

FACTORY FARM OFFENDER

PREMIUM STANDARD FARMS INC.

Premium Standard Farms Inc.
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CEO: John Meyer, Age: 44, Salary: \$ 1.22 million

COMPANIES (dba): ContiGroup Companies Inc., Premium Standard Farms Inc., PSF Group Holdings Inc., LPC Transport Inc., Lundy International Inc.

FORTUNE 500 RANKING: Premium Standard Farms, a majority owned subsidiary of ContiGroup Companies, didn't make enough money (over 1 billion) to be on the list. ContiGroup2 is not included on the list because they are a privately owned company.

ANNUAL REVENUE: 951.28 million

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: 4,100

HEADQUARTERS: Kansas City, Missouri

LOCATIONS: Milan, Missouri (processing); Clinton, North Carolina (processing and production); Princeton, Missouri (production); Dalhart, Texas (production).

BRANDS/PRODUCTS: Premium Standard Farms produces a wide variety of pork products including fresh, frozen and vacuum packed tenderloins, hams, ribs, bacon, and sausage. Their brand names include: Premium Farms, Natural Excellence, Premium Standard Farms, Premium Standard Certified, Carolinian, Lundy's, Tomahawk Farms, Fresh & Tender and Gold Banner. Their products are sold primarily in the U.S. and Japan.

POLLUTION VIOLATIONS:

- **National** - On January 21, 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the opportunity for factory farm feed lots to enter into an agreement that would absolve them of any lawsuits due to air pollution. Known as the Air Quality Compliance Agreement, factory farms with a lengthy history of air pollution violations would be released from any past or future EPA lawsuits and would only need to pay a small civil penalty until such time as EPA establishes emission methodologies enabling Animal Feeding Operations to certify compliance.
- **Kansas City, MO** - In May 2004, a class action lawsuit entitled Daniel Herrold, et al. and Others Similarly Situated v. ContiGroup Companies, Inc, Premium Standard Farms, Inc., and PSF Group Holdings, Inc. was filed in the Circuit Court of Jackson County. This case represents complaints from a large class of plaintiffs living within ten miles of Premium Standard's farms in northern Missouri who allege that odors from swine farms owned or under contract with Premium Standard Farms interfered with their right to use and have quiet enjoyment of their respective properties.

- **Gallatin, MO** - In 2004, two nuisance lawsuits were filed against Premium Standard Farms in the Circuit Court of Daviess County entitled Vernon Hanes et al. v. Premium Standard Farms, Inc. et al., and Steve Hanes et al. v. Premium Standard Farms, Inc., et al. The multiple plaintiffs allege that odors from swine farms owned or under contract with Premium Standard Farms interfered with their right to use and have quiet enjoyment of their respective properties.
- **Kansas City, MO** - In 2003 and 2004, four nuisance lawsuits were filed against ContiGroup and Premium Standard Farms in the Circuit Court of Jackson County entitled Steven Adwell, et al. vs. PSF, et al., and Michael Adwell, et al. vs. PSF, et al. and Fred Torrey, et al. vs. PSF, et al., and, Doyle Bounds, et al. vs. PSF, et al.
- **Missouri** - In 2002, the State of Missouri filed suit against Premium Standard Farms for a variety of alleged violations of state air and water regulations.
- **National** - In 2001, the EPA charged Premium Standard Farms with allegedly violating the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).
- **North Carolina** - Prior to 2000, Premium Standard Farms was charged by the Attorney General of North Carolina with allegedly mismanaging swine waste.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY VIOLATIONS:

The U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) assessed Premium Standard Farms operations and issued more than 15 violations and fines from 2001 to 2003 for failing to provide employees with a safe work environment, including the following:

- **Browning, MO** - On June 5, 2002, Premium Standard Farms received several OSHA violations for not providing employees with access to drinking water or toilets throughout the day.
- **Milan, MO** - In 2001, there was a fatal crushing accident at one of Premium Standard Farms meat-packing plants. Later that year, the company received several related OSHA violations: "The employer did not furnish a workplace free from recognized hazards in that employees were exposed to hazards of rotating paddles and shafts on the Glycol Chilled Massage sausage blender."

FOOD SAFETY VIOLATIONS:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS) took the following enforcement actions against Premium Standard Farms slaughter and processing plants between 2001 and 2006 :

- **Clinton, NC** - Plant was issued Notice of Intended Enforcement for Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point System (HACCP) and Sanitation Performance Standards (SPS) violations on June 24, 2005.

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