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ARKANSAS POULTRY PROCESSING WORKERS SEEK PAYMENT FOR ALL TIME WORKED FROM BUTTERBALL

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: Butterball poultry processing workers in Arkansas took action against their employer for not paying them for all of their time worked. Today, the Court confirmed their allegations and certified the FLSA class that includes all workers employed by Butterball as non-exempt, hourly paid, production workers at Butterball's turkey processing plants located in Huntsville and Ozark, Arkansas, who have been employed by Butterball any time during the past three years.

The workers at Butterball allege that by failing to count work done before and after the shifts, the company has violated the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the Minimum Wage Act of Arkansas (MWA), and Arkansas contract law. The lawsuit alleges workers were not paid from the moment they started putting on and taking off protective clothing (donning and doffing), sanitizing gear and equipment, and walking to and from the production floor, as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and various state laws.

The time workers spend getting ready for their shifts, and for finishing at the end of their shifts, is significant. "In some cases, up to 30 minutes each day is spent working off the clock. Millions of dollars have been paid to settle some of these types of class action lawsuits, and some workers have been awarded thousands of dollars in back pay," said Gordon Rudd, an attorney for the workers.

Current or former production employees at Butterball's turkey processing plants located in Huntsville and Ozark, Arkansas, who have been employed by Butterball any time during _____ can get more information about joining the lawsuit at www.fairpayattorneys.com or by calling 800.890.2902 (instead of using the general w&h mailbox we may want to use the front desk 800# since we are switching phone systems, I'll check with Angie). The order is also available at www.fairpayattorneys.com. The workers are represented by the law firms of Zimmerman Reed, PLLP, of Minneapolis, MN and Larson King, LLP of St. Paul, MN.

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