

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information		
For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2016</u> and ending <u>12/31/2016</u>			
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan	☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)	
	☒ a single-employer plan	☐ a DFE (specify) _____	
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report	☒ the final return/report	
	☐ an amended return/report	☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)	
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☒		
D Check box if filing under:	☐ Form 5558	☐ automatic extension	☐ the DFVC program
	☐ special extension (enter description)		

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information		
1a Name of plan	<u>THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY 401(K) PLAN</u>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>401</u>
		1c Effective date of plan	<u>01/01/1988</u>
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2089049</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>479-290-7305</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>311900</u>		
<u>THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY</u> <u>C/O TYSON FOODS, INC.</u> <u>P.O. BOX 2020</u> <u>SPRINGDALE, AR 72765</u>			

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	05/02/2017	LEE KIDD
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	05/02/2017	LEE KIDD
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE
Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number) <u>GRANT THORNTON LLP</u> <u>171 N. CLARK ST., SUITE 200</u> <u>CHICAGO, IL 60601</u>			Preparer's telephone number <u>312-856-0200</u>

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name		4b EIN	
		4c PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	15188
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		6a(1)	6083
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	0
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	0
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	0
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	0
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	0
h Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2H 2I 2J 2K 2P 2T 3H			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1) ☐ Insurance		(1) ☐ Insurance	
(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts		(2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	
(3) ☒ Trust		(3) ☒ Trust	
(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		(4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules		b General Schedules	
(1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information)		(1) ☒ H (Financial Information)	
(2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan)	
(3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		(3) ☐ <u>0</u> A (Insurance Information)	
		(4) ☐ C (Service Provider Information)	
		(5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)	
		(6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2016</div> This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	401
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2089049	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HBC INVESTMENT TRUST

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY C/O TYSON FOODS, INC.

c EIN-PN 36-2089049-101	d Entity code M	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Internal Revenue Service</small> <hr/> <small>Department of Labor</small> <small>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <hr/> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2016 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2089049	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
	Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	18956	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	26567614	0
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	598623706	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	625210276 0
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	784556 0
h	Operating payables	1h	
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i	
j	Other liabilities	1j	
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	784556 0
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	624425720 0

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	
(2)	Noncash contributions	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	0
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
(A)	Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	
(B)	U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	
(C)	Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	
(D)	Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
(E)	Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	
(F)	Other	2b(1)(F)	
(G)	Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	119613
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	
(D)	Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	
(C)	Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
(C)	Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		-1370750
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		
c Other income.....	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		-1251137

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	622466811	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		622466811
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)	11725	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	696047	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		707772
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		623174583

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		-624425720
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☒ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: CROWE HORWATH LLP

(2) EIN: 35-0921680

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	
4b		X	

		Yes	No	Amount
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		25000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i		X	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k	X		
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	4n			
o Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. ☒ Yes ☐ No Amount: 0

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	6b Trust's EIN
6c Name of trustee or custodian	6d Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

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Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>36-3046063</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14	Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:		
	a The current year	14a	
	b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	14b	
	c The second preceding plan year	14c	
15	Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
	a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
	b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16	Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
	a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
	b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17	If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18	If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment	☐
19	If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)	
	a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%	
	b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt: ☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more	
	c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)? ☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No
22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter / / and the serial number .	
22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter / / .	

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY 401(k) PLAN**

December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Plan Administrator
The Hillshire Brands Company 401(k) Plan
Chicago, Illinois

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of The Hillshire Brands Company 401(k) Plan ("the Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets in liquidation as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets in liquidation for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information summarized in Note H, which was certified by The Northern Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the trustee holds the Plan's investment assets and executes investment transactions. The plan administrator has obtained certification from the trustee as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2016 that the information provided to the plan administrator by the trustee is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note B of the financial statements, the Plan sponsor elected to terminate the Plan effective August 27, 2014. As a result, the Plan administrator determined that liquidation was imminent, and the financial statements were prepared under the liquidation basis of accounting as described in Note B. Also as described in Note A, pursuant to the Plan's termination, the net assets of the Plan were fully liquidated as of December 31, 2016. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Report on Form and Content in Compliance with DOL Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements, other than that derived from the information certified by the trustee, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Crowe Horwath LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Crowe Horwath LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
April 11, 2017

The Hillshire Brands Company 401k Plan
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION
December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Assets		
Plan interest in investments of The Hillshire Brands Company Master Investment Trust for Defined Contribution Plans, at fair value (Note C)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 599,140,979</u>
Plan interest in notes receivable, notes payable and other assets and liabilities of The Hillshire Brands Company Master Investment Trust for Defined Contribution Plans (Note C)	<u>-</u>	<u>26,069,297</u>
Net assets in liquidation	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 625,210,276</u></u>

Hillshire Brands Company 401k Plan
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS IN LIQUIDATION
For the year ended December 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>
Deductions	
Benefits paid to participants	\$ 623,251,367
Plan interest in HBC Master Investment Trust for Defined	
Contribution Plans net investment loss	1,251,137
Administrative expenses	<u>707,772</u>
Total deductions	<u>625,210,276</u>
Net decrease	(625,210,276)
Net assets in liquidation	
Beginning of the period	<u>625,210,276</u>
End of the period	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

NOTE A – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Hillshire Brands Company 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the applicable summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions. Participants in former plans sponsored by certain divisions or subsidiaries of The Hillshire Brands Company (the “Company”) should refer to the Supplements section of the Plan document for additional information about such plans.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan that covered U.S. employees who were members of a participating division or subsidiary of The Hillshire Brands Company (the “Company”). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), as amended.

Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement between Tyson Foods, Inc. (“Tyson”) and the Company, the Plan was terminated on August 27, 2014, one day prior to the acquisition of the Company by Tyson Foods, Inc., and all participant and employer contributions to the Plan were stopped with the exception of loan repayments. On February 2, 2015, the Company filed a Form 5310, Application for Determination for Terminating Plan, with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). On November 16, 2015, the IRS issued a Favorable Termination Letter, and final wind-up activities for the Plan began. Plan participants and beneficiaries were notified of the requirement to file distribution elections by April 22, 2016, and the processing of new loan, hardship distribution, and in-service withdrawal requests was concluded. Choices for distributions were: Direct rollover to an individual retirement account (IRA) or another employer’s qualified retirement plan; taxable distribution, minus any mandatory withholding; or, for participants employed by Tyson Foods, Inc. or any one of its subsidiaries at the time of rollover, direct rollover to the Tyson Foods, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan (including or excluding loans). The election period began on January 18, 2016, and if a distribution election was not received by the deadline, the account was automatically distributed in the form of a direct rollover to an IRA administered by Charles Schwab Bank on the Plan’s liquidation date, which occurred on April 29, 2016. Charles Schwab Bank was the independent custodian/trust company selected by the Plan for purposes of the automatic rollovers/default payment method. All outstanding checks were re-directed from the Plan clearing account by August 2016. Miscellaneous activity including payment of certain administrative expenses continued through the reporting date of December 31, 2016, at which time the investments of the Plan were completely liquidated and reduced to \$0.

Participant Accounts

Individual accounts were maintained for each of the Plan’s participants to reflect the participant’s loan repayments and withdrawals, as well as the participant’s share of the Plan’s income, losses and certain related administrative expenses. Allocations of income, losses and certain related administrative expenses were made based on the proportion that each participant’s account balance had to the total of all participants’ account balances.

Vesting

Upon termination of the Plan, all eligible Plan participants automatically became 100% vested in all Company contributions – regardless of their years of service.

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December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015

Investment Options

Through the date of liquidation, participants were able to direct their total account balance among the various investment options that were available to the Plan through The Hillshire Brands Company Master Investment Trust for Defined Contribution Plans (the “HBC Investment Trust”) in 1% increments. Participants could change their investment elections daily, subject to trading restrictions on certain funds.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Eligible participants could borrow from their account balances the lesser of 50% of their vested account balances or \$50,000, with a minimum loan of \$500. Loans incurred interest at a fixed rate based on the prevailing prime rate as published in *The Wall Street Journal*. As of January 1, 2003, loans were required to be repaid within five years, unless the loan was taken to purchase a primary residence, in which case it had to be paid back within ten years. Participants were able to have up to two loans outstanding at one time; however, one must have been a loan for a principal residence and the other a general-purpose loan.

Benefit Payments

Upon attainment of age 59½, termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or resignation/dismissal, distribution of the vested balance in the participant’s account was made to the participant or, in the case of the participant’s death, to his/her beneficiary in a lump-sum payment in cash. In lieu of the lump-sum cash payment option, certain groups of participants could elect to receive a series of installment payments as defined in the Plan applicable to those certain groups of participants.

Hardship Withdrawals

Participants who experienced an immediate and substantial financial need could take a hardship withdrawal from their account balance, subject to certain limitations defined in the Plan.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

Effective August 27, 2014, the Company elected to terminate the Plan. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the liquidation basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Valuation of Investments

The Plan’s interest in the investments of the HBC Investment Trust is based on the Plan’s relative aggregate contributions, benefit payments and other relevant factors. The Plan’s interest in the HBC Investment Trust is stated at estimated fair value based upon the fair values of the underlying investments held in the master trust.

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Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses associated with the Plan were paid by the Plan unless paid by the Company at its discretion. Investment management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the collective trusts were deducted from income earned on a daily basis and were not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes that were receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest, with no allowance for credit losses, as repayments of principal and interest were received through payroll deductions with the notes collateralized by the participants' account balances.

NOTE C – INTEREST IN HBC INVESTMENT TRUST

The Plan's investments were in the HBC Investment Trust, which was established for the investment of the assets of the Plan and several other defined contribution plans sponsored by the Company. As of July 24, 2006, the Plan became the sole plan in the HBC Investment Trust. Northern Trust held the net assets of the HBC Investment Trust until all of the assets were distributed.

At December 31, 2015, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the HBC Investment Trust was 100%. The Plan's interest in the net assets of the HBC Investment Trust is included in the accompanying statements of net assets in liquidation. A summary of the net assets of the HBC Investment Trust as of December 31, 2015 is below. There were no net assets as of December 31, 2016.

	<u>December 31 2015</u>
Investments, at fair value	
Investment in collective trusts	<u>\$ 599,140,979</u>
Total investments	<u>599,140,979</u>
Notes receivable from participants	26,567,614
Other receivables	<u>18,956</u>
Total assets	<u>625,727,549</u>
Liabilities	<u>(517,273)</u>
Net assets of HBC Investment Trust	<u>\$ 625,210,276</u>

Valuation of Investments in the HBC Investment Trust

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received by the HBC Investment Trust for an asset or paid by the HBC Investment Trust to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the HBC Investment Trust's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

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Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the HBC Investment Trust has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the HBC Investment Trust's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

The following descriptions of the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments apply to investments held as underlying investments of the HBC Investment Trust.

The fair values of participation units held by the HBC Investment Trust in collective trusts is based on their net asset values, as reported by the managers of the collective trusts and as supported by the unit prices of actual purchase and sale transactions occurring as of or close to the financial statement date. Each collective trust provides for daily redemptions by the Plan at reported net asset values per share, with no advance notice requirement.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

There were no investments as of December 31, 2016. A summary of investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015 is below.

	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments in the HBC Investment Trust, at fair value				
Common Collective Trusts measured at net asset value ⁽¹⁾	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$599,140,979
Total investments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$599,140,979

⁽¹⁾ Common Collective Trusts that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the Statements of Net Assets in Liquidation.

NOTE D – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan assets, which were in the HBC Investment Trust, were held in notes receivable from participants; and investments managed by Northern Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan; therefore, these transactions qualified as party in interest. Certain administrative functions were performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee received compensation from the Plan. The Plan paid certain administrative costs of the Plan; those transactions qualified as party-in-interest.

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NOTE E – PLAN TERMINATION

The Plan was terminated on August 27, 2014, one day prior to the acquisition of the Company by Tyson, and funds were fully distributed during 2016.

NOTE F – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets in liquidation per the financial statements to the Form 5500:

	2016	2015
Net assets in liquidation	\$0	\$ 625,210,276
Amounts due to participants	0	(784,556)
Net assets (liabilities) in liquidation per the Form 5500	\$0	\$ 624,425,720

The following is a reconciliation of the net decrease per the financial statements to net income per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Year ended December 31, 2016
Decrease in net assets in liquidation per the financial statements	\$ (625,210,276)
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at end of year	0
Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants at beginning of year	784,556
Net loss per the Form 5500	\$ (624,425,720)

Amounts allocated to withdrawing participants are recorded on the Form 5500 for benefit claims that have been processed and approved for payment prior to year-end but not yet paid as of that date.

NOTE G – TAX STATUS

On February 2, 2015, the Company filed a Form 5310, Application for Determination for Terminating Plan, with the IRS to confirm the tax qualified status of the Plan. The Company received a favorable determination letter from the IRS dated November 16, 2015, which indicated that the Plan's tax qualified status would not be affected by the Plan's termination, pending adoption of the proposed Plan amendment that had been submitted to the IRS as part of the application process. Upon receipt of this letter, the Company adopted the amendment and commenced final wind-up activities. The Plan administrator believes the Plan was designed and operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, he believes the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

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U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. Additionally, the Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2013.

**NOTE H – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS –
UNAUDITED INFORMATION**

Substantially all the information pertaining to the Plan's investments and notes receivables from participants included in the financial statements, including associated investment income and interest earned on notes receivables from participants, was obtained or derived from information supplied to the plan administrator and certified as complete and accurate by The Northern Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. The information has not been audited by independent accountants.

NOTE I – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated subsequent events for recognition disclosure through April 11, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.