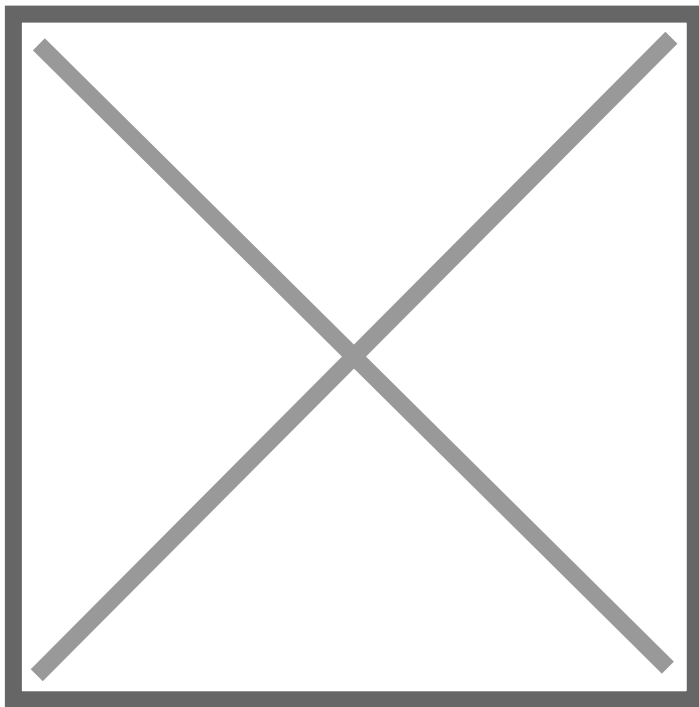


Pilgrim's to build new prepared foods facility in Georgia

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Pilgrim's, one of the world's leading food companies, announced it will invest \$400 million to expand its footprint in Georgia. The company will build a new, multi-phase prepared foods facility in LaFayette, Walker County, supporting more than 630 new jobs at full capacity.

"Georgia's No. 1 industry of agriculture continues to drive growth with companies like Pilgrim's creating quality jobs in communities like LaFayette," said Governor Brian Kemp. "As our state's economy continues to advance, we are excited to see these continued innovations and the opportunities they will bring for hardworking Georgians."

Pilgrim's is a leading global provider of high-quality food products. Across Georgia, the company currently supports an estimated 7,500 jobs and operates seven food production facilities, in addition to supporting facilities like feed mills and hatcheries.

"Expanding the Pilgrim's footprint in Georgia highlights our ongoing commitment to the region and our company's long-term growth strategy," said Fabio Sandri, Pilgrim's CEO. "This significant investment will allow further growth of our prepared foods business by expanding brands like Just Bare, Pilgrim's, and Gold Kist, and supporting increasing demand in retail and foodservice channels. We are also proud of our role in creating jobs and being a strong community

partner.â?•

The new facility, located at the Walker County Business Park in LaFayette, will produce a variety of fully cooked chicken products to support the growth of its fast-growing prepared foods business. The project is expected to get underway in the fall of 2025, and hiring is expected to begin in 2027, aligning with the expected completion of the first phase of construction.