

AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc.
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April 25, 2017

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc.

(Name of Subject Company)

TYSON FOODS, INC.

DVB MERGER SUB, INC.

(Names of Filing Persons — Offeror)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

00782L107

(Cusip Number of Class of Securities)

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

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This filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer by DVB Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Purchaser”) and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tyson Foods, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Tyson”), to acquire all of the outstanding shares of common stock of AdvancePierre Foods Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“APFH”), at a price of \$40.25 per share, net to the seller in cash, without interest, subject to any required withholding of taxes, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 25, 2017, by and among Purchaser, Tyson and APFH.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the expected consummation of the acquisition, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including the satisfaction of closing conditions for the acquisition (such as regulatory approval for the transaction and the tender of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock of AdvancePierre Foods); the possibility that the transaction will not be completed; the impact of general economic, industry, market or political conditions; risks related to the ultimate outcome and results of integrating the operations of Tyson and AdvancePierre Foods; the ultimate outcome of Tyson’s operating strategy applied to AdvancePierre Foods and the ultimate ability to realize synergies; the effects of the business combination on Tyson and AdvancePierre Foods, including on the combined company’s future financial condition, operating results, strategy and plans; and other risks and uncertainties, including those identified in AdvancePierre Foods’ periodic filings, including AdvancePierre Foods’ Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 and AdvancePierre Foods’ Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on April 5, 2017 and any subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as well as the tender offer documents to be filed with the SEC by Tyson and the Solicitation/Recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9 to be filed by AdvancePierre Foods. These statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The words “may,” “might,” “will,” “should,” “estimate,” “project,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “expect,” “intend,” “outlook,” “believe” and other similar (or the negative of such terms) are intended to identify forward-looking statements. If underlying assumptions prove inaccurate or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results and the timing of events may differ materially from the results and/or timing discussed in the forward-looking statements, and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this communication, and neither Tyson nor AdvancePierre Foods undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statement except as required by law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

The tender offer referenced in this communication has not yet commenced. This announcement is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell securities, nor is it a substitute for the tender offer materials that will be filed with the SEC. The solicitation and offer to buy AdvancePierre Foods stock will only be made pursuant to an Offer to Purchase and related tender offer materials. At the time the tender offer is commenced, Tyson and its acquisition subsidiary will file a tender offer statement on Schedule TO and thereafter AdvancePierre Foods will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with the SEC with respect to the tender offer. THE TENDER OFFER MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, A

RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND CERTAIN OTHER TENDER OFFER DOCUMENTS) AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 14D-9 WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. ADVANCEPIERRE FOODS STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THESE DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT HOLDERS OF ADVANCEPIERRE FOODS SECURITIES SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION REGARDING TENDERING THEIR SECURITIES. The Offer to Purchase, the related Letter of Transmittal and certain other tender offer documents, as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, will be made available to all holders of AdvancePierre Foods stock at no expense to them. The tender offer materials and the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement will be made available for free at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Tyson will be available free of charge on Tyson's internet website at <http://www.tyson.com> or by contacting Jon Kathol at Tyson's Investor Relations Department at (479) 290-4235 or by email at jon.kathol@tyson.com. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by AdvancePierre Foods will be available free of charge on AdvancePierre Foods' internet website at <http://www.advancepierre.com> or by contacting John Morgan at AdvancePierre Foods' Investor Relations Department at (513) 372-9338 or by email at ir@advancepierre.com.

In addition to the Offer to Purchase, the related Letter of Transmittal and certain other tender offer documents, as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, AdvancePierre Foods files annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports or other information filed by AdvancePierre Foods at the SEC public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. AdvancePierre Foods' filings with the SEC are also available to the public from commercial document-retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Note sent by Thomas P. Hayes, CEO of Tyson Foods, Inc., to Tyson Foods, Inc. employees on April 25, 2017
99.2	Note sent by Scott Rouse, Chief Customer Officer of Tyson Foods, Inc. to Tyson Foods, Inc.'s commercial sales team on April 25, 2017
99.3	Presentation given by Thomas P. Hayes, CEO of Tyson Foods, Inc. to Tyson Foods, Inc. employees entitled "Team Talk" on April 25, 2017
99.4	Transcript of Conference Call hosted by Tyson Foods, Inc. held on April 25, 2017
99.5	Note sent by Thomas P. Hayes, CEO of Tyson Foods, Inc. to Tyson Foods, Inc.'s senior leadership team on April 25, 2017
99.6	FAQ Memo issued by Tyson Foods, Inc. on April 25, 2017
99.7	Letter sent by Thomas P. Hayes, CEO of Tyson Foods, Inc., to Tyson Foods, Inc.'s customers on April 25, 2017