

**18 Cairo Poultry Company(Cairo Poultry, CPC)****Symbol: POUL.CA****2006 Ranking: 24****Industry: Food Manufacturing****Employees: 4,000**

Cairo Poultry was established in 1977 by the Kharafy Group of Kuwaiti Foods/Americana fame. It is a parent company controlling a web of integrated subsidiaries and an operating entity with specialized activities including integrated poultry operations and poultry feed. Cairo Poultry, together with its branches, covers the entire poultry cycle from hatching chicks to producing chicken products for consumers.

The company caters to the Kuwait-based Americana's fast-food chains (Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hardee's and Pizza Hut, among others) and exports to the Arab Gulf market. It is a producer of popular retail foods under the Koki chicken and Americana chicken brand names.

Although initially hard-hit by fears of the H5N1 influenza strain when it arrived in Egypt in 2006, CPC has since capitalized on the effective ban on the sale of live poultry: Company officials saw the flu epidemic as a chance to "restructure" the domestic poultry industry, shifting it away from the traditional sale of live birds to pre-slaughtered meat.

In February 2007, workers at the company went on strike, complaining about their medical care system. After meeting with the managing director, who promised to resolve their complaints to their mutual satisfaction, all employees resumed work.

**MANAGEMENT:** Dr. Mamdouh Sharaf El-Din (chairman) Ahmed El-Khayet (vice chairman and managing director)

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