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EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE PORK ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Case No. 18-1776 (JRT/JFD)

MDL No. 21-2998

This Document Relates To:

ALL CLASS ACTIONS

**DECLARATION OF CAMERON R. AZARI,
ESQ. REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION
AND ADEQUACY OF NOTICE PROGRAM**

I, Cameron Azari, declare as follows:

1. My name is Cameron R. Azari, Esq. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and I believe them to be true and correct.

2. I am a nationally recognized expert in the field of legal notice, and I have served as an expert in hundreds of federal and state cases involving class action notice plans.

3. I am a Senior Vice President with Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. (“Epiq”) and the Director of Legal Notice for Hilsoft Notifications (“Hilsoft”); a firm that specializes in designing, developing, analyzing, and implementing large-scale legal notification plans. Hilsoft is a business unit of Epiq. I previously filed declarations in this matter related to Epiq’s administration of the settlements with the JBS Defendants and Smithfield Foods.

4. The facts in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge, as well as information provided to me by my colleagues in the ordinary course of my business at Hilsoft and Epiq.

OVERVIEW

5. This declaration will describe the implementation of the Class Certification Notice Program for the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs (“Notice Program” or “Notice Plan”) and notice (the “Notice” or “Notices”) for *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation*, Case No. 18-1776 (JRT/JFD) for the remaining non-settling Defendants. I previously executed my *Declaration of Cameron R. Azari, Esq. Regarding Notice Program* (“Notice Program Declaration”)

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on June 21, 2024, which described the Notice Program, detailed Hilsoft's class action notice experience, and attached Hilsoft's *curriculum vitae*. I also provided my educational and professional experience relating to class actions and my ability to render opinions on overall adequacy of notice programs.

NOTICE PROGRAM METHODOLOGY

6. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 directs that notice must be "the best notice that is practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members who can be identified through reasonable effort."¹ The Notice Program as implemented satisfied this requirement. Notice was provided by an individual notice effort and was supplemented by a targeted media campaign.

NOTICE PROGRAM DETAIL

7. As detailed in my Notice Program Declaration, I have reviewed the Court's Class Certification Order for the remaining non-settling Defendants issued on March 29, 2023, which certified the following classes:

Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs

Proposed Injunctive Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the United States from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.²

¹ Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(c)(2)(B).

² Excluded from the class are: Natural persons who purchased pork for their personal use and not for commercial food preparation (End-User Consumers); purchases of pork directly from Defendants; purchases of pork for resale in unaltered form; purchases of pork from an intermediary who has further processed the pork; the Defendants; the officers, directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any Defendant; any federal, state governmental entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, any juror assigned to this action; and any coconspirator identified in this action.

Proposed Damages Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the Repealer Jurisdictions³ from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

8. The Notice Program was designed to reach the greatest practicable number of identified Class members sent individual notice via email and/or mail. The Notice Program (individual notice and supplemental media - nationally distributed digital and social media) reached approximately 77% of the Classes, with an average frequency of 2.6 times each. The reach was further enhanced by internet sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a case website, which are not included in the estimated reach calculation. In my experience, the reach of the Notice Program was consistent with other court approved notice programs, was the best notice practicable under the circumstances of this case and satisfied the requirements of due process, including its “desire to actually inform” requirement.⁴

INDIVIDUAL NOTICE

Email Notice – Direct Mail

9. On April 10, 2024, Epiq received an email list of 140,834 restaurants nationwide

³ “Repealer Jurisdictions” are those states that have “repealed” the Supreme Court’s holding in *Illinois Brick Co. v. Illinois*, 431 U.S. 720 (1977), and provide standing to indirect purchasers. Commercial IIPPs assert damages claims in: Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The class period for Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee class members is proposed to begin June 28, 2015. (Commercial IIPPs’ Mot. Certify Class at 2–3 n.2.)

⁴ *Mullane v. Cent. Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950) (“But when notice is a person’s due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it. The reasonableness and hence the constitutional validity of any chosen method may be defended on the ground that it is in itself reasonably certain to inform those affected . . .”).

(“potential Class List”). This data was combined with the data from previous settlements with the JBS Defendants and Smithfield Foods and resulted in 175,522 valid email addresses. This data was used to provide individual notice to the Classes.

10. On July 9, 2024, Epiq sent 175,522 Email Notices to identified Class members for whom a valid email address was available. The following industry standard best practices were followed for the Email Notice efforts. The Email Notice was created using an embedded html text format. This format provided easy- to- read text without graphics, tables, images and other elements that in our experience would increase the likelihood that the message could be blocked by Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and/or SPAM filters for this type of email communication. Each Email Notice was also transmitted with a unique message identifier. The Email Notice included an embedded link to the case website. By clicking the link, recipients were able to access the Long Form Notice and other information about the case. The Email Notice is included as **Attachment 1**. The Long Form Notice is included as **Attachment 2**.

11. If the receiving email server could not deliver the message, a “bounce code” was returned along with the unique message identifier. For any Email Notice for which a bounce code was received indicating that the message was undeliverable for reasons such as an inactive or disabled account, the recipient’s mailbox was full, technical auto-replies, etc., at least two additional attempts were made to deliver the Notice by email. After completion of the Email Notice effort, 28,562 Email Notices remained undeliverable.

Media Plan

Targeted Internet Banner Advertising

12. Internet advertising has become a standard component in legal notice programs. The internet has proven to be an efficient and cost-effective method to target class members as part of providing notice of class certification and/or a settlement for a class action case. According to MRI-Simmons data, 97% of all adults are online and 85% of all adults use social media.⁵

⁵ MRI-Simmons 2022 Survey of the American Consumer®.

13. The Notice Program included targeted banner advertising on selected advertising networks, which were targeted to Class members. The internet Banner Notices linked directly to the case website, thereby allowing visitors easy access to relevant information and documents.

14. The internet Banner Notices used language from the Notices, which allowed users to identify themselves as potential Class members. As an additional way to draw the interest of Class members, and to be consistent with Federal Judicial Center's recommendations that a picture or graphic may help class members self-identify, the internet Banner Notices were prominently feature a high-resolution graphic of a diagram of the pork butcher cuts identified on a pig. Examples of the Banner Notices are included as **Attachment 3**.

15. The Notice Program included internet Banner Notices in various sizes, which were placed on the advertising networks, *Google Display Network* and *Yahoo Audience Network*. Combined, these ad networks cover 90% of the United States' population that is online. All internet Banner Notices ran on desktop, mobile and tablet devices and were distributed to the selected targeted audiences nationwide as described below. Banner Notices were also targeted (remarketed) to people who visited the website after clicking on a Banner Notice.

16. The Notice Program also included advertising on social media, which consisted of internet Banner Notices on *Facebook* and *LinkedIn* in multiple sizes. *Facebook* is the leading social networking site in the United States with more than 175 million users⁶ in the United States and *LinkedIn* is the world's largest professional network on the internet with 200 million members in the United States.⁷

17. More details regarding the target audiences, distribution, and specific ad sizes of the internet Banner Notices, are included in the following table.

⁶ Statista Digital 2023: Global Overview Report. Statista, founded in 2007, is a leading provider of worldwide market and consumer data and is trusted by thousands of companies around the world for data. Statista.com consolidates statistical data on over 80,000 topics from more than 22,500 sources and makes it available in German, English, French and Spanish.

⁷ Statista.

<i>Network/Property</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Distribution</i>	<i>Ad Sizes</i>	<i>Delivered Impressions</i>
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Adults 18+	National	728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 970x250	10,296,381
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Custom Affinity Audience: ⁸ Business Owner	National	728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 970x250	20,817,383
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Custom Intent Audience: ⁹ Food Service	National	728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 970x250	21,092,761
<i>Google Display Network</i>	Custom Affinity Audience: Food Service	National	728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 970x250	20,752,171
<i>Yahoo Audience Network</i>	Finance/Business Channels	National	728x90, 300x250, 300x600, 970x250	31,802,673
<i>Facebook</i>	Adults 18+	National	Newsfeed & Right Hand Column	5,107,086
<i>Facebook</i>	Interests include Business Ownership	National	Newsfeed & Right Hand Column	13,501,721
<i>Facebook</i>	Interests include Food Service	National	Newsfeed & Right Hand Column	13,570,537
<i>Facebook</i>	Demographics Targeting: Food and Restaurants	National	Newsfeed & Right Hand Column	13,698,064
<i>LinkedIn</i>	Jobs in the Food Service Industry	National	LinkedIn Ads	15,186,427
TOTAL				165,825,204

18. Combined, approximately 165 million targeted impressions were generated by the internet Banner Notices, which ran from July 9, 2024 through August 8, 2024, nationwide.¹⁰ Clicking on the Banner Notices linked the reader to the case website, where they could easily

⁸ “Custom Affinity Audience” means Banner Notices were targeted to specific website content, here meaning websites, blogs, etc. that focus on business owners, small business, business and industrial, business news, business opportunities, and business formation.

⁹ “Custom Intent Audience” means Banner Notices were targeted to individuals who have searched for the targeted topic, here meaning the food service, restaurant supply, business and industrial, good distribution, and hospitality industry.

¹⁰ The third-party ad management platform, ClickCease was used to audit the Digital Notice ad placements. This type of platform tracks all Digital Notice ad clicks to provide real-time ad monitoring, fraud traffic analysis, blocks clicks from fraudulent sources, and quarantines dangerous IP addresses. This helps reduce wasted, fraudulent, or otherwise invalid traffic (e.g., ads being seen by ‘bots’ or non-humans, ads not being viewable, etc.).

obtain detailed information about the case.

19. Throughout the implementation of the Notice Program, Hilsoft continuously monitored the effectiveness of the Notice Program to ensure impression goals were met to satisfy a combined reach of 77%.

Sponsored Search Listings

20. The Notice Program included purchasing sponsored search listings to facilitate locating the case website. Sponsored search listings were acquired on the three most highly visited internet search engines: *Google*, *Yahoo!*, and *Bing*. When search engine visitors searched on selected common keyword combinations related to the case, the sponsored search listing was generally displayed at the top of the page prior to the search results or in the upper right-hand column. Representative search terms included word and phrase variations related to the case. The sponsored search listings were displayed nationwide.

21. The sponsored search listings ran from July 9, 2024, through August 23, 2024 and were displayed 32,264 times, resulting in 806 clicks that displayed the case website. A complete list of the sponsored search keyword combinations is included as **Attachment 4**. Examples of the sponsored search listing as displayed on each search engine are included as **Attachment 5**.

Informational Release

22. To build additional reach and extend exposures, a party-neutral Informational Release was issued broadly over PR Newswire to approximately 5,000 general media (print and broadcast) outlets, including local and national newspapers, magazines, national wire services, television and radio broadcast media across the United States as well as approximately 4,500 websites, online databases, internet networks and social networking media. The informational release was also distributed to more than 690 journalists that report specifically on restaurants and the food industry.

23. The Informational Release included the address of the case website and the toll-free telephone number. Although there was no guarantee that any news stories would result, the

Informational Release served a valuable role by providing additional notice exposures beyond that which was provided by the paid media. The Informational Release is included as **Attachment 6**.

Case Website, Toll-free Telephone Number, and Postal Mailing Address

24. The existing case website (www.PorkCommercialCase.com) established for the previous settlements with the JBS Defendants and Smithfield Foods in this case was updated with information regarding the lawsuit. The case website allows Class members to obtain detailed information about the case and review key documents, including the Complaints, Long Form Notice, and *Memorandum Opinion and Order Granting Class Plaintiffs' Motions for Class Certification and Denying Defendants' Motions to Exclude Expert Testimony*, as well as answers to frequently asked questions ("FAQs"). The website address was displayed prominently on all Notice documents.

25. From July 1, 2024, to September 10, 2024, there have been 12,269 unique visitor sessions to the website and 18,124 website pages presented.

26. The existing toll-free telephone number (1-855-867-0738) established for the previous settlements with the JBS Defendants and Smithfield Foods in this case was updated with information regarding the lawsuit. Class members are able to call for additional information, listen to answers to FAQs, and request that a Notice be mailed to them. The toll-free telephone number was prominently displayed in the Notice documents as well. The automated phone system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

27. From July 1, 2024, to September 10, 2024, the toll-free telephone number has handled 25 calls representing 75 minutes of use.

28. A post office box and an email address for correspondence about the case was also established and maintained, allowing Class members to contact the Notice Administrator by mail with any specific requests or questions.

Requests for Exclusion

29. The deadline to request exclusion from the case was August 23, 2024. As of September 10, 2024, Epiq has not received any requests for exclusion.

PLAIN LANGUAGE NOTICE DESIGN

30. The Notices were designed to be “noticed” and reviewed by Class members and were written in plain language so the Notices would be understood by Class members. The design of the Notices followed the principles embodied in the Federal Judicial Center’s illustrative “model” notices posted at www.fjc.gov. Many courts, and as previously cited, the FJC itself, have approved notices that we have written and designed in a similar fashion. The Notices contained substantial, albeit easy-to-read, summaries of all of the key information about Class members’ rights and options. Consistent with our normal practice, all notice documents underwent a final edit for grammatical errors and accuracy.

31. The Notices were designed to increase noticeability and comprehension. Once people “notice” the Notices, it is critical that they can understand them. As such, the Notices, as written, were clearly worded with an emphasis on simple, plain language to encourage readership and comprehension.

32. The Notices featured a prominent headline in bold text. These design elements alerted recipients and readers that the Notice is an important document authorized by a court and that the content may affect them, thereby supplying reasons to read the Notice.

33. The Long Form Notice provided substantial information to Class members. It begins with a summary page, which provided a concise overview of the important information and a table, which highlights key options available to Class members. A table of contents, categorized into logical sections, helped to organize the information, while a question and answer format made it easy to find answers to common questions by breaking the information into simple headings.

CONCLUSION

34. In class action notice planning, execution, and analysis, we are guided by due process considerations under the United States Constitution, and by case law pertaining to the recognized notice standards under Rule 23. This framework directs that the notice plan be optimized to reach the class and, in a class certification notice situation such as this, that the notice or notice plan itself not limit knowledge of legal rights—nor the ability to exercise other options—to class members in any way. All of these requirements were met in this case.

35. The Notice Program included individual notice to potential identified Class members and supplemental media. The Notice Program (individual notice and supplemental media - nationally distributed digital and social media) reached 77% of the Classes. The reach was further enhanced internet sponsored search listings, an informational release, and a case website. In 2010, the Federal Judicial Center issued a Judges’ Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide. This Guide states that, “the lynchpin in an objective determination of the adequacy of a proposed notice effort is whether all the notice efforts together will reach a high percentage of the class. It is reasonable to reach between 70–95%.”¹¹ Here, we developed a Notice Program that readily achieved a reach within that standard.

36. The Notice Program followed the guidance for how to satisfy due process obligations that a notice expert gleans from the United States Supreme Court’s seminal decisions, which are: a) to endeavor to actually inform the class, and b) to demonstrate that notice is reasonably calculated to do so:

- A. “But when notice is a person’s due, process which is a mere gesture is not due process. The means employed must be such as one desirous of actually informing the absentee might reasonably adopt to accomplish it,” *Mullane v. Central Hanover Trust*, 339 U.S. 306, 315 (1950).
- B. “[N]otice must be reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise interested parties of the pendency of the action and afford them

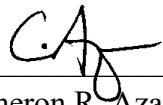
¹¹ FED. JUDICIAL CTR, JUDGES’ CLASS ACTION NOTICE AND CLAIMS PROCESS CHECKLIST AND PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE 3 (2010), available at <https://www.fjc.gov/content/judges-class-action-notice-and-claims-process-checklist-and-plain-language-guide-0>.

an opportunity to present their objections,” *Eisen v. Carlisle & Jacquelin*, 417 U.S. 156 (1974) citing *Mullane* at 314.

37. The Notice Program described in this declaration provided for the best notice practicable under the circumstances of this case, conformed to all aspects of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23 regarding notice, and comported with the guidance for effective notice articulated in the Manual for Complex Litigation 4th Ed, and follows the Federal Judicial Center’s Judges’ Class Action Notice and Claims Process Checklist and Plain Language Guide (2010).

38. The Notice Program schedule afforded sufficient time to provide full and proper notice to Class members before the exclusion request deadline.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on September 10, 2024, at Beaverton, Oregon.



Cameron R. Azari, Esq.

Attachment 1

From: Pork Antitrust Litigation (CIIPP) <noreply@porkcommercialcase.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2024 10:25 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Notice of Class Action Antitrust Lawsuit

Court Approved Legal Notice

If you purchased uncooked pork bacon, fresh or frozen loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from June 28, 2014, to June 30, 2018, for business use in commercial food preparation, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.

A class action antitrust lawsuit was filed on behalf of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs against Defendants Agri Stats, Inc. ("Agri Stats"); Clemens Food Group, LLC and The Clemens Family Corporation (together and separately, "Clemens"); Hormel Foods Corporation and Hormel Foods, LLC (together and separately, "Hormel"); Seaboard Foods LLC and Seaboard Corporation (together and separately, "Seaboard"); Triumph Foods, LLC ("Triumph"); and Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (together and separately, "Tyson") and other defendants.

This Notice is being provided because the court established or "certified," the lawsuit as a class action against Defendants Agri Stats, Clemens, Hormel, Seaboard, Triumph, and Tyson. In 2021, notice was provided regarding a settlement with Defendants JBS USA Food Company, JBS USA Food Company Holdings, Swift Pork Company, and related or affiliated entities ("JBS"). In 2022, notice was provided regarding a settlement with Defendants Smithfield Foods, Inc. and related or affiliated entities ("Smithfield"). You may be a member of the Settlement Class in either or both settlements with separate rights and you may be included in the certified class action against Defendants Agri Stats, Clemens, Hormel, Seaboard, Triumph, and Tyson. **Your decision to remain in the certified class or to exclude yourself will not affect your ability to participate in the previous settlements reached in this litigation.**

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota authorized this notice. This Court-ordered notice may affect your rights. Please read this notice carefully.

WHO IS INCLUDED?

The Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs class represent indirect purchasers who are not end users of pork products. The Court certified an injunctive relief class and damages class ("Classes") defined as:

Injunctive Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the United States from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any

product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

Damages Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the Repealer Jurisdictions from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

Only Class members in the following jurisdictions are eligible to potentially recover money from the settlement: Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and/or Wisconsin. The class period for Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee class members begins June 28, 2015.

If you are still not sure if you are included, please review the detailed information contained in the Class Certification Order, available [here](#), or call the Notice Administrator toll-free at 1-855-867-0738.

WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs allege that Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired and combined to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators (“Pork products”). In this lawsuit, Pork products do not include any product that is marketed as organic and/or without antibiotics and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded. The lawsuit alleges that Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired to increase prices of Pork products in the United States, in violation of federal antitrust laws and various state antitrust, consumer protection and unfair trade practices, and unjust enrichment laws. The Defendants have denied all allegations of wrongdoing in this lawsuit and have asserted defenses that, if successful, would result in the dismissal of Plaintiffs’ legal claims. The Court did not decide which side was right.

Plaintiffs allege a far-reaching, ongoing conspiracy to inflate pork prices on a nationwide basis and seek injunctive relief (a legal remedy that restrains a party from doing certain acts or requires a party to act in a certain way). In a lawsuit, injunctive relief means the Defendants would be required to stop the activities associated with any ongoing conspiracy to inflate Pork prices on a nationwide basis. If granted, the injunctive relief will survive until it is clear that the alleged misconduct will not recur.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class, which means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants. It also means that all the Court’s orders will apply to you and legally bind you.

If you do not want to be legally bound by the terms of the lawsuit, or if you wish to pursue your own separate lawsuit against the Defendants, you must exclude yourself. Your exclusion request must be **postmarked by August 23, 2024**. If there is a Settlement or judgment in the future, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, and the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class is later awarded money or

benefits, you will not be eligible to claim any of that money or benefits. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself. Details may also be found on the FAQs page of the website [here](#).

If you are a member of the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class and do not exclude yourself, you may be eligible to participate in additional settlements which may arise with other Defendants in the future. However, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit in the future.

WHEN WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHO IS RIGHT?

If the lawsuit is not dismissed or settled, there may be a trial. During the trial, the judge and/or jury will hear evidence to determine whether Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs or Defendants are right about the legal claims in the lawsuit. There is no guarantee the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs will win any money or benefits for the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class.

If there is a trial, you will not need to attend unless you choose to do so, or you are asked to attend by the Court. You and/or your own lawyer are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you are interested in attending, please check [here](#), or call the toll-free number and ask to be kept informed of the trial schedule.

This notice is a summary only. You can find more details about the lawsuit [here](#) or by calling toll-free 1-855-867-0738. Please do not contact the Court.

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You are subscribed to this email as [REDACTED].

Click here to modify your [preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#).

Attachment 2

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

If you purchased uncooked pork bacon, fresh or frozen loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from June 28, 2014, to June 30, 2018, for business use in commercial food preparation, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.

A federal court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- A class action antitrust lawsuit was filed on behalf of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs against Defendants Agri Stats, Inc. (“Agri Stats”); Clemens Food Group, LLC and The Clemens Family Corporation (together and separately, “Clemens”); Hormel Foods Corporation and Hormel Foods, LLC (together and separately, “Hormel”); Seaboard Foods LLC and Seaboard Corporation (together and separately, “Seaboard”); Triumph Foods, LLC (“Triumph”); and Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (together and separately, “Tyson”) and other defendants in the case entitled *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Actions)*, Case No. 0:18-cv-01776 (D. Minn.).
- The lawsuit is regarding whether Defendants combined and conspired in restraint of trade, the purpose and effect of which was to suppress competition and to allow Defendants and other pork producers to charge supra-competitive prices for pork products during select periods of time, in violation of federal and state laws.
- This Notice is being provided because the court established or “certified,” the lawsuit as a class action. In 2021, notice was provided regarding a settlement with Defendants JBS USA Food Company, JBS USA Food Company Holdings, Swift Pork Company, and related or affiliated entities (“JBS”). In 2022, notice was provided regarding a settlement with Defendants Smithfield Foods, Inc. and related or affiliated entities (“Smithfield”). You may be a member of the Settlement Class in either or both settlements with separate rights and you may be included in the certified class action against Defendants Agri Stats, Clemens, Hormel, Seaboard, Triumph, and Tyson. **Your decision to remain in the certified class or to exclude yourself will not affect your ability to participate in the previous settlements reached in this litigation.**
- The Court has not decided whether the Defendants did anything wrong and the Defendants deny any wrong-doing. Your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act. Please read this notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS		DEADLINE
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	<p>Get out of this lawsuit. Get no money or benefits if any are available in the future. Keep the right to sue separately.</p> <p>If you ask to be excluded from the Damages Class and money or benefits are later awarded to Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs, you will not receive any money or benefits. You will keep any right to file your own lawsuit or be part of any <i>other</i> lawsuit against the Defendants. If there is a Settlement or judgment in the future, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit. You cannot exclude yourself from the Injunctive Class.</p>	Postmarked by August 23, 2024
DO NOTHING	<p>Stay in this lawsuit. Give up the right to sue separately.</p> <p>If you do nothing, and you are a member of the Damages Class, you may become entitled to money or benefits if later awarded to Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs, if they prevail at a trial or as part of a settlement. You will give up your rights to sue the Defendants. You will be bound by any future judgment regarding the Defendants.</p>	

BASIC INFORMATION

1. What is this lawsuit about?

This class action is called *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Actions)*, Case No. 0:18-cv-01776, and is pending in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim is overseeing this class action. Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs allege that Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired and combined to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators (“Pork products”). In this lawsuit, Pork products do not include any product that is marketed as organic and/or without antibiotics and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded. The lawsuit alleges that Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired to increase prices of Pork products in the United States, in violation of federal antitrust laws and various state antitrust, consumer protection and unfair trade practices, and unjust enrichment laws.

The Defendants and co-conspirators named in the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs’ Fourth Amended and Consolidated Class Action Complaint are producers of Pork products in the United States and a company that provides benchmarking reports in certain agricultural industries. In this Notice, “Defendants” refers to Agri Stats, Inc. (“Agri Stats”); Clemens Food Group, LLC and The Clemens Family Corporation (together and separately, “Clemens”); Hormel Foods Corporation and Hormel Foods, LLC (together and separately, “Hormel”); Seaboard Foods LLC and Seaboard Corporation (together and separately, “Seaboard”); Triumph Foods, LLC (“Triumph”); and Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (together and separately, “Tyson”).

Although other defendants are involved in this lawsuit, the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs’ remaining allegations are against the Defendants listed. Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs previously reached Settlements with Smithfield and JBS. The Defendants have denied all allegations of wrongdoing in this lawsuit.

2. Why is the lawsuit a class action?

In a class action lawsuit, one or more businesses called class representatives sue on behalf of others who have similar legal claims, all of whom together are a “class.” Individual class members do not have to file a lawsuit to participate in the class action lawsuit or be bound by the judgment in the class action. One court resolves the issues for everyone in the class, except for those who exclude themselves from the class.

3. What if I received previous communications regarding this lawsuit?

You may have received other communications regarding this lawsuit, including solicitations by other attorneys seeking to represent you as a plaintiff in an individual (or “direct action”) lawsuit against Defendants. These communications were not approved by the Court and did not come from Court-appointed Class Counsel. You should carefully review this Notice and your rights as a potential member of the Class or Classes before deciding whether to opt out or stay in the Damages Class.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE LAWSUIT?

4. How do I know if I am part of the Lawsuit?

The Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs class represent indirect purchasers who are not end users of pork products. The Court certified an injunctive relief class and damages class (“Classes”) defined as:

Injunctive Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the United States from June 28, 2014, to

June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.¹

Damages Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the Repealer Jurisdictions² from June 28, 2014, to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

Plaintiffs allege a far-reaching, ongoing conspiracy to inflate pork prices on a nationwide basis and seek injunctive relief (a legal remedy that restrains a party from doing certain acts or requires a party to act in a certain way). In a lawsuit, injunctive relief means the Defendants would be required to stop the activities associated with any ongoing conspiracy to inflate Pork prices on a nationwide basis. If granted, the injunctive relief will survive until it is clear that the alleged misconduct will not recur.

5. What if I am still not sure whether I am included in the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class?

If you are still not sure if you are included, please review the detailed information contained in the Class Certification Order, available at www.PorkCommercialCase.com, or call the Notice Administrator toll-free at 1-855-867-0738.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

6. What am I giving up by staying in the Damages Class?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Damages Class, which means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants.

It also means that all the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you.

7. How do I exclude myself?

If you do not want to be legally bound by the terms of the lawsuit, or if you wish to pursue your own separate lawsuit against the Defendants, you must exclude yourself by submitting a written request to the Notice Administrator stating your intent to exclude yourself from the Damages Class (an "Exclusion Request"). Your Exclusion Request must include the following:

- (a) Your name and address;
- (b) A statement that you want to be excluded from the Damages Class in *In re Pork Antitrust Litigation (Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Actions)*; and
- (c) Your signature.

¹ Excluded from the class are: Natural persons who purchased pork for their personal use and not for commercial food preparation (End-User Consumers); purchases of pork directly from Defendants; purchases of pork for resale in unaltered form; purchases of pork from an intermediary who has further processed the pork; the Defendants; the officers, directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a controlling interest; and any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any Defendant; any federal, state governmental entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, any juror assigned to this action; and any coconspirator identified in this action.

² "Repealer Jurisdictions" here are states that have "repealed" the Supreme Court's holding in *Illinois Brick Co. v. Illinois*, 431 U.S. 720 (1977), and provide standing to indirect purchasers. Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs assert damages claims in: Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The class period for Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee class members begins June 28, 2015.

You must mail your Exclusion Request, **postmarked by August 23, 2024**, to

Pork Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Litigation
P.O. Box 6610
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You cannot exclude yourself from the Injunctive Class.

8. If I exclude myself, can I get anything from the lawsuit?

No. If you exclude yourself, and the Damages Class is later awarded money or benefits, you will not be eligible to claim any of that money or benefits. You also will not be legally bound by the Court's judgments if you exclude yourself. You will be able to sue (or continue to sue) Defendants on your own about the legal claims that are involved in this lawsuit, now or in the future, assuming your legal claims are not time-barred or otherwise prohibited (you should consult your own lawyer to make such a determination).

9. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue Defendants for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself from the Damages Class, you give up the right to sue Defendants for the legal claims that the lawsuit involves. If you have a pending lawsuit against Defendants, speak to your lawyer for that lawsuit immediately to determine whether you must exclude yourself from this lawsuit to continue your own lawsuit against the Defendants. If there is a Settlement or judgment in the future, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit.

10. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you are a member of the Damages Class and you do nothing, you will remain a member of the Damages Class. You will be legally bound by all the decisions the Court makes. You also can participate in any future settlements or judgments obtained by Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs against the Defendants in the lawsuit. If the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs obtain money or benefits you may be entitled to a share. Regardless of the outcome of the lawsuit, if you do nothing, and thereby remain in the Damages Class, you will never be able to sue (or continue to sue) the Defendants about the legal claims in this lawsuit. If you do nothing now and there is a Settlement or judgment in the future, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

11. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

Yes, the Court has appointed Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP and Larson · King LLP as Class Counsel for the Injunctive Class and the Damages Class. You do not need to hire your own lawyer because Class Counsel is working on your behalf. If you wish to pursue your own case separate from this one, or if you exclude yourself from the Damages Class, these lawyers will no longer represent you. You will need to hire your own lawyer if you wish to pursue your own lawsuit against the Defendants.

12. How will Class Counsel be paid?

If Class Counsel obtains money or benefits for the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class, they may ask the Court for fees and expenses. You will not have to pay these fees and expenses. If the Court grants their request, the fees and expenses will either be deducted from any money obtained or paid separately by Defendants.

A TRIAL

13. How and when will the Court decide who is right?

If the lawsuit is not dismissed or settled, there may be a trial. To prevail in the lawsuit, Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs will have to prove their legal claims at a trial to be scheduled later. During the trial, the judge and/or jury will hear evidence to determine whether Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs or Defendants are right about the legal claims in the lawsuit. There is no guarantee the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs will win any money or benefits for the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class.

14. If there is a trial, do I have to attend the trial?

If there is a trial, you will not need to attend unless you choose to do so, or you are asked to attend by the Court. You and/or your own lawyer are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you are interested in attending, please check the website, or call the toll-free number and ask to be kept informed of the trial schedule.

15. Will I get money if there is a trial?

If Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs obtain money or benefits for the Damages Class as a result of a trial, then members of the Damages Class will be notified about how to submit a claim to participate in a claims process. It is unknown how long this may take. Information will be posted on the website www.PorkCommercialCase.com as it becomes available. You can access the website whether you stay in the lawsuit or exclude yourself from the Damages Class.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

16. How do I get more information about the lawsuit?

This Notice summarizes the lawsuit and your legal rights. More details are in the Class Certification Order. You can find a copy of the Class Certification Order, other important documents, and information about the current status of the lawsuit by visiting www.PorkCommercialCase.com. You may contact the Notice Administrator at info@PorkCommercialCase.com or toll-free at 1-855-867-0738.

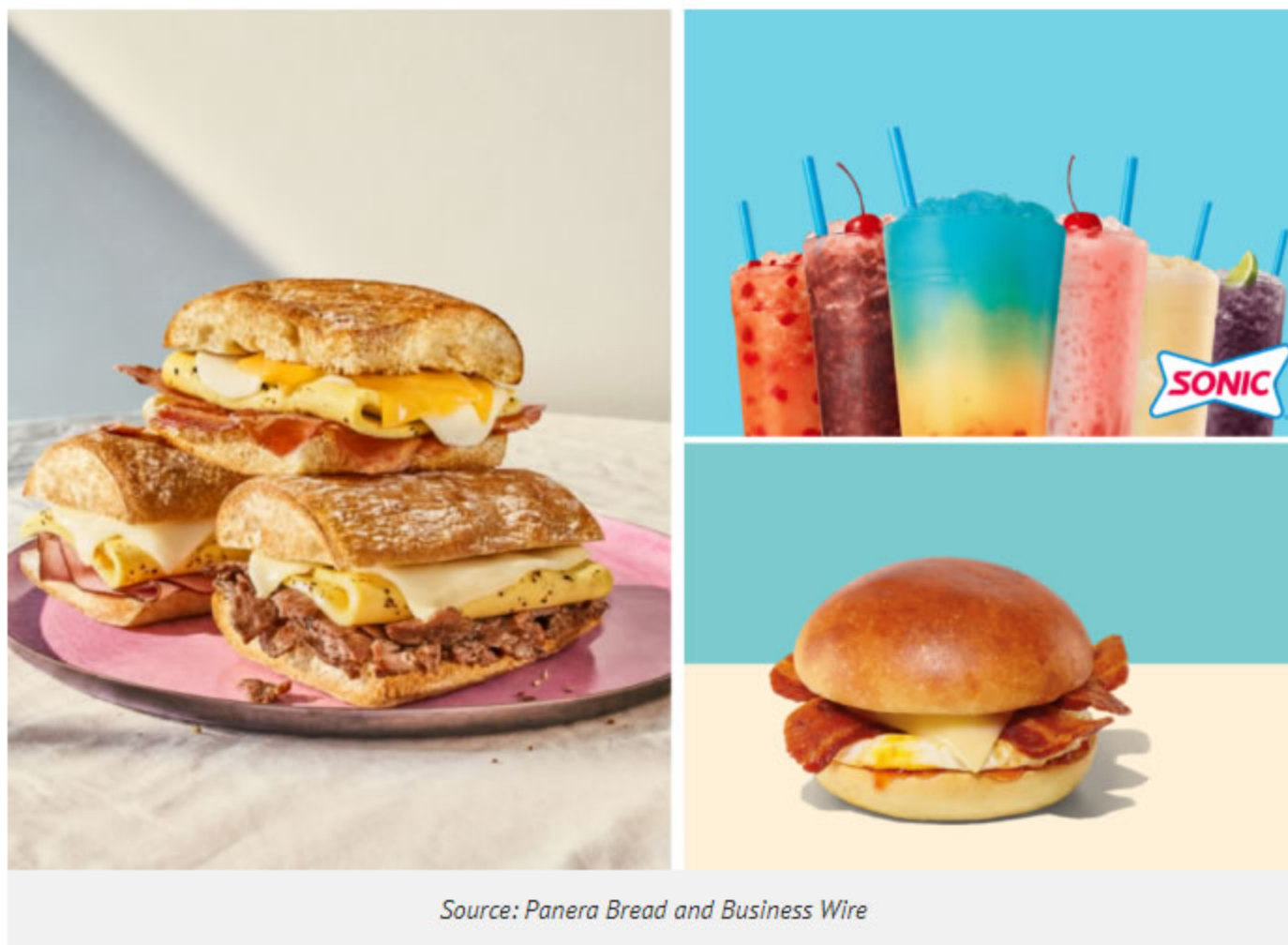
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New York's Union Square may be known for its incomparable farmers' market and seasonal winter holiday market, and a brand new pop-up is about to entice hungry visitors to the Manhattan neighborhood.

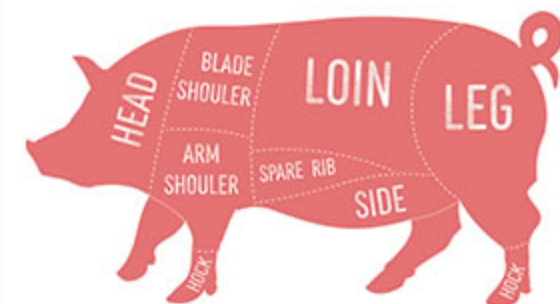
The inaugural Union Square Night Market will debut this July, full of food vendors curated by New York market producer [Urbanspace](#). "It's a trial year, we're hoping to come back for many, many years in the future," explains Evan Shelton, senior vice president at Urbanspace. "We want to transform Union Square into a great place to hang out all day long."

The market will open with 25 vendors, selected from Urbanspace's long-standing favorites and newcomers, and the programming will scale up to 50 vendors by the fourth week of the trial market.

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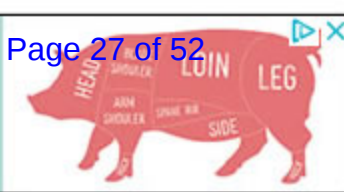
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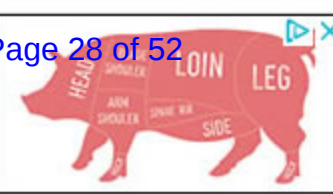
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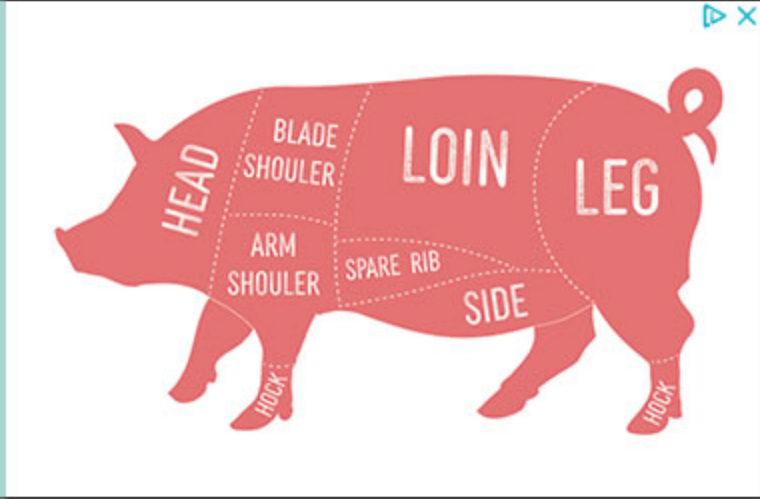
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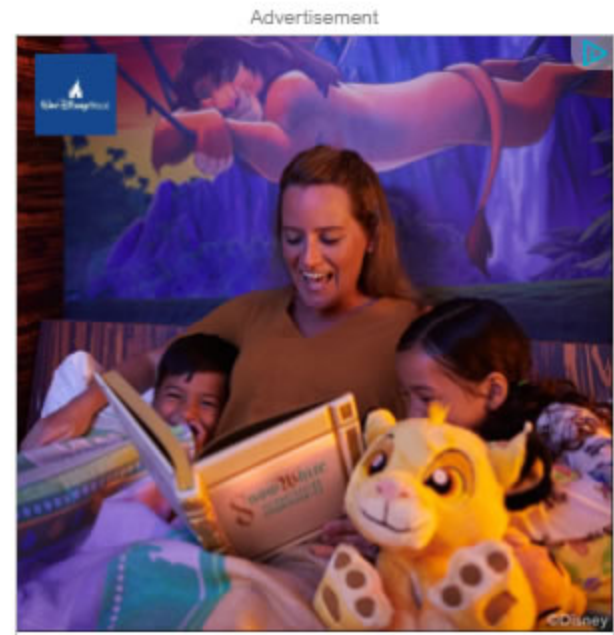


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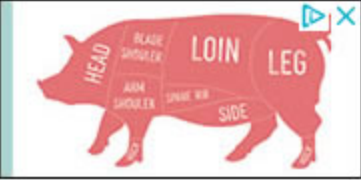
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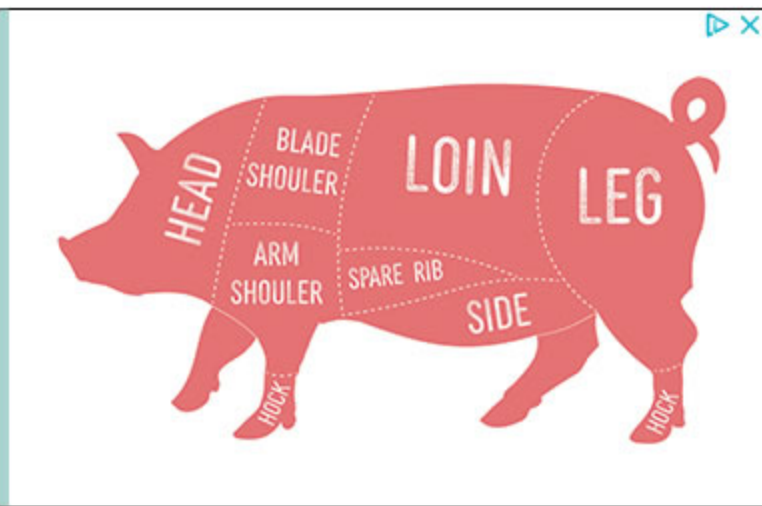
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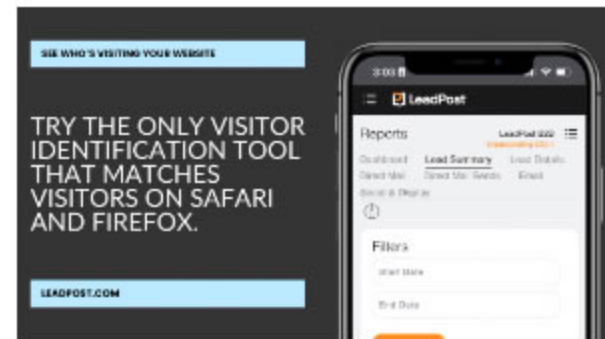
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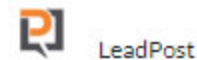
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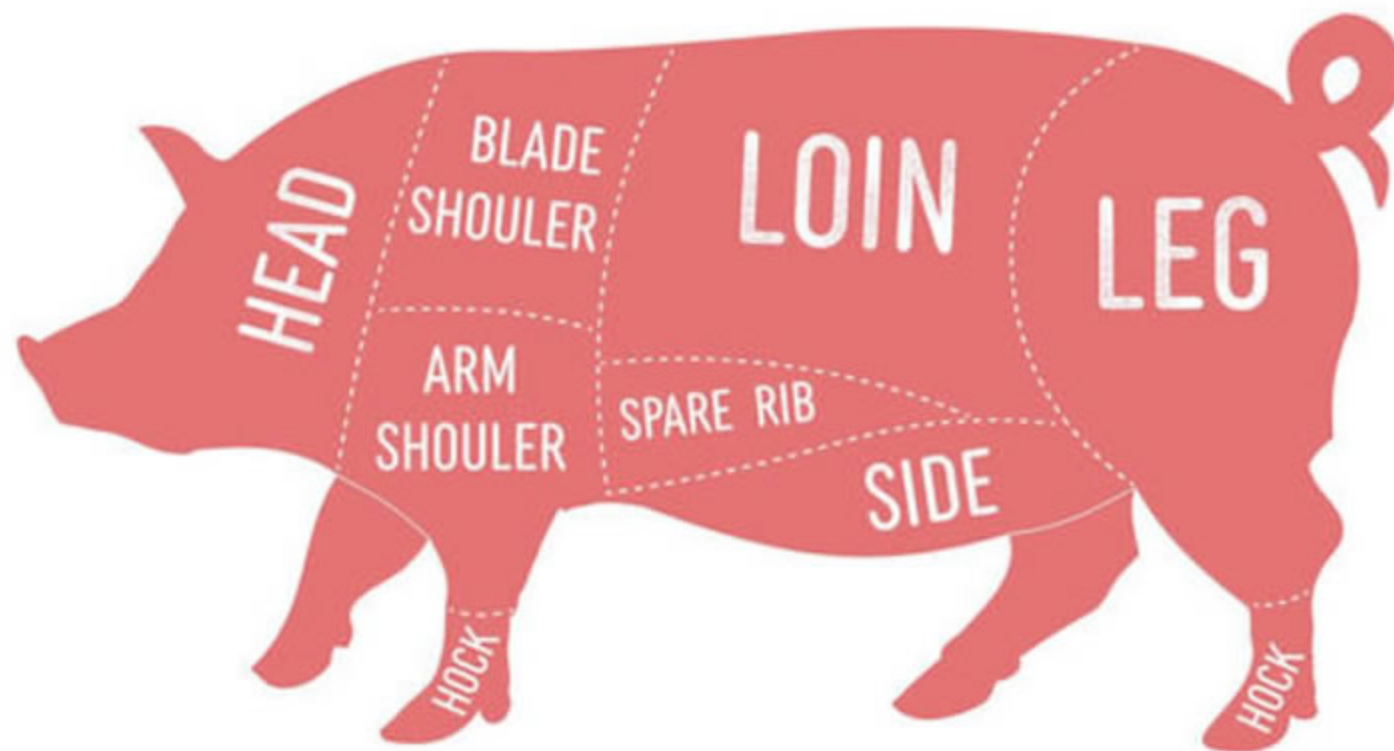


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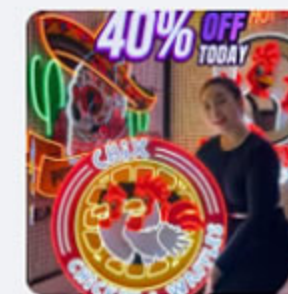


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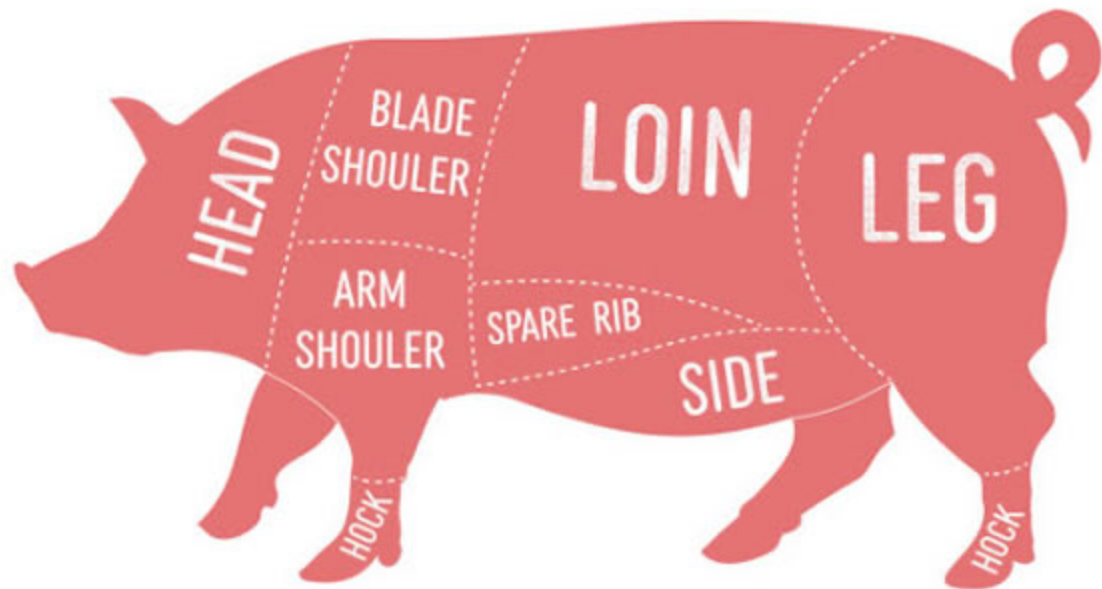
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If you purchased uncooked pork bacon, fresh or frozen loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from June 28, 2014, to June 30, 2018, for business use in commercial food preparation, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights

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United States District Court for the District of Minnesota →

Jul 09, 2024, 08:00 ET

MINNEAPOLIS, July 9, 2024 /PRNewswire/ --

A class action antitrust lawsuit was filed on behalf of Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs against Defendants Agri Stats, Inc. ("Agri Stats"); Clemens Food Group, LLC and The Clemens Family Corporation (together and separately, "Clemens"); Hormel Foods Corporation and Hormel Foods, LLC (together and separately, "Hormel"); Seaboard Foods LLC and Seaboard Corporation (together and separately, "Seaboard"); Triumph Foods, LLC ("Triumph"); and Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (together and separately, "Tyson") and other defendants.

This Notice is being provided because the court established or "certified," the lawsuit as a class action against Defendants Agri Stats, Clemens, Hormel, Seaboard, Triumph, and Tyson. In 2021, notice was provided regarding a settlement with Defendants JBS USA Food Company, JBS USA Food Company Holdings, Swift Pork Company, and related or affiliated entities ("JBS"). In 2022, notice was provided regarding a settlement with Defendants Smithfield Foods, Inc. and related or affiliated entities ("Smithfield").

You may be a member of the Settlement Class in either or both settlements with separate rights and you may be included in the certified class action against Defendants Agri Stats, Clemens, Hormel, Seaboard, Triumph, and Tyson. **Your decision to remain in the certified class or to exclude yourself will not affect your ability to participate in the previous settlements reached in this litigation.**

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota authorized this notice. This Court-ordered notice may affect your rights. Please read this notice carefully.

WHO IS INCLUDED?

The Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs class represent indirect purchasers who are not end users of pork products. The Court certified an injunctive relief class and damages class ("Classes") defined as:

Injunctive Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the United States from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

Damages Class: All entities that indirectly purchased uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators for their own use in commercial food preparation in the Repealer Jurisdictions from June 28, 2014 to June 30, 2018. For this lawsuit, pork excludes any product that is marketed as organic and/or no antibiotics ever and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded, but it includes uncooked and cooked ham water added products.

Only Class members in the following jurisdictions are eligible to potentially recover money from the settlement: Arkansas, Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North

Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia and/or Wisconsin. The class period for Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee class members begins June 28, 2015.

If you are still not sure if you are included, please review the detailed information contained in the Class Certification Order, available at www.PorkCommercialCase.com, or call the Notice Administrator toll-free at 1-855-867-0738.

WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs allege that Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired and combined to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the price of uncooked pork bacon, or one or more of the following types of raw pork, whether fresh or frozen: loins, shoulder, ribs, hams, or pork chops from defendants or co-conspirators ("Pork products"). In this lawsuit, Pork products do not include any product that is marketed as organic and/or without antibiotics and any product other than bacon that is marinated, seasoned, flavored, or breaded. The lawsuit alleges that Defendants and their co-conspirators conspired to increase prices of Pork products in the United States, in violation of federal antitrust laws and various state antitrust, consumer protection and unfair trade practices, and unjust enrichment laws. The Defendants have denied all allegations of wrongdoing in this lawsuit and have asserted defenses that, if successful, would result in the dismissal of Plaintiffs' legal claims. The Court did not decide which side was right.

Plaintiffs allege a far-reaching, ongoing conspiracy to inflate pork prices on a nationwide basis and seek injunctive relief (a legal remedy that restrains a party from doing certain acts or requires a party to act in a certain way). In a lawsuit, injunctive relief means the Defendants would be required to stop the activities associated with any ongoing conspiracy to inflate Pork prices on a nationwide basis. If granted, the injunctive relief will survive until it is clear that the alleged misconduct will not recur.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are staying in the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class, which means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants. It also means that all the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you.

If you do not want to be legally bound by the terms of the lawsuit, or if you wish to pursue your own separate lawsuit against the Defendants, you must exclude yourself. Your exclusion request must be **postmarked by August 23, 2024**. If there is a Settlement or judgment in the future, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit. If you exclude yourself, and the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class is later awarded money or benefits, you will not be eligible to claim any of that money or benefits. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself. Details may also be found on the FAQs page of the website at www.PorkCommercialCase.com.

If you are a member of the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class and do not exclude yourself, you may be eligible to participate in additional settlements which may arise with other Defendants in the future. However, you may not be allowed to exclude yourself from the lawsuit in the future.

WHEN WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHO IS RIGHT?

If the lawsuit is not dismissed or settled, there may be a trial. During the trial, the judge and/or jury will hear evidence to determine whether Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs or Defendants are right about the legal claims in the lawsuit. There is no guarantee the Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs will win any money or benefits for the Injunctive Class or the Damages Class.

If there is a trial, you will not need to attend unless you choose to do so, or you are asked to attend by the Court. You and/or your own lawyer are welcome to attend at your own expense. If you are interested in attending, please check www.PorkCommercialCase.com, or call the toll-free number and ask to be kept informed of the trial schedule.

This notice is a summary only. You can find more details about the lawsuit at www.PorkCommercialCase.com or by calling toll-free 1-855-867-0738. Please do not contact the Court.

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