

Gold Kist Inc.
Form SC TO-T
September 29, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

Tender Offer Statement Under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

GOLD KIST INC.

(Name of Subject Company)

PROTEIN ACQUISITION CORPORATION

PILGRIM S PRIDE CORPORATION

(Names of Filing Persons Offerors)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

380614107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Richard A. Cogdill

Pilgrim s Pride Corporation

4845 US Highway 271 North

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Persons Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

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| Transaction Valuation* | Amount of Filing Fee** |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| \$1,060,016,120 | \$113,422.00 |

* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of the filing fee only. Calculated by multiplying \$20.00, the per share tender offer price, by the sum of (i) the 51,036,806 outstanding shares of Common Stock as of August 9, 2006 (according to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 1, 2006 filed by Gold Kist Inc.), and (ii) the 1,964,000 shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding grants and awards under Gold Kist Inc. share-based compensation plans (according to the Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 1, 2006 filed by Gold Kist Inc.).

** Calculated as 0.0107% of the transaction value.

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x third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

.. issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

.. going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

.. amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer: ..

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (this Schedule TO) is filed by Protein Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Purchaser), and Pilgrim s Pride Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Parent) and owner of all of the outstanding common stock of Purchaser. This Schedule TO relates to the offer by Purchaser to purchase all the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), of Gold Kist Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), and the associated common stock and Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock purchase rights (the Rights, and together with the Common Stock, the Shares) issued pursuant to the Stockholder Protection Rights Agreement, dated as of July 9, 2004, between the Company and Sun Trust Bank, as Rights Agent (the Rights Agreement), for \$20.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash (subject to applicable withholding taxes), without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase dated September 29, 2006 (the Offer to Purchase), and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits (a)(1) and (a)(2), respectively (which collectively constitute, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, the Offer). The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference with respect to Items 1-9 and 11 of this Schedule TO.

Item 10. Financial Statements of Certain Bidders.

(a) Financial Information Required by Regulation M-A, item 1010(a):

(1) Incorporated herein by reference to the financial statements included in Item 8 of Parent s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2005

(2) Incorporated herein by reference to the financial statements included in Item 1 of Parent s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the nine months ended July 1, 2006

(3) Incorporated herein by reference to the financial information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under Section 7, Certain Information Concerning Purchaser and Parent

(4) Incorporated herein by reference to the financial information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under Section 7, Certain Information Concerning Purchaser and Parent

(b) Financial Information Required by Regulation M-A, item 1010(b):

Not applicable

(c) Financial Information Required by Regulation M-A, item 1010(c):

Incorporated herein by reference to the financial information set forth in the Offer to Purchase under Section 7, Certain Information Concerning Purchaser and Parent

Item 12. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits.

(a)(1) Offer to Purchase dated September 29, 2006.

(a)(2) Form of Letter of Transmittal.

(a)(3) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.

(a)(4) Form of Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Commercial Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.

(a)(5) Form of Letter to Clients.

(a)(6) Form of Guidelines for Certification of Taxpayer Identification Number on Substitute Form W-9.

(a)(7) Summary Advertisement as published in The Wall Street Journal on September 29, 2006.

(a)(8) Press Release announcing Parent s intention to commence the Offer issued by Parent on September 28, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).

(a)(9) Letter dated September 28, 2006 from Parent to the Board of Directors of the Company (included in Exhibit (a)(8)).

- (a)(10) Letter dated September 28, 2006 to employees of Parent (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(11) Letter dated September 28, 2006 to customers of Parent (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(12) Letter dated September 28, 2006 to Parent growers (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(13) Tender Offer FAQs (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(14) Frequently Asked Questions for Pilgrim s Pride Employees (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(15) Press release issued by Parent on September 28, 2006 announcing Parent s intention to commence the Offer to Purchase Gold Kist 10 1/4% Senior Notes due March 15, 2014 and related Consent Solicitation (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (a)(16) Press release issued by Parent on August 18, 2006 (previously filed on August 18, 2006 pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) and refiled on August 24, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act) and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(17) Pilgrim s Pride Corporation s Proposal for Gold Kist Inc. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) dated August 21, 2006 (previously filed on August 21, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(18) Investor Presentation dated August 21, 2006 (previously filed on August 21, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(19) Letter dated August 18, 2006 from Parent to the Company regarding the stockholder proposal provided by O.B. Goolsby, Jr., to the Company (previously filed on August 22, 2006 pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act and deemed filed pursuant to Rule 14a-12 and Rule 14d-2 under the Exchange Act).
- (a)(20) Letter dated August 30, 2006 from Parent to the Company.
- (a)(21) Letter dated September 20, 2006 from Parent to the Company.
- (b)(1) Credit Agreement by and among CoBank ACB, Agriland FCS and the Company dated as of September 21, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (b)(2) Pilgrim s Pride Corporation \$450,000,000 Senior Unsecured Increasing Rate Bridge Facility Commitment Letter from Lehman Brothers to the Company dated September 27, 2006 (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Parent on September 28, 2006).
- (d) None.
- (g) None.
- (h) None.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 29, 2006

PROTEIN ACQUISITION CORPORATION

By: /s/ RICHARD A. COGDILL
Name: Richard A. Cogdill
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer

PILGRIM S PRIDE CORPORATION

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