

PILGRIMS PRIDE CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2012  
UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 27, 2012

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware                                       | 1-9273                   | 75-1285071                        |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 1770 Promontory Circle                   | 80634-9038 |
| Greeley, CO                              | (Zip Code) |
| (Address of principal executive offices) |            |

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

Not Applicable

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

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

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

Item 7.01.

Regulation FD Disclosure

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is an overview of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation to be referenced in the earnings conference call of April 27, 2012.

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99.1 Overview of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation to be referenced in the earnings conference call of April 27, 2012.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 27, 2012

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Fabio Sandri

Fabio Sandri

Chief Financial Officer

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Pilgrim's Pride Corporation  
Financial Results for  
First Quarter Ended  
March 25, 2012

Cautionary Notes and Forward-Looking Statements

Statements contained in this presentation that share our intentions, beliefs, expectations or predictions for the future, denoted by the words “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “should,” “expect,” “project,” “plan,” “imply,” “intend,” “foresee” and other expressions, are forward-looking statements that reflect our current views about future events and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions include the following matters affecting the chicken industry generally, including fluctuations in the commodity prices of feed ingredients and chicken; actions and decisions of our creditors; while JBS USA Holdings, Inc. (“JBS USA”) has significant acquisition experience and historically has been able to realize substantial benefits through synergies, JBS USA may not be able to fully achieve all of the anticipated synergistic from the sale of 67% of the company’s common stock to JBS USA within the time frames expected; our ability to obtain and maintain commercially reasonable terms with vendors and service providers; our ability to maintain contracts that are critical to our operations; our ability to retain management and other key individuals; certain of our reorganization and exit or disposal activities, including selling assets, idling facilities, reducing production and reducing workforce, resulted in reduced capacities and sales volumes and may have a disproportionate impact on our income relative to the cost savings; risk that the amounts of cash from operations together with amounts available under our exit credit facility will not be sufficient to fund our operations; management of our cash resources, particularly in light of our substantial leverage; restrictions imposed by, and as a result of, our substantial leverage; additional outbreaks of avian influenza or other diseases, either in our own flocks or elsewhere, affecting our ability to conduct our operations and/or demand for our poultry products; contamination of our products, which has previously and can in the future lead to product liability claims and product recalls; exposure to risks related to product liability, product recalls, property damage and injuries to persons, for which insurance coverage is expensive, limited and potentially inadequate; changes in laws or regulations affecting our operations or the application thereof; new immigration legislation or increased enforcement efforts in connection with existing immigration legislation that cause our costs of business to increase, cause us to change the way in which we do business or otherwise disrupt our operations; competitive factors and pricing pressures or the loss of one or more of our largest customers; currency exchange rate fluctuations, trade barriers, exchange controls, expropriation and other risks associated with foreign operations; disruptions in international markets and distribution channels, including exports to Russia, the anti-dumping proceeding in Ukraine and the anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceeding in China; and the impact of uncertainties of litigation as well as other risks described herein and under “Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Actual results could differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements as a result of these factors, among others, many of which are beyond our control. In making these statements, we are not undertaking, and specifically decline to undertake, any obligation to address or update each or any factor in future filings or communications regarding our business or results, and we are not undertaking to address how any of these factors may have caused changes to information contained in previous filings or communications. Although we have attempted to list comprehensively these important cautionary risk factors, we must caution investors and others that other factors may in the future prove to be important and affecting our business or results of operations.

We have included certain information regarding our results of operations and components thereof that have been adjusted to exclude charges associated with the company’s restructuring under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection and other additional reorganization items. We have included this information as we believe that investors may be interested in our results excluding these items as this is a way our management analyzes our results from continuing operations.

“EBITDA” is defined as net income (loss) from continuing operations plus interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. “Adjusted EBITDA” is defined as the sum of EBITDA plus restructuring charges, reorganization items and loss on early extinguishment of debt less net income attributable to noncontrolling interests. Our method of computation may or may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used in filings with the SEC by other

companies. See the consolidated statements of income and consolidated statements of cash flows included in our financial statements. EBITDA is presented because we believe it provides meaningful additional information concerning a company's operating results and its ability to service long-term debt and to fund its growth, and we believe it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other interested parties, in addition to and not in lieu of results under U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), to compare the performance of companies. We believe investors would be interested in our Adjusted EBITDA because this is how our management analyzes EBITDA from continuing operations. The Company also believes that Adjusted EBITDA, in combination with the Company's financial results calculated in accordance with GAAP, provides investors with additional perspective regarding the impact of certain significant items on EBITDA and facilitates a more direct comparison of its performance with its competitors. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measurements of financial performance under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to cash flow from operating activities or as a measure of liquidity or an alternative to net income as indicators of our operating performance or any other measures of performance derived in accordance with GAAP.

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First Quarter 2012 Financial Review

Net sales decreased \$3.7M, or 0.2%

1.5% reduction in US, including impacts of selling distribution and pork businesses

12.1% increase in Mexico

Gross Profit improved \$163.2M on lower volume and improved better plant costs, including a \$4.6MM loss on derivatives (vs. a \$32MM gain last year)

EBITDA was \$101.5M, compared to a loss of \$54.4M in the prior year

EBITDA in USA includes Non recurring Expenses of \$2.9MM

Reduction of 16% in SG&A

Net income of \$39.6MM compared to a \$119.9 loss in the same period last year

Depreciation lowered by ~\$15M as Goldkist Assets now fully depreciated

Feed Ingredients were \$37MM higher than the same period last year

First Quarter 2012 Financial Review

Main Indicators (\$MM)

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Results – 1<sup>st</sup> Calendar Quarter History

The 1<sup>st</sup> calendar quarter is seasonally the weakest in the year, primarily driven by low breast meat prices

PPC achieved its best Net Income in the recent history of the company (post the Acquisition of Gold Kist), despite the slightly higher interest charges

Also achieved strongest 1<sup>st</sup> calendar quarter EBITDA since 07

3<sup>rd</sup> best ever (after Mar04 and Mar05)

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#### Revenue Drivers

Breast meat has declined 17% in total share of WOG revenue since 2004. Tenders have dropped modestly during the same period.

Rendered parts, wings and leg quarters have all gained in relative value during the same period.

#### Exports

2011 exports were up 3.3% setting a new record at just under 7 billion pounds. US production was up only .8% in 2011.

Despite lower production exports are forecasted to set a new record at just under 7.1 billion pounds in 2012.

#### Feed Costs

Corn futures have doubled since summer of 2010 as poor weather and higher ethanol mandates have lowered US corn ending stocks.

Soybean meal futures have remained historically high with crop losses in South America and corn prices providing underlying support.

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Capital Expenditures

2011 Capital expenditure original budget = \$175 million

2011 Actual = \$136 million

2012 Estimate <= \$120 million

Liquidity

Entered the second quarter with only \$192.6MM outstanding in the Revolving Credit Facility

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