

Gold Kist Inc.  
Form SC 13D  
January 08, 2007

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**GOLD KIST INC.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**38064107**

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(CUSIP Number)

**Richard A. Cogdill**

**Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer**

**Pilgrim s Pride Corporation**

**4845 U.S. Highway 271 North**

**Pittsburg, Texas 75686**

**(903) 434-1000**

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

# Edgar Filing: Gold Kist Inc. - Form SC 13D

December 27, 2006

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**(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

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CUSIP No. 16936V106

**1** Name of Reporting Person

I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person (Entities Only)

Protein Acquisition Corporation (30-0385368)

**2** Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group

- a. ☐
- b. ☒

**3** SEC Use Only

**4** Source of Funds

BK

**5** Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) ..

**6** Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

**7** Sole Voting Power

Number of

Shares

**8** Shared Voting Power

Beneficially

Owned by

47,159,471

Each

**9** Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person

**10** Shared Dispositive Power

With

47,159,471

**11** Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

47,159,471

**12** Check Box If the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares ..

**13** Percent of Class Represented By Amount in Row (11)

92.4%

**14** Type of Reporting Person

CO

CUSIP No. 16936V106

**1** Name of Reporting Person

I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person (Entities Only)

Pilgrim s Pride Corporation (75-1285071)

**2** Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group

- a. ☐
- b. ☒

**3** SEC Use Only

**4** Source of Funds

BK

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Delaware

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CUSIP No. 16936V106

**1** Name of Reporting Person

I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person (Entities Only)

Lonnie Bo Pilgrim (1)

**2** Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group

- a. ☐  
b. ☒

**3** SEC Use Only

**4** Source of Funds

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**5** Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) ..

**6** Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States of America

**7** Sole Voting Power

Number of

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- (1) 47,159,471 shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned. Neither the filing of this Schedule 13D nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Lonnie Bo Pilgrim that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed.

CUSIP No. 16936V106

**1** Name of Reporting Person

I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person (Entities Only)

Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. 75-2824322 (1)

**2** Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group

- a. ☐
- b. ☒

**3** SEC Use Only

**4** Source of Funds

BK

**5** Check If Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) ..

**6** Citizenship or Place of Organization

Texas

**7** Sole Voting Power

Number of

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CUSIP No. 16936V106

**1** Name of Reporting Person

I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person (Entities Only)

Lonnie Ken Pilgrim (1)

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- a. ☐  
b. ☒

**3** SEC Use Only

**4** Source of Funds

BK

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United States of America

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**ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.**

This Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Gold Kist Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Gold Kist"). The principal executive offices of Gold Kist are located at 244 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30346.

**ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.**

(a)-(c), (f) This Schedule 13D is being filed by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Pilgrim's Pride"), its wholly owned subsidiary, Protein Acquisition Corporation ("Protein Acquisition"), Lonnie Bo Pilgrim, the Chairman of the Board of Pilgrim's Pride, Pilgrim Interests, Ltd., a limited partnership, and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Executive Vice-President, Assistant to the Chairman of Pilgrim's Pride and the son of Lonnie Bo Pilgrim.

Pilgrim's Pride is the largest chicken producer in the United States and Puerto Rico and the second-largest producer and seller of chicken in Mexico. Protein Acquisition was formed in connection with the offer by Pilgrim's Pride to purchase the outstanding shares of Gold Kist's Common Stock. Pilgrim Interests, Ltd., Lonnie Bo Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim own or control 22,118,077 (33.2%), 25,351,125 (38.1%) and 22,871,529 (34.4%) shares of common stock of Pilgrim's Pride, which represents 75.5%, 86.5% and 78.0%, respectively, of the voting power of the common stock of Pilgrim's Pride.

Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. is a limited partnership formed by Mr. Pilgrim's family of which the managing general partner is the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust and the other general partner is Lonnie Ken Pilgrim. The agreement establishing the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust provides that Lonnie Bo Pilgrim is the sole trustee during his life and, after his death, the trustee shall be a board of trustees currently comprised of Patty R. Pilgrim, who is the wife of Lonnie Bo Pilgrim, and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim and S. Key Coker, Charles Black and Donald Wass, all currently directors of Pilgrim's Pride. The agreement establishing the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust provides that Lonnie Bo Pilgrim as the sole trustee shall have sole voting and dispositive power over the shares of common stock and, after his death, most voting matters require a majority vote of the board of trustees except the direct or indirect sale of the shares of common stock requires a unanimous vote of the board of trustees.

Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. has entered into a Voting Agreement with PFCP, Ltd., a limited partnership formed by Mr. Lonnie Bo Pilgrim's family. The Voting Agreement may be terminated at any time by the unanimous action of Lonnie Bo Pilgrim, acting in his individual capacity and as trustee of the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust (acting as managing general partner of Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd.), Patty R. Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim. The Voting Agreement provides that Lonnie Ken Pilgrim, Greta Pilgrim Owens, the daughter of Lonnie Bo Pilgrim, S. Key Coker, Charles L. Black and Donald L. Wass (the "Voting Representatives") shall have the sole power to vote the shares of Pilgrim's Pride's common stock owned by Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd. All voting decisions require a majority of the Voting Representatives except that (i) the sale of substantially all of the assets of Pilgrim's Pride, (ii) the sale or liquidation of Pilgrim's Pride, or (iii) the merger of Pilgrim's Pride requires a unanimous vote of the Voting Representatives. All other decisions regarding common stock of Pilgrim's Pride held by Pilgrim Interests, Ltd. and PFCP, Ltd. will be made by the Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust.

Each of Lonnie Bo Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim disclaim beneficial ownership of Pilgrim's Pride's common stock held, except to the extent of their actual pecuniary interest therein.

The address of the principal executive offices of each of the filing persons is 4845 U.S. Highway 271 North, Pittsburg, Texas 75686.



The name, business address, citizenship and present principal occupation of each executive officer and director of Pilgrim's Pride and Protein Acquisition are set forth in Annex I to this Schedule 13D, which is incorporated herein by reference.

(d)-(e) During the five years prior to the date hereof, none of the filing persons nor, to the best knowledge of the filing persons, any person listed on Annex I to this Schedule 13D has been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) nor (ii) a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which it was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

### **ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.**

To fund the acquisition of the Common Stock, Pilgrim's Pride has drawn an aggregate amount of \$780 million under its Credit Agreement dated as of September 21, 2006, as amended December 13, 2006, with CoBank, ACB, as lead arranger and co-syndication agent, and sole book runner, and as administrative, documentation and collateral agent, Agriland, FCS, as co-syndication agent, and as a syndication party, and the other syndication parties signatory thereto. The shares of Common Stock acquired by Protein Acquisition will be pledged to CoBank pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement. Also, Pilgrim's Pride has drawn an amount of \$450 million under its \$450,000,000 Senior Unsecured Term Loan Agreement dated November 29, 2006 with Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as the administrative agent and a lender, Lehman Brothers Inc., as joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner and Credit Suisse Cayman Islands Branch, as syndication agent and a lender. Information regarding Pilgrim's Pride's Credit Agreement, as amended, is contained in a Form 8-K filed by on September 28, 2006 and a Form 8-K filed by Pilgrim's Pride on December 19, 2006. Information regarding Pilgrim's Pride's Senior Unsecured Term Loan Agreement is contained in a Form 8-K filed by Pilgrim's Pride on December 5, 2006 and is incorporated herein by reference to this Item 3.

### **ITEM 4. PURPOSES OF TRANSACTION.**

On September 29, 2006, Pilgrim's Pride and Protein Acquisition commenced a tender offer for all of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. On December 28, 2006, Pilgrim's Pride announced the expiration of its initial offer to acquire all of the Common Stock for \$21.00 per share in cash. The initial offer and withdrawal rights expired at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Wednesday, December 27, 2006, at which time, based on information provided to Pilgrim's Pride by the depository for the offer, a total of 45,343,812 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 88.87% of Gold Kist's outstanding shares, had been tendered and not withdrawn. Of those shares tendered, 2,366,878 shares of Gold Kist's outstanding Common Stock were tendered subject to guaranteed delivery. All shares of Common Stock validly tendered and not properly withdrawn prior to the expiration of the offer have been accepted for payment by Pilgrim's Pride.

The offer was made in accordance with, and the acceptances made pursuant to, the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated December 3, 2006 (the "Merger Agreement") by and among Pilgrim's Pride, Protein Acquisition and Gold Kist. The Merger Agreement provides that after the purchase of shares pursuant to the offer and the satisfaction or, if permissible, waiver of the other conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), Protein Acquisition will be merged with and into Gold Kist (the "Merger"). As a result of the Merger, Gold Kist will continue as the surviving corporation and will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Pilgrim's Pride. At the effective time of the Merger, each share then outstanding (other than shares held by Gold Kist, Pilgrim's Pride or

any other direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Pilgrim's Pride and shares held by Gold Kist stockholders who shall have demanded properly in writing appraisal for such shares in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL) shall be canceled and converted automatically into the right to receive \$21.00 per share in cash without interest.

The foregoing description of the Merger Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 99(d)(1) to Amendment No. 11 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by Pilgrim's Pride on December 5, 2006 and it is incorporated by reference into this Item 4.

The acceptance by Pilgrim's Pride of the shares of Common Stock tendered as of December 27, 2006, represents total consideration payable of approximately \$952 million, based on the \$21.00 per share merger consideration and the 45,343,812 shares of Common Stock tendered. As of the date of the Merger Agreement, there were 51,024,977 Gold Kist shares of Common Stock outstanding.

On December 28, 2006, Pilgrim's Pride announced the commencement of a subsequent offer period to acquire all of the remaining outstanding shares of Common Stock for \$21.00 per share in cash. The subsequent offer period expired at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, January 5, 2007, at which time, based on information provided to Pilgrim's Pride by the depository for the offer, a total of 47,159,471 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 92.4% of Gold Kist's outstanding shares, had been tendered. The acceptance by Pilgrim's Pride of an additional 1,815,659 shares of Common Stock tendered as of January 5, 2007, represents total consideration payable of approximately \$38 million, based on the \$21.00 per share merger consideration and the additional 1,815,659 shares of Common Stock tendered.

Pilgrim's Pride intends to acquire the remaining outstanding shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Merger. The total cost to acquire all of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to the tender offer and the Merger, together with related fees and expenses, will be approximately \$1.1 billion, plus the assumption or refinancing of approximately \$144 million of Gold Kist's debt.

#### **ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.**

(a)-(b) Pilgrim's Pride and Protein Acquisition have (i) beneficial ownership and (ii) power to vote or direct the vote of 47,159,471 shares of Common Stock, which represents approximately 92.4% of the shares of Common Stock deemed to be outstanding pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d)(1). Each of Pilgrim Interests, Ltd., Lonnie Bo Pilgrim and Lonnie Ken Pilgrim disclaim beneficial ownership of the Common Stock held in the name of Protein Acquisition.

(c) Except as set forth or incorporated herein and except in respect of 2,990 shares of Common Stock tendered by O.B. Goolsby in response to the offer described above, Pilgrim's Pride's President and Chief Executive Officer, none of the filing persons nor, to knowledge of any of the filing persons any of the individuals referred to in Annex I to this Schedule 13D, has effected any transaction in Common Stock during the past 60 days.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

**ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.**

Other than the Merger Agreement and the CoBank Credit Agreement, to the knowledge of the filing persons, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Annex I to this Schedule 13D or between such persons and any other person with respect to the securities of Gold Kist, including, but not limited to, transfer or voting of any securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or loss, pledge or the giving or withholding of proxies.

**ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.**

7.01 Agreement Regarding Joint Filing of Schedule 13D.

7.02 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of December 3, 2006, by and among Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, Protein Acquisition Corporation and Gold Kist Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99(d)(1) to Amendment No. 11 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed by Pilgrim's Pride and Protein Acquisition on December 5, 2006).

7.03 Credit Agreement dated as of September 21, 2006, as amended December 13, 2006, with CoBank, ACB, as lead arranger and co-syndication agent, and sole book runner, and as administrative, documentation and collateral agent, Agriland, FCS, as co-syndication agent, and as a syndication party, and the other syndication parties signatory thereto (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to Form 8-K filed by Pilgrim's Pride on September 28, 2006 and Exhibit 10.01 to Form 8-K filed by Pilgrim's Pride on December 19, 2006).

7.04 \$450,000,000 Senior Unsecured Term Loan Agreement dated November 29, 2006 with Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as the administrative agent and a lender, Lehman Brothers Inc., as joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner and Credit Suisse Cayman Islands Branch, as syndication agent and a lender (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 99(a)(36) to Amendment No. 11 to the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed on November 30, 2006).

**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable 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.

Protein Acquisition Corporation

Dated: January 8, 2007

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

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

Dated: January 8, 2007

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

Dated: January 8, 2007

/s/ Lonnie Bo Pilgrim  
Lonnie Bo Pilgrim

Pilgrim Interests, Ltd.

By: Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust

Title: Managing General Partner

Dated: January 8, 2007

By: /s/ Lonnie Bo Pilgrim  
Name: Lonnie Bo Pilgrim  
Title: Trustee

Dated: January 8, 2007

/s/ Lonnie Ken Pilgrim  
Lonnie Ken Pilgrim

**SCHEDULE I****Executive Officers and Directors of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and****Protein Acquisition Corporation****as of December 27, 2006**

The name, present principal occupation or employment, and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted, of each of the executive officers and directors of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation and the three executive officers of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation serving as an executive officers and/or director of Protein Acquisition Corporation is set forth below.

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Business Address</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Principal Business or Present Principal Occupation or Employment</b>
Lonnie Bo Pilgrim Chairman of the Board of Pilgrim's Pride and Protein Acquisition	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Chairman of the Board Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
Clifford E. Butler Vice Chairman of the Board	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Vice Chairman of the Board Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
O.B. Goolsby, Jr. President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Pilgrim's Pride and President and Director of Protein Acquisition	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	President and Chief Executive Officer Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
Richard A. Cogdill Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Pilgrim's Pride and Protein Acquisition	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
J. Clinton Rivers Chief Operating Officer	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Chief Operating Officer Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
Robert A. Wright Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
Lonnie Ken Pilgrim Executive Vice-President, Assistant to the Chairman and Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Executive Vice President, Assistant to Chairman Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
Charles L. Black Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Director Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
Linda Chavez Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Chairman Center for Equal Opportunity
S. Key Coker	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Executive Vice President Compass Bank

Director

<b>Name and Title</b>	<b>Business Address</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Principal Business or Present Principal Occupation or Employment</b>
Keith W. Hughes Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Director Texas Industries, Inc. and Fidelity National Information Services
Blake D. Lovette Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Consultant to companies in the food industry
Vance C. Miller, Sr. Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Chairman Vance C. Miller Interests Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Henry S. Miller Cos.
James G. Vetter, Jr. Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	Attorney Godwin Pappas Langley Ronquillo, LLP
Donald L. Wass, Ph.D. Director	4845 U.S. Highway 271 North Pittsburg, Texas 75686	United States	President William Oncken Company of Texas President TECTexas DFW

**Agreement of Joint Filing**

Pursuant to 13d-1(k)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the undersigned persons hereby agree to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Statement") to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit, and agree that such Statement, as so filed, is filed on behalf of each of them.

EXECUTED this 8th day of January, 2007.

Protein Acquisition Corporation

Dated: January 8, 2007

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

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

Dated: January 8, 2007

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

Dated: January 8, 2007

/s/ Lonnie Bo Pilgrim  
Lonnie Bo Pilgrim

Pilgrim Interests, Ltd.

By: Lonnie A. Pilgrim 1998 Revocable Trust

Title: Managing General Partner

Dated: January 8, 2007

By: /s/ Lonnie Bo Pilgrim  
Name: Lonnie Bo Pilgrim  
Title: Trustee

Dated: January 8, 2007

/s/ Lonnie Ken Pilgrim  
Lonnie Ken Pilgrim