

## Eggs

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### In re: Processed Egg Products Antitrust Litigation, MDL No. 2002, U.S.D.C -

Hausfeld filed the first lawsuit in the country alleging that a cartel of egg producers through the auspices of their trade groups -- United Egg Producers (UEP); United States Egg Marketers (USEM); and United Egg Association (UEA) -- engaged in an unlawful scheme to artificially inflate egg prices by agreeing to restrict the supply of both laying hens and eggs across the country.

Plaintiffs' claims survived multiple motions to dismiss by Defendants, and Hausfeld successfully sought certification of a class of direct purchasers, defeated the defendants' motions for summary judgment, and obtained over \$130 million in settlements from several defendants.

In Spring 2018, along with its co-counsel, Hausfeld tried the case against in Pennsylvania federal court against the three non-settling defendants. After a month-long trial, the jury found that there was an overarching conspiracy to reduce the supply of eggs in the United States, and that one of the defendants participated in the conspiracy, but ultimately found in favor of the defendants. The case is currently on appeal.