May 12, 2008.

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RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully the risk factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 29, 2007, as supplemented by the risk factor in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 29, 2008, before making an investment decision. These risks are not the only ones we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem not material also may impair our business operations. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. You should consider carefully these risk factors together with all of the other information included in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents we have incorporated by reference in this document before investing in our common stock.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements of our plans, hopes, intentions, beliefs, anticipations, expectations or predictions for the future, denoted by the words “anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, project, 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 those identified in the “Risk Factors” section of this prospectus supplement and the following:

matters affecting the poultry industry generally, including fluctuations in the commodity prices of feed ingredients and chicken;

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;

management of our cash resources, particularly in light of our substantial leverage;

restrictions imposed by, and as a result of, our substantial leverage;

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;

inability to consummate, or effectively integrate, any acquisition or realize the associated cost savings and operating synergies;

currency exchange rate fluctuations, trade barriers, exchange controls, expropriation and other risks associated with foreign operations;

disruptions in international markets and distribution channels;

the impact of uncertainties of litigation; and

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other risks described in our filings 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. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, except as required by law.

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We estimate that we will receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$177.0 million (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses). We intend to use the proceeds from the sale to reduce indebtedness outstanding under two of our revolving credit facilities and for general corporate purposes. These revolving credit facilities provide for interest rates of LIBOR plus 0.75% to LIBOR plus 2.75% and LIBOR plus 1.00% to LIBOR plus 3.00%, respectively, and mature on February 2013 and September 2016, respectively.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PPC. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices of our common stock as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange.

	\$ High	\$ Low
Fiscal 2006:		
First Quarter	37.75	30.11
Second Quarter	28.40	20.95
Third Quarter	28.09	20.85
Fourth Quarter	29.00	23.11
Fiscal 2007:		
First Quarter	29.76	23.35
Second Quarter	33.76	28.14
Third Quarter	38.66	32.63
Fourth Quarter	41.00	31.90
Fiscal 2008:		
First Quarter	35.98	22.52
Second Quarter	28.96	20.38
Third Quarter (through May 12, 2008)	26.58	18.50

The last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 12, 2008 was \$25.86 per share. On May 12, 2008, we estimate that there were approximately 35,000 holders (including individual participants in security position listings) of our common stock.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Starting in the first quarter of fiscal 2006, our Board of Directors has declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.0225 per share of common stock. Additionally, in the first quarter of fiscal 2006, our Board of Directors declared a special \$1.00 dividend per share of common stock. Prior to fiscal 2006 and with the exception of two quarters in 1993, our Board of Directors declared cash dividends of \$0.015 per share of common stock (on a split adjusted basis) every fiscal quarter since the Company's initial public offering in 1986. Payment of future dividends will depend upon the Company's financial condition, results of operations and other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors, as well as any limitations imposed by lenders under the Company's credit facilities. Our revolving credit facility and revolving/term borrowing facility currently limit dividends to a maximum of \$26 million per year.

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UNDERWRITING

Under the terms of an underwriting agreement, which we will file as an exhibit to our current report on Form 8-K and incorporate by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, Lehman Brothers, as the underwriter in this offering, has agreed to purchase from us 7,500,000 shares of common stock.

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriter's obligation to purchase shares of common stock depends on the satisfaction of the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement including:

the obligation to purchase all of the shares of common stock offered hereby, if any of the shares are purchased;

the representations and warranties made by us to the underwriter are true and correct;

there is no material change in our business or financial condition or in the financial markets; and

we deliver customary closing documents to the underwriter.

Commissions and Expenses

The following table summarizes the underwriting discounts and commissions we will pay to the underwriter. The underwriting fee is the difference between the initial price to the public and the amount the underwriter pays to us for the shares.

Per share	\$ 0.35
Total	\$ 2,625,000

The underwriter has advised us that it proposes to offer the shares of common stock directly to the public at the public offering price on the cover of this prospectus supplement and to selected dealers, which may include the underwriter, at such offering price less a selling concession not in excess of \$0.15 per share. After the offering, the underwriter may change the offering price and other selling terms.

The expenses of the offering that are payable by us are estimated to be \$350,000 (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions).

Lock-Up Agreements

We and certain members and affiliated entities of the Pilgrim family have agreed that, during a period of 90 days from the date of this prospectus supplement in the case of the Company, and 60 days from the date of this prospectus supplement in the case of the Pilgrim family stockholders, neither we nor these stockholders will, without the prior written consent of the underwriter:

directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any share of our common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our common stock or file any registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 with respect to any of the foregoing; or

enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of our common stock, whether any such swap or transaction described above is to be settled by delivery of our common stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise.

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The restrictions described above do not apply to:

the sale of shares of common stock by us to the underwriter pursuant to this offering;

the issuance by us of shares of common stock upon the exercise of options or warrants or the conversion of securities outstanding on the date of this prospectus supplement; and

the issuance by us of common stock or options to purchase common stock under our existing employee (or non-employee director) benefit plans.

This lockup provision applies to common stock and to securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for or repayable with common stock. It also applies to common stock owned now or acquired later by the person executing the agreement or for which the person executing the agreement later acquires the power of disposition.

Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriter against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and to contribute to payments that the underwriter may be required to make for these liabilities.

Stabilization and Short Positions

The underwriter may engage in stabilizing transactions, covering transactions or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the common stock, in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934:

Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

Covering transactions involve purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions.

These stabilizing transactions and covering transactions may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the common stock. As a result, the price of the common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions may be effected on the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Neither we nor the underwriter make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the common stock. In addition, neither we nor the underwriter make any representation that the underwriter will engage in these stabilizing transactions or that any transaction, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Electronic Distribution

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the Internet sites or through other online services maintained by the underwriter or by its affiliates. In those cases, prospective investors may view offering terms online and, depending upon the online service, prospective investors may be allowed to place orders online. The underwriter may agree with us to allocate a specific number of shares for sale to online brokerage account holders. Any such allocation for online distributions will be made by the underwriter on the same basis as other allocations.

Other than the prospectus in electronic format, the information on the underwriter's website and any information contained in any other website maintained by the underwriter is not part of the prospectus or the

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registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus form a part, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the underwriter in its capacity as underwriter and should not be relied upon by investors.

New York Stock Exchange

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PPC.

Stamp Taxes

If you purchase shares of common stock offered in the prospectus, you may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges under the laws and practices of the country of purchase, in addition to the offering price listed on the cover page of the prospectus.

Relationships

From time to time, Lehman Brothers and its affiliates have, directly or indirectly, provided investment and commercial banking or financial advisory services to us, for which they have received customary fees and commissions, and expect to provide these services to us in the future, for which they expect to receive customary fees and commissions.

Transfer Agent

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare.

SELLING RESTRICTIONS

Public Offer Selling Restrictions Under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a relevant member state), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that relevant member state (the relevant implementation date), an offer of securities described in this prospectus supplement may not be made to the public in that relevant member state other than:

to any legal entity that is authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

to any legal entity that has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;

to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representative[s]; or

in any other circumstances that do not require the publication of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of securities shall require us or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For purposes of this provision, the expression an offer of securities to the public in any relevant member state means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the securities, as the

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expression may be varied in that member state by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that member state, and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each relevant member state.

We have not authorized and do not authorize the making of any offer of securities through any financial intermediary on their behalf, other than offers made by the underwriter with a view to the final placement of the securities as contemplated in this prospectus supplement. Accordingly, no purchaser of the securities, other than the underwriter, is authorized to make any further offer of the securities on behalf of us or the underwriter.

Selling Restrictions Addressing Additional United Kingdom Securities Laws

This prospectus supplement is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive ("Qualified Investors") that are also (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order") or (ii) high net worth entities, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). This prospectus supplement and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant persons should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

Australia

This offering circular is not a formal disclosure document and has not been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC"). It does not purport to contain all information that an investor or their professional advisers would expect to find in a prospectus for the purposes of Chapter 6D.2 of the Australian Corporations Act 2001 (Act) in relation to the securities or our company.

This offering circular is not an offer to retail investors in Australia generally. Any offer of securities in Australia is made on the condition that the recipient is a "sophisticated investor" within the meaning of section 708(8) of the Act or a "professional investor" within the meaning of section 708(11) of the Act, or on condition that the offer to that recipient can be brought within the exemption for "Small-Scale Offerings" (within the meaning of section 708(1) of the Act). If any recipient does not satisfy the criteria for these exemptions, no applications for securities will be accepted from that recipient. Any offer to a recipient in Australia, and any agreement arising from acceptance of the offer, is personal and may only be accepted by the recipient.

If a recipient on-sells their securities within 12 months of their issue, that person will be required to lodge a disclosure document with ASIC unless either:

the sale is pursuant to an offer received outside Australia or is made to a "sophisticated investor" within the meaning of 708(8) of the Act or a "professional investor" within the meaning of section 708(11) of the Act; or

it can be established that our company issued, and the recipient subscribed for, the securities without the purpose of the recipient on-selling them or granting, issuing or transferring interests in, or options or warrants over them.

Hong Kong

Our securities may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to "professional investors" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made under that Ordinance or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) or which do not constitute

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an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to our securities may be issued, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to our securities which are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) or any rules made under that Ordinance. The contents of this document have not been reviewed by any regulatory authority in Hong Kong. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. If you are in any doubt about any of the contents of this offering circular, you should obtain independent professional advice.

India

This offering circular has not been and will not be registered as a prospectus with the Registrar of Companies in India. This offering circular or any other material relating to these securities may not be circulated or distributed, directly or indirectly, to the public or any members of the public in India. Further, persons into whose possession this offering circular comes are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. Each prospective investor is advised to consult its advisors about the particular consequences to it of an investment in these securities. Each prospective investor is also advised that any investment in these securities by it is subject to the regulations prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India and the Foreign Exchange Management Act and any regulations framed thereunder.

Japan

Our securities have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948 as amended, the FIEL), and we will not offer or sell any of our securities, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEL and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

People's Republic of China

This offering circular may not be circulated or distributed in the PRC and our securities may not be offered or sold, and we will not offer or sell to any person for re-offering or resale directly or indirectly to any resident of the PRC, except pursuant to applicable laws and regulations of the PRC. For the purpose of this paragraph, PRC does not include Taiwan and the special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau.

Singapore

This offering circular has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this offering circular and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of our securities may not be circulated or distributed, nor may our securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Future Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275 (1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where our securities are subscribed and purchased under Section 275 by a relevant person which is (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole whole purpose is to hold investments and each

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beneficiary is an accredited investor, shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable in six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired our securities under Section 275 except (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275 (1A), and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA; (ii) where no consideration is given for transfer; or (iii) by operation of law.

Korea

Our securities may not be offered, sold and delivered directly or indirectly, or offered or sold to any person for reoffering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Korea or to any resident of Korea except pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations of Korea, including the Securities and Exchange Act and the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law and the decrees and regulations thereunder. Our securities have not been registered with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Korea for public offering in Korea. Furthermore, our securities may not be resold to Korean residents unless the purchaser of our securities complies with all applicable regulatory requirements (including but not limited to government approval requirements under the Foreign Exchange Transaction Law and its subordinate decrees and regulations) in connection with the purchase of our securities.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Baker & McKenzie LLP, Dallas, Texas. Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Dallas, Texas, and New York, New York, advised the underwriters in connection with the offering of common stock.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation for each of the three years ended September 29, 2007 appearing in Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's current report on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2008 including the schedule appearing therein, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Gold Kist Inc. and subsidiaries as of October 1, 2005 and for the year ended June 26, 2004, the transition quarter ended October 2, 2004 and the year ended October 1, 2005, have been incorporated by reference herein from our current report on Form 8-K/A filed on January 11, 2007, in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Gold Kist Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2006, and for the year then ended, have been incorporated by reference herein from our current report on Form 8-K/A filed on January 11, 2007, in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, and Saslow Lufkin & Buggy LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firms as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audit reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, related to the consolidated financial statements of Gold Kist Inc. refer to changes in the method of accounting for share-based payment in 2005 and for amortization of unrecognized net actuarial losses related to the post-retirement medical plan in 2006.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND THE ATTACHED PROSPECTUS

This document has two parts. The first part consists of this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this offering and the common stock offered. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in this document or to which we have referred you. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different. This document may only be used where it is legal to sell these securities. The information in this document may only be accurate on the date of this document.

You should not consider any information in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus to be investment, legal or tax advice. You should consult your own counsel, accountant and other advisors for legal, tax, business, financial and related advice regarding the purchase of the shares of common stock. We are not making any representation to you regarding the legality of an investment in the common stock by you under applicable investment or similar laws.

To understand the offering of shares of our common stock under this prospectus supplement and attached prospectus, you should carefully read this prospectus supplement and attached prospectus. You should also read the documents referred to in **Where You Can Find More Information** below for more information about us and our financial statements.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the following location of the SEC:

Public Reference Room

100 F Street, NE, Room 1580

Washington, D.C. 20549

You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, you may inspect our SEC filings at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Any information referenced this way is considered to be part of this prospectus, and any information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents that we have filed with the SEC (other than documents or portions of documents furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or as otherwise permitted by the SEC rules):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2007;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended December 29, 2007, and March 29, 2008;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K and Form 8-K/A, as applicable, filed with the SEC on October 2, October 10, November 13, December 4 and December 20, 2007, and February 20, March 5, March 10, March 14, March 31, May 5, and May 12, 2008; and

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the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A-3 filed with the SEC on November 21, 2003.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings made with the SEC (other than information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or as otherwise permitted by the SEC rules) under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 until we complete our sale of the securities to the public.

You may obtain a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or calling us at the following address:

Pilgrim s Pride Corporation

4845 U.S. Highway 271 North

Pittsburg, Texas 75686-0093

Telephone (903) 434-1000

Attention: Corporate Secretary

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We from time to time may offer to sell debt securities, preferred stock, either separately or represented by depositary shares, common stock, warrants and stock purchase contracts, as well as units that include any of these securities or securities of other entities. The debt securities, preferred stock, warrants and stock purchase contracts may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for common or preferred stock or other securities of our company or debt or equity securities of one or more other entities. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol PPC.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. The specific terms of any securities to be offered will be described in a supplement to this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is December 2, 2005.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities offered by us. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add to, update or change information contained in the prospectus and, accordingly, to the extent inconsistent, information in this prospectus is superseded by the information in the prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement to be attached to the front of this prospectus may describe, as applicable: the terms of the securities offered, the initial public offering price, the price paid for the securities, net proceeds and the other specific terms related to the offering of these securities.

You should only rely on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making offers to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the cover of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the following location of the SEC:

Public Reference Room

100 F Street, NE, Room 1580

Washington, D.C. 20549

You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, you may inspect our SEC filings at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Any information referenced this way is considered to be part of this prospectus, and any information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents that we have filed with the SEC:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2005; and

the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A-3 filed with the SEC on November 21, 2003.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings made with the SEC (other than information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K or as otherwise permitted by the SEC's rules) under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 before termination of the offering.

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This prospectus is part of a registration statement we have filed with the SEC relating to the securities. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits and schedules we file with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules for more information about us and our securities. The registration statement and exhibits and schedules are also available at the SEC's Public Reference Room or through its Web site.

You may obtain a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing or calling us at the following address:

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USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sales of the securities for general corporate purposes unless otherwise set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The debt securities we may offer pursuant to this prospectus will be general unsecured obligations of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and will be senior, senior subordinated or subordinated debt. In this description, references to Pilgrim's Pride, we, us or our refer only to Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and not to any of our subsidiaries. Our unsecured senior debt securities will be issued under an Indenture, dated as of August 9, 2001, between us and JP Morgan Chase Bank (formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank), as trustee, or another indenture to be entered into by us and JP Morgan Chase Bank or another trustee to be named in a prospectus supplement. We also may appoint JP Morgan Chase Bank or another trustee as trustee for one or more series of senior debt securities that we may issue under the August 9, 2001 senior debt indenture. The unsecured senior subordinated debt securities will be issued under a separate indenture to be entered into by us and The Bank of New York or another trustee to be named in a prospectus supplement. The unsecured subordinated debt securities will be issued under a separate indenture to be entered into by us and a trustee to be named in a prospectus supplement.

Copies of the August 9, 2001 senior debt indenture and its first supplemental indenture have been previously filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Another form of senior debt indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Forms of the senior subordinated debt indenture and the subordinated debt indenture are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should refer to the applicable indenture for more specific information.

The senior debt securities will rank equally with each other and with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. Our senior debt securities will effectively be subordinated to our secured indebtedness, including amounts we have borrowed under any secured revolving or term credit facility, and the liabilities of our subsidiaries. The senior subordinated debt securities will be subordinate and junior in right of payment, as more fully described in an indenture and in any applicable supplement to the indenture, to the senior indebtedness designated in such indenture or supplemental indenture. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinate and junior in right of payment, as more fully described in an indenture and in any applicable supplement to the indenture, to all of our senior and senior subordinated indebtedness.

We will include in a supplement to this prospectus the specific terms of each series of the debt securities being offered.

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

General

Our certificate of incorporation, as amended, authorizes us to issue 160 million shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 5 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of December 2, 2005, 66,555,733 shares of common stock and no shares of preferred stock were outstanding. In general, any series of preferred stock will be afforded preferences regarding dividends and liquidation rights over the common stock. The certificate of incorporation, as amended, empowers our Board of Directors, without approval of the stockholders, to cause preferred stock to be issued in one or more series, with the number of shares of each series and the rights, preferences and limitations of each series to be determined by it. The description set forth below is only a summary and is not complete. For more information regarding the common stock which may be offered by this prospectus, please refer to the applicable prospectus supplement, our certificate of incorporation, as amended, which is incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, and, if applicable, any certificate of designations establishing a series of preferred stock, which will be filed with the SEC as an exhibit to or incorporated by reference in the registration statement at or prior to the time of the issuance of that series of preferred stock. In addition, a more detailed description of the common stock may be found in the documents referred to in the second bullet point in the third paragraph of *Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation By Reference*.

Dividends

Subject to the prior rights and preferences, if any, applicable to shares of the preferred stock or any series thereof, the holders of shares of common stock will be entitled to receive such dividends (payable in cash, stock, or otherwise) as may be declared by our Board of Directors at any time and from time to time out of any funds legally available.

Dividends will be paid to the holders of record of the outstanding shares of common stock as their names appear on the stock register on the record date fixed by our Board of Directors in advance of declaration and payment of each dividend. Any shares of common stock issued as a dividend will, when so issued, be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and free of all liens and charges.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no dividends on shares of common stock will be declared by the Board of Directors or paid or set apart for payment at any time that such declaration, payment or setting apart is prohibited by applicable law.

Liquidation Rights

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of the company, after distribution in full of the preferential amounts, if any, to be distributed to the holders of shares of the preferred stock or any series thereof, the holders of shares of common stock will be entitled to receive all of the remaining assets of the company available for distribution to its stockholders, ratably in proportion to the number of shares of common stock held by them. A liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of the company, as such terms are used herein, will not be deemed to be occasioned by or to include any consolidation or merger of the company with or into any other corporation or corporations or other entity or a sale, lease, exchange, or conveyance of all or a part of the assets of the company.

Voting Rights

The holders of record of common stock will be entitled to one vote per share for all purposes, except that a holder of record of a share of common stock will be entitled to twenty votes per share on each matter submitted to a vote by the stockholders at a meeting of stockholders for each such share held of record by such

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holder on the record date for such meeting if, with respect to such share: (i) each and every beneficial owner of such share was the beneficial owner thereof at the effective time of the Class A Reclassification and Class B Reclassification (as defined in the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation filed on November 21, 2003); and (ii) there has been no change in the beneficial ownership of the share at any time after the filing of the Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation on November 21, 2003.

A change in beneficial ownership of an outstanding share of common stock will be deemed to have occurred whenever a change occurs in any person or group of persons who, directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship or otherwise has or shares (i) voting power, which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such share of common stock, (ii) investment power, which includes the power to direct the sale or other disposition of such share of common stock, (iii) the right to receive or retain the proceeds of any sale or other disposition of such share of common stock, or (iv) the right to receive any distributions, including cash dividends, in respect of such share of common stock.

A change in beneficial ownership will not be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of:

(i) any event that occurred prior to November 21, 2003 pursuant to the terms of any contract (other than a contract for the purchase and sale of shares of common stock contemplating prompt settlement), including contracts providing for options, rights of first refusal and similar arrangements in existence at the time of such filing to which any holder of shares of common stock is a party;

(ii) any transfer of any interest in a share of common stock pursuant to a bequest or inheritance by operation of law upon the death of any individual, or by any other transfer to or primarily for the benefit of family member(s) of the transferor or any trust, partnership or other entity primarily for the benefit of one or more of such family member(s), or pursuant to an appointment of a successor trustee, general partner or similar fiduciary or the grant of a proxy or other voting rights to one or more individuals with respect to any such trust, partnership or other entity, including a gift;

(iii) any change in the beneficiary of any trust or any distribution of a share of common stock from trust, by reason of the birth, death, marriage or divorce of any natural person, the adoption of any natural person prior to age 18 or the passage of a given period of time or the attainment by any natural person of a specific age, or the creation or termination of any guardianship or custodial arrangement;

(iv) any transfer of any interest in a share of common stock from one spouse to another by reason of separation or divorce or under or pursuant to community property laws or other similar laws of any jurisdiction;

(v) any appointment of a successor trustee, agent, guardian, custodian or similar fiduciary with respect to a share of common stock if neither such successor has nor its predecessor had the power to vote or to dispose of such share of common stock without further instructions from others;

(vi) any change in the person to whom dividends or other distributions in respect of a share of common stock are to be paid pursuant to the issuance or modification of a revocable dividend payment order;

(vii) any transfer of the beneficial ownership of a share of common stock from one employee benefit plan of the Company to another employee benefit plan of the Company;

(viii) the grant by any person of the right to vote any shares of which such person is the beneficial owner, provided the agreement, arrangement or understanding to vote such shares arises solely from a revocable proxy or consent given in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made to 10 or more persons; or

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(ix) any event occurring under the Share Voting Agreement, dated as of June 7, 2003, among Lonnie Bo Pilgrim, Lonnie Ken Pilgrim and certain affiliated entities and ConAgra Foods, Inc. or any voting agreement to which any such persons or entities are parties entered into in connection with the New York Stock Exchange's consent to the Class A Reclassification and Class B Reclassification.

As used above, family member of a transferor means the transferor's spouse, ancestors, lineal descendants, siblings and their descendants, aunts and uncles, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and first cousins; and a legally adopted child of an individual will be treated as a child of such individual by blood.

All determinations concerning changes in beneficial ownership, or the absence of any such change, will be made by us or, at any time when a transfer agent is acting with respect to the share of common stock, by such transfer agent on our behalf. Written procedures designed to facilitate such determinations will be established by the Company and refined from time to time. Such procedures will provide, among other things, the manner of proof of facts that will be accepted and the frequency with which such proof may be required to be renewed. We and any transfer agent will be entitled to rely on all information concerning beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock coming to their attention from any source and in any manner reasonably deemed by them to be reliable, but neither we nor any transfer agent will be charged with any other knowledge concerning the beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock.

A beneficial owner of any share of common stock acquired as a direct result of a stock split, stock dividend, reclassification, rights offering or other distribution of shares or rights by us with respect to existing shares (dividend shares) will be deemed to have been the continuous beneficial owner of such share from the date on which the original shares, with respect to which the dividend shares were issued, were acquired.

The number of authorized shares of common stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the common stock.

Preemptive Rights; Subscription Rights; Cumulative Voting

Stockholders will not be entitled to preemptive or subscription rights or to cumulative voting.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock is Computershare Investor Services.

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

As noted above, our certificate of incorporation, as amended, authorizes us to issue 5 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In general, any series of preferred stock will be afforded preferences regarding dividends and liquidation rights over the common stock. The certificate of incorporation, as amended, empowers our Board of Directors, without approval of the stockholders, to cause preferred stock to be issued in one or more series, with the number of shares of each series and the rights, preferences and limitations of each series to be determined by it.

We will include in a supplement to this prospectus the terms relating to any series of preferred stock being offered. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the distinctive title of such preferred stock;

the number of shares offered;

the initial offering price;

any liquidation preference per share;

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any dividend rights and the specific terms relating to those dividend rights, including the applicable dividend rate, period and/or payment date;

the date from which dividends on such preferred stock will accumulate, if applicable;

whether the shares of preferred stock may be issued at a discount below their liquidation preference, and material United States federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable to that preferred stock;

whether and upon what terms we or a holder of preferred stock can elect to pay or receive dividends, if any, in cash or in additional shares of preferred stock, and material United States federal income tax, accounting and other considerations applicable to any additional shares of preferred stock paid as dividends;

whether and upon what terms the shares will be redeemable;

whether and upon what terms the shares will have a sinking fund to be used to purchase or redeem the shares of any series;

whether and upon what terms the shares will be convertible into common stock or exchangeable for debt securities, including the conversion price or exchange rate, as applicable;

the relative priority of such shares to other series of preferred stock with respect to rights and preferences;

the limitations, if any, on the issue of any additional series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with that series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, or dissolution or the winding up of our affairs;

any voting rights;

whether or not the shares are or will be listed on any securities exchange or quoted on an automated quotation system;

a discussion of Federal income tax considerations applicable to the shares; and

any additional terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions applicable to the shares.

The preferred stock will have no preemptive rights. All of the preferred stock, upon payment in full of such shares, will be fully-paid, validly issued and non-assessable.

DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

We may, at our option, elect to offer fractional shares of preferred stock, rather than full shares of preferred stock. In the event we exercise this option, we will issue receipts for depositary shares, each of which will represent a fraction, to be described in an applicable prospectus supplement, of a share of a particular series of preferred stock. The preferred stock represented by depositary shares will be deposited under a deposit agreement between us and a bank or trust company selected by us and having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. Subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, each owner of a depositary share will be

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entitled, in proportion to the applicable preferred stock or fraction thereof represented by the depositary share, to all of the rights and preferences of the preferred stock represented thereby, including any dividend, voting, redemption, conversion and liquidation rights. The depositary shares will be evidenced by depositary receipts issued pursuant to the deposit agreement.

The particular terms of the depositary shares offered by any prospectus supplement will be described in the prospectus supplement, which will also include a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences.

A copy of the form of deposit agreement, including the form of depositary receipt, will be included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock and debt securities. Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase for cash a number of shares of common stock or preferred stock or the principal amount of debt securities at the exercise price as will in each case be described in, or can be determined from, the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offered warrants. Warrants may be issued independently or together with any securities and may be attached to or separate from the securities. The warrants will be issued under warrant agreements to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent. You should read the particular terms of the warrants, which will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The particular terms of any warrants offered by any prospectus supplement, and the extent to which the general provisions summarized below may apply to the offered securities, will be described in the prospectus supplement.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of warrants we offer, the warrant agreement relating to the warrants and the certificates representing the warrants, including, to the extent applicable:

the title of the warrants;

the aggregate number of warrants;

the price or prices at which the warrants will be issued;

the currency or currencies, including composite currencies or currency units, in which the price of the warrants may be payable;

the designation, number or aggregate principal amount and terms of the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants, and the procedures and conditions relating to the exercise of the warrants;

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence, and the date on which the right will expire;

the designation and terms of any related securities with which the warrants are issued, and the number of the warrants issued with each security;

the currency or currencies, including composite currencies or currency units, in which any principal, premium, if any, or interest on the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants will be payable;

the date, if any, on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

the maximum or minimum number of the warrants which may be exercised at any time;

any other specific terms of the warrants; and

if necessary, a discussion of material U.S. federal income tax considerations.

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DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may issue stock purchase contracts representing contracts obligating holders to purchase from us, and us to sell to the holders, a specified or varying number of shares of our common stock, preferred stock or depository shares at a future date or dates. Alternatively, the stock purchase contracts may obligate us to purchase from holders, and obligate holders to sell to us, a specified or varying number of shares of common stock, preferred stock or depository shares. The price per share of our common stock, preferred stock or depository shares and number of shares of our common stock may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are entered into or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any stock purchase contract. The stock purchase contracts will be issued pursuant to documents to be issued by us. You should read the particular terms of the documents, which will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units of securities consisting of one or more stock purchase contracts, warrants, debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depository shares or any combination thereof. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any units and the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may or may not be traded separately. The units will be issued pursuant to documents to be issued by us. You should read the particular terms of the documents, which will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS AND STATUTES

Limitation of Directors' Liability and Indemnification

The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides that a corporation may limit the personal liability of each director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages, except for liability arising because of any of the following:

any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;

acts or omissions by the director not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

certain unlawful dividend payments or stock redemptions or repurchases; and

any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

Our certificate of incorporation, as amended, provides for the elimination and limitation of the personal liability of our directors for monetary damages except for situations described in the bullet points listed above. The effect of this provision is to eliminate our rights and the rights of our stockholders (through stockholders' derivative suits on our behalf) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of the fiduciary duty of care as a director (including breaches resulting from negligent or grossly negligent behavior) except in the situations described in the bullet points listed above. This provision does not limit or eliminate our rights or any stockholder's right to seek non-monetary relief such as an injunction or rescission in the event of a breach of a director's duty of care.

Under Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, we generally have the power to indemnify our present and former directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred by them in connection with any suit (other than a suit by us or in our right) to which they were or are, or are threatened to be made, a party by reason of their serving in such positions for us, or is or was serving at our request in such positions for another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, so long as they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interests, and with respect to any criminal action, they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful. Section 145 further provides that in connection with the defense or settlement of any action by us or in our right, we may indemnify our present and former directors, officers, employees and agents against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by them if, in connection with the matters in issue, they acted in good faith, in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our best interests, except that we may not indemnify those persons with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which they have been adjudged liable to us unless the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought approves such indemnification. Section 145 also expressly provides that the power to indemnify authorized by that statute is not exclusive of any rights granted under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors, or otherwise.

Our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws provide that we will indemnify and hold harmless any present or former officer or director or any officer or director who is or was serving at the request of us as a director, officer, partner, venturer, proprietor, trustee, employee, agent or similar functionary of another corporation, partnership, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, from and against fines, judgments, penalties, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses actually incurred by such person in connection with any suit to which they were or are made, or are threatened to be made, a party, or to which they are a witness without being named a party, if it is determined that he acted in good faith and reasonably believed:

in the case of conduct in his official capacity on behalf of us, that his conduct was in our best interests;

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in all other cases, that his conduct was not opposed to our best interests; and

with respect to any criminal action, that he had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

However, if a determination is made that a person is liable to us or is found liable on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received by that person, the indemnification is limited to reasonable expenses actually incurred by that person in connection with the suit and will not be made in respect of any suit in which such person was found liable for willful or intentional misconduct in the performance of his duty to us.

According to our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws and Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, we have the power to purchase and maintain insurance for our present and former directors, officers, employees and agents.

The above discussion of our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws and of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law is only a summary and is not complete. For more information regarding our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws, please refer to our Amended and Restated Corporate Bylaws, which are incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Section 203 of the Delaware Code

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, the statute prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless:

before such date the board of directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in that person becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding, for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding, shares owned by certain directors or certain employee stock plans; or

on or after the date the stockholder became an interested stockholder, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock, excluding the stock owned by the interested stockholder.

A business combination includes mergers, stock or asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholders. An interested stockholder is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns (or within three years, did own) 15% or more of the corporation's voting stock. Although Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits us to elect not to be governed by its provisions, to date we have not made this election. As a result of the application of that statute, our potential acquirors may be discouraged from attempting to effect an acquisition transaction with us, which could possibly deprive holders of our securities of certain opportunities to sell or otherwise dispose of such securities at above-market prices in such transactions.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities will be passed upon for us by Baker & McKenzie LLP, Dallas, Texas.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation appearing in Pilgrim's Pride Corporation's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 2005 (including schedules appearing therein), and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of October 1, 2005 included therein, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and management's assessment are, and audited financial statements and Pilgrim's Pride's management's assessments of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements and management's assessments (to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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7,500,000 Shares

Pilgrim s Pride Corporation

Common Stock

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