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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

(Mark One)

**Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934
For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2015.**

or

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Transition Period from _____ to _____**

Commission File Number 001-32504

TreeHouse Foods, Inc.

(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

20-2311383
(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

2021 Spring Road, Suite 600
Oak Brook, IL
(Address of principal executive offices)

60523
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) **(708) 483-1300**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes

No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, outstanding as of October 31, 2015: 43,095,305

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(In thousands, except per share data)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(Unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,883	\$ 51,981
Investments	8,032	9,148
Receivables, net	213,631	233,656
Inventories, net	647,085	594,098
Deferred income taxes	28,644	35,564
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	36,846	24,989
Total current assets	957,121	949,436
Property, plant, and equipment, net	543,559	543,778
Goodwill	1,654,138	1,667,985
Intangible assets, net	661,511	716,298
Other assets, net	27,393	25,507
Total assets	\$ 3,843,722	\$ 3,903,004
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 313,890	\$ 296,860
Current portion of long-term debt	16,560	14,373
Total current liabilities	330,450	311,233
Long-term debt	1,307,262	1,445,488
Deferred income taxes	319,655	319,454
Other long-term liabilities	67,481	67,572
Total liabilities	2,024,848	2,143,747
Commitments and contingencies (Note 17)		
Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 10,000 shares authorized, none issued	431	427

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Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, 90,000 shares authorized, 43,091 and 42,663

shares issued and outstanding, respectively

Additional paid-in capital	1,199,066	1,177,342
Retained earnings	723,474	645,819
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(104,097)	(64,331)
Total stockholders' equity	1,818,874	1,759,257
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,843,722	\$ 3,903,004

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
Net sales	\$ 798,638	\$ 795,726	\$ 2,340,991	\$ 2,042,589
Cost of sales	639,941	637,138	1,878,486	1,615,333
Gross profit	158,697	158,588	462,505	427,256
Operating expenses:				
Selling and distribution	44,887	47,631	133,482	125,242
General and administrative	36,535	47,864	119,302	122,242
Other operating expense, net	154	170	504	1,408
Amortization expense	14,893	14,958	45,772	35,524
Total operating expenses	96,469	110,623	299,060	284,416
Operating income	62,228	47,965	163,445	142,840
Other expense (income):				
Interest expense	10,914	10,102	33,978	29,976
Interest income	(265)	(113)	(2,228)	(694)
Loss on foreign currency exchange	9,226	8,004	18,226	6,856
Loss on extinguishment of debt		75		22,019
Other expense (income), net	2,078	(898)	(394)	105
Total other expense	21,953	17,170	49,582	58,262
Income before income taxes	40,275	30,795	113,863	84,578
Income taxes	11,834	10,913	36,208	28,615
Net income	\$ 28,441	\$ 19,882	\$ 77,655	\$ 55,963
Net earnings per common share:				
Basic	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.46
Diluted	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.43
Weighted average common shares:				
Basic	43,168	41,099	43,004	38,272
Diluted	43,721	42,002	43,672	39,259

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (Unaudited)		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (Unaudited)	
Net income	\$ 28,441	\$ 19,882	\$ 77,655	\$ 55,963
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(20,216)	(14,269)	(40,533)	(15,270)
Pension and postretirement reclassification adjustment (1)	256	103	767	309
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(19,960)	(14,166)	(39,766)	(14,961)
Comprehensive income	\$ 8,481	\$ 5,716	\$ 37,889	\$ 41,002

- (1) Net of tax of \$158 and \$64 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$474 and \$194 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (Unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 77,655	\$ 55,963
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	46,160	47,401
Amortization	45,772	35,524
Stock-based compensation	15,503	17,102
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(5,004)	(11,915)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		22,019
Mark-to-market gain on derivative contracts	(378)	(93)
Mark-to-market loss (gain) on investments	421	(466)
Loss on disposition of assets	365	1,810
Deferred income taxes	239	(2,814)
Loss on foreign currency exchange	18,226	6,856
Other	(1,127)	5,330
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Receivables	14,493	(7,872)
Inventories	(61,715)	(109,155)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(5,150)	(10,836)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	23,730	28,107
Net cash provided by operating activities	169,190	76,961
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(57,188)	(65,392)
Additions to other intangible assets	(9,663)	(7,838)
Acquisitions, less cash acquired		(1,000,948)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	278	538
Purchase of investments	(572)	(471)
Proceeds from sale of investments		63
Other		525
Net cash used in investing activities	(67,145)	(1,073,523)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings under Revolving Credit Facility	131,100	854,400
Payments under Revolving Credit Facility	(257,100)	(735,400)
Proceeds from issuance of Term Loan and Acquisition Term Loan		500,000
Payments on Term Loan and Acquisition Term Loan	(7,250)	(2,000)

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Proceeds from issuance of 2022 Notes		400,000
Payments on 2018 Notes		(400,000)
Payments on capitalized lease obligations and other debt	(2,672)	(1,880)
Payment of deferred financing costs		(13,712)
Payment of debt premium for extinguishment of debt		(16,693)
Net proceeds from issuance of stock		358,364
Net receipts related to stock-based award activities	1,221	17,193
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	5,004	11,915
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(129,697)	972,187
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,446)	71
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(29,098)	(24,304)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	51,981	46,475
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 22,883	\$ 22,171

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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TREEHOUSE FOODS, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Nine Months ended September 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein have been prepared by TreeHouse Foods, Inc. (the Company, TreeHouse, we, us, or our), pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) applicable to quarterly reporting on Form 10-Q. In our opinion, these statements include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results of all interim periods reported herein. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted as permitted by such rules and regulations. The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of annual results.

The preparation of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) requires us to use our judgment to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and the reported amounts of net sales and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

A detailed description of the Company s significant accounting policies can be found in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

2. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-16, *Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments*, to simplify the accounting for adjustments made to provisional amounts. This ASU requires that an acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period, in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. The ASU also requires acquirers to present separately on the face of the income statement, or disclose in the notes, the portion of the amount recorded in current-period earnings by line item that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. This ASU is effective for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company will apply this guidance prospectively, beginning January 1, 2016.

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, *Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements*, which clarifies the Securities and Exchange Commission s (SEC) position on the presentation and measurement of debt issuance costs incurred in connection with line-of-credit agreements. ASU 2015-15 clarifies that the SEC will not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement. This ASU is effective upon issuance and did not change how the Company historically reported its deferred issuance costs incurred in connection with its line of credit.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, *Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory*, which requires entities to measure inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value (NRV). This ASU will not apply to inventory valued under the last-in-first-out method. Under current guidance, an entity is required to measure inventory at the lower of cost or market, with market defined as replacement cost, NRV, NRV less a normal profit margin. The three market measurements added complexity and reduced comparability in the valuation of inventory. FASB issued ASU 2015-11 as part of its simplification initiative to address these issues. The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of the standard.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-07, *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)*, which removes the requirement to categorize investments within the fair value hierarchy for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient discussed in ASC 820-10-35. The ASU also limits required disclosures to investments for which an entity has elected to measure fair value using the practical expedient. Under current guidance, certain disclosures are required for all investments eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2015. Upon adoption, the standard requires that entities apply these changes to all periods presented. The Company does not believe this ASU will have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

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In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, *Interest Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which changes the presentation of debt issuance costs in the balance sheet. Under the ASU, an entity will present debt issuance costs as a direct deduction of the related debt liability with the amortization of the debt issuance costs reported as interest expense. Under current guidance, debt issuance costs are reported separately as an asset with the amortization recorded as interest expense. The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The standard requires that entities apply the effects of these changes to all prior years presented, upon adoption, using a full retrospective approach. The Company does not believe this ASU will have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, *Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*, providing additional guidance surrounding the disclosure of going concern uncertainties in the financial statements and implementing requirements for management to perform interim and annual assessments of an entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year of the date the financial statements are issued. The ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, ending after December 15, 2016. The Company does not anticipate the adoption of the ASU will result in additional disclosures, however, management will begin performing the periodic assessments required by the ASU on its effective date.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which introduced a new framework to be used when recognizing revenue in an attempt to reduce complexity and increase comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities, industries, jurisdictions, and capital markets. In July 2015, the FASB approved a one-year deferral on the effective date for this ASU, which will now be effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The standard requires that entities apply the effects of these changes to all prior years presented, upon adoption, using either the full retrospective method, which presents the impact of the change separately in each prior year presented, or the modified retrospective method, which includes the cumulative changes to all prior years presented in beginning retained earnings in the year of initial adoption. The Company has not yet determined which of the two adoption methods to elect. The Company is currently assessing the impact this standard will have upon adoption.

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On July 29, 2014, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of Flagstone Foods (Flagstone), a privately owned U.S. based manufacturer of branded and private label varieties of snack nuts, trail mixes, dried fruit, snack mixes, and other wholesome snacks. Flagstone is one of the largest manufacturers and distributors of private label wholesome snacks in North America, and is the largest manufacturer of private label trail mix in North America. The purchase price was approximately \$854.2 million, net of acquired cash, after adjustments for working capital. The acquisition was financed through additional borrowings and the issuance of common stock. The acquisition expanded our existing product offerings by providing the Company with an entrance into the wholesome snack food category, while also providing more exposure to the perimeter of the store.

The Flagstone acquisition is accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting and the results of operations are included in our financial statements from the date of acquisition in the North American Retail Grocery and Industrial and Export segments. Included in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income are Flagstone's net sales of approximately \$118 million and net loss of \$4.5 million from the date of acquisition through September 30, 2014. The loss includes integration costs of \$10.5 million.

We have completed the allocation of the purchase price to net tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed as follows:

	(In thousands)
Cash	\$ 902
Receivables	55,640
Inventory	128,224
Property, plant, and equipment	37,154
Customer relationships	231,700
Trade names	6,300
Supplier relationships	2,500
Software	1,755
Formulas	1,600
Other assets	35,081
Goodwill	511,274
Fair value of assets acquired	1,012,130
Deferred taxes	(81,602)
Assumed liabilities	(75,397)
Total purchase price	\$ 855,131

The Company allocated \$231.7 million to customer relationships and \$6.3 million to trade names, each of which have an estimated life of 15 years. The Company allocated \$1.6 million to formulas, which have an estimated life of 5 years. The Company allocated \$1.8 million to capitalized software with an estimated life of 1 year. The aforementioned intangibles will be amortized on a straight line basis. The Company allocated \$2.5 million to supplier relationships, which will be amortized in a method reflecting the pattern in which the economic benefits of the intangible asset are consumed over the period of one year. The Company has allocated all \$511.3 million of goodwill to the North American Retail Grocery segment. Goodwill arises principally as a result of expansion opportunities related to Flagstone's product offerings in the snacking category. None of the goodwill resulting from this acquisition is tax deductible. The Company incurred approximately \$8.6 million of acquisition costs during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 and none in 2015. Since the initial preliminary purchase price allocation included in the Company's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2014, net adjustments of \$5.7 million were made to the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with corresponding adjustments to goodwill.

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The following unaudited pro forma information shows the results of operations for the Company as if its acquisition of Flagstone had been completed as of January 1, 2014. Adjustments have been made for the pro forma effects of depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets recognized as part of the business combination, the issuance of common stock, interest expense related to the financing of the business combination, and related income taxes. The pro forma results may not necessarily reflect actual results of operations that would have been achieved, nor are they necessarily indicative of future results of operations.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 (In thousands, except per share data)
Pro forma net sales	\$ 2,428,595
Pro forma net income	\$ 48,933
Pro forma basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.13
Pro forma diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.11

Protenergy

On May 30, 2014, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of PFF Capital Group, Inc. (Protenergy), a privately owned Canadian based manufacturer of broths, soups, and gravies. Protenergy specializes in providing products in carton and recart packaging for both private label and corporate brands, and also serves as a co-manufacturer of national brands. The Company paid \$140.1 million, net of acquired cash, for the purchase of Protenergy. The acquisition was financed through additional borrowings. The acquisition expanded our existing packaging capabilities and enables us to offer customers a full range of soup products, as well as leverage our research and development capabilities in the evolution of shelf stable liquids packaging from cans to cartons.

The Protenergy acquisition is accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting and the results of operations are included in our financial statements from the date of acquisition in the North American Retail Grocery and Industrial and Export segments. Included in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income are Protenergy's net sales of approximately \$57.2 million from the date of acquisition through September 30, 2014. Also included is a net loss of \$4.0 million from the date of acquisition through September 30, 2014. This loss includes integration costs of \$5.8 million. At the date of acquisition, the purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon fair market values.

We have completed the allocation of the purchase price to net tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed as follows:

	(In thousands)
Cash	\$ 2,580
Receivables	10,949
Inventory	38,283
Property, plant, and equipment	36,355
Customer relationships	49,516
Software	1,483
Formulas	433
Other assets	2,425
Goodwill	50,728
Fair value of assets acquired	192,752
Assumed liabilities	(42,412)
Unfavorable contractual agreements	(7,643)
Total purchase price	\$ 142,697

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The Company allocated \$49.5 million to customer relationships that have an estimated life of 15 years and \$0.4 million to formulas with an estimated life of 5 years. These intangible assets will be amortized on a straight line basis. The Company recorded \$7.6 million of unfavorable contractual agreements, which have an estimated life of 2.6 years. These unfavorable contracts will be amortized in a method reflecting the pattern in which the economic costs are incurred. As of the acquisition date, the Company has allocated all \$50.7 million of goodwill to the North American Retail Grocery segment. Goodwill arises principally as a result of expansion opportunities, driven in part by Protenergy's packaging technology. None of the goodwill resulting from this acquisition is tax deductible. The Company incurred approximately \$0.5 million and \$3.2 million in acquisition costs in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively, and none in 2015. These costs are included in the General and administrative expense line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Since the initial preliminary purchase price allocation included in the Company's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2014, net adjustments of \$0.2 million were made to increase the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed with corresponding adjustments to goodwill.

The following unaudited pro forma information shows the results of operations for the Company as if the acquisition of Protenergy had been completed as of January 1, 2014. Adjustments have been made for the pro forma effects of depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets recognized as part of the business combination, interest expense related to the financing of the business combination, and related income taxes. These pro forma results may not necessarily reflect actual results of operations that would have been achieved, nor are they necessarily indicative of future results of operations.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 (In thousands, except per share data)
Pro forma net sales	\$ 2,103,347
Pro forma net income	\$ 48,403
Pro forma basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.26
Pro forma diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.23

4. INVESTMENTS

**September 30, 2015 December 31, 2014
(In thousands)**

U.S. equity	\$ 4,961	\$	5,749
Non-U.S. equity	1,516		1,692
Fixed income	1,555		1,707
Total investments	\$ 8,032	\$	9,148

We determine the appropriate classification of our investments at the time of purchase and reevaluate such designation as of each balance sheet date. The Company accounts for investments in debt and marketable equity securities as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale, or trading, depending on their classification. The investments held by the Company are classified as trading securities and are stated at fair value, with changes in fair value recorded as a component of the Interest income or Interest expense line on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Cash flows from purchases, sales, and maturities of trading securities are included in cash flows from investing activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows based on the nature and purpose for which the securities were acquired.

Our investments include U.S. equity, non-U.S. equity, and fixed income securities that are classified as short-term investments on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The U.S. equity, non-U.S. equity, and fixed income securities are classified as short-term investments as they have characteristics of other current assets and are actively managed.

We consider temporary cash investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$21.4 million and \$31.6 million, respectively, represents cash and equivalents held in Canada in local currency and are convertible into other currencies. The cash and equivalents held in Canada are expected to be used for general corporate purposes in Canada, including capital projects and acquisitions.

For the three months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized unrealized losses totaling \$0.8 million that are included in the Interest expense line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and \$0.2 million of unrealized gains that are included in the Interest income line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized unrealized losses totaling \$1.0 million that are included in the Interest expense line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and unrealized gains totaling \$0.6 million that are included in the Interest income line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

Realized gains for the three months ended September 30, 2015 were insignificant, while for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recognized gains totaling \$0.2 million that are included in the Interest income line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. When securities are sold, their cost is determined based on the first-in, first-out method.

5. INVENTORIES

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 312,097	\$ 279,745
Finished goods	355,468	334,856
LIFO reserve	(20,480)	(20,503)
Total	\$ 647,085	\$ 594,098

Approximately \$89.7 million and \$87.4 million of our inventory was accounted for under the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method of accounting at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Approximately \$138.9 million and \$117.3 million of our inventory was accounted for using the weighted average costing approach at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

6. PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Land	\$ 25,943	\$ 27,097
Buildings and improvements	218,839	209,117
Machinery and equipment	663,156	644,333
Construction in progress	43,204	35,010
Total	951,142	915,557
Less accumulated depreciation	(407,583)	(371,779)

Property, plant, and equipment, net	\$ 543,559	\$ 543,778
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Depreciation expense was \$15.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and \$46.2 million and \$47.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

7. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 are as follows:

	North American Retail Grocery	Food Away From Home	Industrial and Export	Total
	(In thousands)			
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 1,439,476	\$ 94,423	\$ 134,086	\$ 1,667,985
Foreign currency exchange adjustments	(17,633)	(1,770)		(19,403)
Purchase price adjustments	5,556			5,556
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ 1,427,399	\$ 92,653	\$ 134,086	\$ 1,654,138

The Company has not incurred any goodwill impairments since its inception.

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The carrying amounts of our intangible assets with indefinite lives, other than goodwill, as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Trademarks	\$ 25,904	\$ 28,995
Total indefinite lived intangibles	\$ 25,904	\$ 28,995

The decrease in the indefinite lived intangibles balance is due to foreign currency translation.

The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of intangible assets, with finite lives, as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	September 30, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization (In thousands)	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization (In thousands)	Net Carrying Amount
Intangible assets with finite lives:						
Customer-related	\$ 773,847	\$ (198,604)	\$ 575,243	\$ 794,300	\$ (168,462)	\$ 625,838
Contractual agreements	3,961	(3,811)	150	2,829	(2,396)	433
Trademarks	32,301	(10,580)	21,721	32,579	(9,041)	23,538
Formulas/recipes	9,531	(6,690)	2,841	10,763	(7,138)	3,625
Computer software	74,300	(38,648)	35,652	65,202	(31,333)	33,869
Total other intangibles	\$ 893,940	\$ (258,333)	\$ 635,607	\$ 905,673	\$ (218,370)	\$ 687,303

Total intangible assets, excluding goodwill, as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, were \$661.5 million and \$716.3 million, respectively. Amortization expense on intangible assets for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$14.9 million and \$15.0 million, respectively, and \$45.8 million and \$35.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Estimated amortization expense on intangible assets for 2015 and the next four years is as follows:

(In thousands)

2015	\$	61,412
2016	\$	60,521
2017	\$	59,171
2018	\$	53,610
2019	\$	52,179

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Accounts payable	\$ 243,699	\$ 217,226
Payroll and benefits	29,103	38,669
Interest	1,390	6,507
Taxes	14,741	5,947
Health insurance, workers compensation, and other insurance costs	9,629	8,602
Marketing expenses	8,956	12,479
Other accrued liabilities	6,372	7,430
Total	\$ 313,890	\$ 296,860

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Income tax expense was recorded at an effective rate of 29.4% and 31.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, compared to 35.4% and 33.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively. The Company's effective tax rate is favorably impacted by an intercompany financing structure entered into in conjunction with the E.D. Smith Foods, Ltd. (E.D. Smith) acquisition in 2007. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 is largely attributable to acquisition related expenses incurred in the third quarter of 2014 that were not deductible for tax purposes and a decrease in state tax expense.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) completed its examination of TreeHouse's 2012 tax year during the first quarter of 2015, resulting in an immaterial cash refund to the Company. During the third quarter of 2015, the IRS initiated an examination of the Flagstone Foods pre-acquisition 2013 tax year. The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) is currently examining the 2008 through 2012 tax years of E.D. Smith. The E.D. Smith examinations are expected to be completed in 2016. The Company also has examinations in process with various state taxing authorities, which are expected to be completed in 2015 or 2016.

Management estimates that it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by as much as \$1.5 million within the next 12 months, primarily as a result of the lapsing of statutes of limitations.

10. LONG-TERM DEBT

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 428,000	\$ 554,000
Term Loan	296,250	298,500
Acquisition Term Loan	192,500	197,500
2022 Notes	400,000	400,000
Tax increment financing and other debt	7,072	9,861
Total debt outstanding	1,323,822	1,459,861
Less current portion	(16,560)	(14,373)
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,307,262	\$ 1,445,488

On May 6, 2014, the Company entered into a new five year revolving credit facility with an aggregate commitment of \$900 million (the Revolving Credit Facility) and a \$300 million term loan (the Term Loan) pursuant to a new credit agreement (the Credit Agreement). The proceeds from the Term Loan and a draw at closing on the Revolving Credit Facility were used to repay in full, amounts outstanding under our prior \$750 million revolving credit facility (the

Prior Credit Agreement). The Credit Agreement replaced the Prior Credit Agreement, which was terminated upon the repayment of the amounts outstanding thereunder on May 6, 2014.

On July 29, 2014, the Company entered into an amendment to its Credit Agreement (the Amendment), which among other things, provided for a new \$200 million term loan (the Acquisition Term Loan). The Acquisition Term Loan was used to fund, in part, the acquisition of Flagstone.

The Revolving Credit Facility, Term Loan, and Acquisition Term Loan are known collectively as the Credit Facility. The Company's average interest rate on debt outstanding under its Credit Facility for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was 1.89%.

Revolving Credit Facility As of September 30, 2015, \$458.9 million of the aggregate commitment of \$900 million of the Revolving Credit Facility was available. The Revolving Credit Facility matures on May 6, 2019. In addition, as of September 30, 2015, there were \$13.1 million in letters of credit under the Revolving Credit Facility that were issued but undrawn, which have been included as a reduction to the calculation of available credit.

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Interest is payable quarterly or at the end of the applicable interest period in arrears on any outstanding borrowings. The interest rates under the Credit Agreement are based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio and are determined by either (i) LIBOR, plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 2.00% (inclusive of the facility fee), based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio, or (ii) a Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 1.00% (inclusive of the facility fee), based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio.

The Credit Agreement is fully and unconditionally, as well as jointly and severally, guaranteed by our 100% owned direct and indirect subsidiaries, Bay Valley Foods, LLC; Sturm Foods, Inc.; S.T. Specialty Foods, Inc.; American Importing Company, Inc.; Ann's House of Nuts, Inc.; Snacks Parent Corporation; and certain other subsidiaries that may become guarantors in the future (collectively known as the Guarantor Subsidiaries). The Revolving Credit Facility contains various financial and restrictive covenants and requires that the Company maintain certain financial ratios, including a leverage and interest coverage ratio. The Credit Agreement also contains cross-default provisions which could result in the acceleration of payments in the event TreeHouse or the Guarantor Subsidiaries (i) fails to make a payment when due in respect of any indebtedness or guarantee having an aggregate principal amount greater than \$50 million or (ii) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition related to such indebtedness or guarantee as a result of which the holder(s) of such debt are permitted to accelerate the payment of such debt.

Term Loan On May 6, 2014, the Company entered into a \$300 million senior unsecured Term Loan pursuant to the Credit Agreement. The Term Loan matures on May 6, 2021. The interest rates applicable to the Term Loan are based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio and are determined by either (i) LIBOR, plus a margin ranging from 1.50% to 2.25%, or (ii) a Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), plus a margin ranging from 0.50% to 1.25%. Payments are due on a quarterly basis. The Term Loan is subject to substantially the same covenants as the Revolving Credit Facility, and also has the same Guarantor Subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2015, \$296.3 million was outstanding under the Term Loan.

Acquisition Term Loan On July 29, 2014, the Company entered into a \$200 million unsecured Acquisition Term Loan pursuant to the Credit Agreement. The Acquisition Term Loan matures on May 6, 2019. The interest rates applicable to the Acquisition Term Loan are based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio and are determined by either (i) LIBOR, plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 2.00%, or (ii) a Base Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 1.00%. Payments are due on a quarterly basis. The Acquisition Term Loan is subject to substantially the same covenants as the Revolving Credit Facility, and has the same Guarantor Subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2015, \$192.5 million was outstanding under the Acquisition Term Loan.

2022 Notes On March 11, 2014, the Company completed its underwritten public offering of \$400 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.875% notes due March 15, 2022 (the 2022 Notes). The net proceeds of \$394 million (\$400 million less underwriting discount of \$6 million, providing an effective interest rate of 4.99%) were used to extinguish the Company's previously issued 7.75% notes due on March 1, 2018 (the 2018 Notes). The Company issued the 2022 Notes pursuant to an Indenture between the Company, the Guarantor Subsidiaries, and the Trustee.

The Indenture provides, among other things, that the 2022 Notes will be senior unsecured obligations of the Company. The Company's payment obligations under the 2022 Notes are fully and unconditionally, as well as jointly and severally, guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by the Guarantor Subsidiaries, in addition to any future domestic

subsidiaries that (i) guarantee or become borrowers under its credit facility or (ii) guarantee certain other indebtedness incurred by the Company or its restricted subsidiaries. Interest is payable on March 15 and September 15 of each year. The 2022 Notes mature on March 15, 2022.

The Company may redeem some or all of the 2022 Notes at any time prior to March 15, 2017 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2022 Notes redeemed, plus an applicable make-whole premium. On or after March 15, 2017, the Company may redeem some or all of the 2022 Notes at redemption prices set forth in the Indenture. In addition, at any time prior to March 15, 2017, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the 2022 Notes at a redemption price of 104.875% of the principal amount of the 2022 Notes redeemed with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings.

Subject to certain limitations, in the event of a change in control of the Company, the Company will be required to make an offer to purchase the 2022 Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the 2022 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the purchase date.

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The Indenture contains restrictive covenants that, among other things, limit the ability of the Company and the Guarantor Subsidiaries to: (i) pay dividends or make other restricted payments, (ii) make certain investments, (iii) incur additional indebtedness or issue preferred stock, (iv) create liens, (v) pay dividends or make other payments (except for certain dividends and payments to the Company and certain subsidiaries of the Company), (vi) merge or consolidate with other entities or sell substantially all of its assets, (vii) enter into transactions with affiliates, and (viii) engage in certain sale and leaseback transactions. The foregoing limitations are subject to exceptions as set forth in the Indenture. In addition, if in the future, the 2022 Notes have an investment grade credit rating by both Moody's Investors Services, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, certain of these covenants will thereafter no longer apply to the 2022 Notes for so long as the 2022 Notes are rated investment grade by the two rating agencies.

Tax Increment Financing On December 15, 2001, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) issued \$4.0 million of redevelopment bonds, pursuant to a Tax Increment Financing Plan to assist with certain aspects of the development and construction of the Company's Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania facilities. The agreement was transferred to the Company as part of the acquisition of the soup and infant feeding business. The Company has agreed to make certain payments with respect to the principal amount of the URA's redevelopment bonds through May 2019. As of September 30, 2015, \$1.3 million remains outstanding that matures May 1, 2019. Interest accrues at an annual rate of 7.16%.

Capital Lease Obligations and Other The Company owes \$5.8 million related to capital leases. Capital lease obligations represent machinery and equipment financing obligations, which are payable in monthly installments of principal and interest, and are collateralized by the related assets financed.

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Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income by the number of weighted average common shares outstanding during the reporting period. The weighted average number of common shares used in the diluted earnings per share calculation is determined using the treasury stock method and includes the incremental effect related to the Company's outstanding stock-based compensation awards.

On July 22, 2014, the Company closed the public offering of an aggregate 4,950,331 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at a price of \$75.50 per share. The Company used the net proceeds (\$358 million) from the stock offering to fund, in part, the acquisition of Flagstone.

The following table summarizes the effect of the share-based compensation awards on the weighted average number of shares outstanding used in calculating diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Net Income	\$ 28,441	\$ 19,882	\$ 77,655	\$ 55,963
Weighted average common shares outstanding	43,168	41,099	43,004	38,272
Assumed exercise/vesting of equity awards (1)	553	903	668	987
Weighted average diluted common shares outstanding	43,721	42,002	43,672	39,259
Net earnings per basic share	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.46
Net earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.43

(1) Incremental shares from equity awards are computed by the treasury stock method. Equity awards, excluded from our computation of diluted earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive, were 0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and 0.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, respectively.

12. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Board of Directors adopted, and the Company's Stockholders approved, the TreeHouse Foods, Inc. Equity and Incentive Plan (the Plan). On April 23, 2015, the Plan was amended and restated to increase the number of shares

available for issuance under the Plan by 3 million shares, effective February 27, 2015. The Plan is administered by our Compensation Committee, which consists entirely of independent directors. The Compensation Committee determines specific awards for our executive officers. For all other employees, if the committee designates, our Chief Executive Officer or such other officers will, from time to time, determine specific persons to whom awards under the Plan will be granted, and the terms and conditions of each award. The Compensation Committee or its designee, pursuant to the terms of the Plan, also will make all other necessary decisions and interpretations under the plan.

Under the Plan, the Compensation Committee may grant awards of various types of compensation, including stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, other types of stock-based awards, and other cash-based compensation. The maximum number of shares available to be awarded under the Plan is approximately 12.3 million, of which approximately 3.8 million remain available as of September 30, 2015.

Income before income taxes for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015 includes share-based compensation expense of \$5.0 million and \$15.5 million, respectively. Share-based compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014 was \$7.4 million and \$17.1 million, respectively. The tax benefit recognized related to the compensation cost of these share-based awards was approximately \$1.7 million and \$5.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and \$2.7 million and \$6.1 million for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014, respectively.

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Stock Options The following table summarizes stock option activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Stock options generally have a three year vesting schedule, which vest one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and expire ten years from the grant date.

	Employee Options (In thousands)	Director Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (yrs)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)
Outstanding, December 31, 2014	1,858	42	\$ 49.53	5.7	\$ 68,396
Granted	399		\$ 76.43		
Forfeited	(66)		\$ 76.04		
Exercised	(257)	(7)	\$ 28.41		
Outstanding, September 30, 2015	1,934	35	\$ 56.92	6.4	\$ 41,809
Vested/expected to vest, at September 30, 2015	1,879	35	\$ 56.34	6.3	\$ 41,721
Exercisable, September 30, 2015	1,244	35	\$ 46.54	4.9	\$ 40,188

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In millions)		(In millions)	
Compensation expense	\$ 1.7	\$ 1.5	\$ 4.9	\$ 3.8
Intrinsic value of stock options exercised	\$ 1.0	\$ 11.9	\$ 14.4	\$ 33.5
Tax benefit recognized from stock option exercises	\$ 0.4	\$ 4.6	\$ 5.5	\$ 12.9

Compensation costs related to unvested options totaled \$12.3 million at September 30, 2015 and will be recognized over the remaining vesting period of the grants, which averages 2.2 years. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to value its stock option awards. The assumptions used to calculate the fair value of stock options issued in 2015 include the following: expected volatility of 25.07%, expected term of six years, risk free rate of 1.98% and no dividends. The weighted average grant date fair value of awards granted during 2015 was \$22.00.

Restricted Stock Units Employee restricted stock unit awards generally vest based on the passage of time. These awards generally vest one-third on each anniversary of the grant date. Director restricted stock units generally vest on the first anniversary of the grant date. Certain directors have deferred receipt of their awards until their departure from

the Board of Directors, or a specified date. As of September 30, 2015, 95 thousand director restricted stock units have been earned and deferred.

The following table summarizes the restricted stock unit activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

	Employee Restricted Stock Units (In thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Director Restricted Stock Units (In thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding, at December 31, 2014	392	\$ 71.97	101	\$ 49.71
Granted	172	\$ 76.65	16	\$ 76.30
Vested	(174)	\$ 67.42	(6)	\$ 68.58
Forfeited	(63)	\$ 76.17		\$
Outstanding, at September 30, 2015	327	\$ 76.07	111	\$ 52.60

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
	(In millions)		(In millions)	
Compensation expense	\$ 2.8	\$ 3.2	\$ 8.9	\$ 8.4
Fair value of vested restricted stock units	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.3	\$ 13.9	\$ 11.6
Tax benefit recognized from vested restricted stock units	\$ 0.3	\$ 0.2	\$ 4.8	\$ 4.3

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Future compensation costs related to restricted stock units are approximately \$19.4 million as of September 30, 2015, and will be recognized on a weighted average basis, over the next 2.1 years. The grant date fair value of the awards granted in 2015 is equal to the Company's closing stock price on the grant date.

Performance Units Performance unit awards are granted to certain members of management. These awards contain service and performance conditions. For each of the three performance periods, one-third of the units will accrue, multiplied by a predefined percentage between 0% and 200%, depending on the achievement of certain operating performance measures. Additionally, for the cumulative performance period, a number of units will accrue, equal to the number of units granted, multiplied by a predefined percentage between 0% and 200%, depending on the achievement of certain operating performance measures, less any units previously accrued. Accrued units will be converted to stock or cash, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee, generally, on the third anniversary of the grant date. The Company intends to settle these awards in stock and has the shares available to do so. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, based on achievement of operating performance measures, 93,505 performance units were converted into 66,674 shares of stock, an average conversion ratio of 0.71 shares for each performance unit. The following table summarizes the performance unit activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2015:

	Performance Units (In thousands)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested, at December 31, 2014	269	\$ 68.76
Granted	105	\$ 76.30
Vested	(67)	\$ 60.88
Forfeited	(34)	\$ 64.52
Unvested, at September 30, 2015	273	\$ 74.14

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014	
	(In millions)		(In millions)	
Compensation expense	\$ 0.5	\$ 2.7	\$ 1.7	\$ 4.9
Fair value of vested performance units	\$ 0.6	\$	\$ 5.1	\$ 0.4
Tax benefit recognized from performance units vested	\$ 0.2	\$	\$ 1.9	\$ 0.2

Future compensation costs related to the performance units are estimated to be approximately \$5.2 million as of September 30, 2015, and are expected to be recognized over the next 1.5 years. The grant date fair value of the awards

is equal to the Company's closing stock price on the date of grant.

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss consists of the following components, all of which are net of tax, except for the foreign currency translation adjustment:

	Foreign Currency Translation (1)	Unrecognized Pension and Postretirement Benefits (2)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
	(In thousands)		
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ (51,326)	\$ (13,005)	\$ (64,331)
Other comprehensive loss	(40,533)		(40,533)
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss		767	767
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(40,533)	767	(39,766)
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ (91,859)	\$ (12,238)	\$ (104,097)

	Foreign Currency Translation (1)	Unrecognized Pension and Postretirement Benefits (2)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
	(In thousands)		
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ (24,689)	\$ (7,074)	\$ (31,763)
Other comprehensive loss	(15,270)		(15,270)
Reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive loss		309	309
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(15,270)	309	(14,961)
Balance at September 30, 2014	\$ (39,959)	\$ (6,765)	\$ (46,724)

- (1) The foreign currency translation adjustment is not net of tax, as it pertains to the Company's permanent investment in its Canadian subsidiaries.
- (2) The unrecognized pension and postretirement benefits reclassification is presented net of tax of \$474 thousand and \$194 thousand for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The reclassification is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost, which is recorded in the Cost of

sales and General and administrative lines of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

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The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income lines impacted by reclassifications out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss are outlined below:

	Reclassifications from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss				Affected line in The Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income
	Three months ended		Nine months ended		
	September 30,		September 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)		
Amortization of defined benefit pension items:					
Prior service costs	\$ 36	\$ 35	\$ 109	\$ 109	(a)
Unrecognized net loss	378	132	1,132	394	(a)
Total before tax	414	167	1,241	503	
Income taxes	158	64	474	194	Income taxes
Net of tax	\$ 256	\$ 103	\$ 767	\$ 309	

- (a) These accumulated other comprehensive loss components are included in the computation of net periodic pension cost, and are recorded in the Cost of sales and General and administrative lines of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

14. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

Pension, Profit Sharing, and Postretirement Benefits Certain employees and retirees participate in pension and other postretirement benefit plans. Employee benefit plan obligations and expenses included in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are determined based on plan assumptions, employee demographic data, including years of service and compensation, benefits and claims paid, and employer contributions.

Components of net periodic pension expense are as follows:

	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
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	September 30,		September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)			
Service cost	\$ 621	\$ 545	\$ 1,864	\$ 1,635
Interest cost	713	693	2,138	2,078
Expected return on plan assets	(765)	(797)	(2,295)	(2,393)
Amortization of prior service costs	53	51	157	158
Amortization of unrecognized net loss	365	127	1,095	379
Net periodic pension cost	\$ 987	\$ 619	\$ 2,959	\$ 1,857

The Company contributed \$2.0 million to the pension plans in the first nine months of 2015. The Company does not expect to make additional contributions to the plans in 2015.

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Components of net periodic postretirement expense are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)	
Service cost	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 15	\$ 15
Interest cost	38	39	113	117
Amortization of prior service costs	(17)	(16)	(49)	(49)
Amortization of unrecognized net loss	13	5	38	15
Net periodic postretirement cost	\$ 39	\$ 33	\$ 117	\$ 98

The Company expects to contribute approximately \$0.2 million to the postretirement health plans during 2015.

Net periodic pension costs are recorded in the Cost of sales and General and administrative lines of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

15. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE, NET

The Company incurred other operating expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, which consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)	
Restructuring	\$ 154	\$ 170	\$ 504	\$ 1,408
Total other operating expense, net	\$ 154	\$ 170	\$ 504	\$ 1,408

16. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

**Nine Months Ended
September 30,
2015 2014**

	(In thousands)	
Interest paid	\$ 36,601	\$ 37,427
Income taxes paid	\$ 35,064	\$ 39,508
Accrued purchase of property and equipment	\$ 3,971	\$ 2,528
Accrued other intangible assets	\$ 1,569	\$ 1,421

Non-cash financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 include the gross issuance of 264,490 shares and 142,860 shares, respectively, of restricted stock units and performance units. A portion of these shares were withheld to satisfy minimum statutory tax withholding requirements and are included as a financing cash outflow. Income taxes paid in the first nine months of 2015 were lower than the first nine months of 2014 due to the availability of federal and state overpayments carried forward from the 2014 tax year and applied to the Company's 2015 tax liabilities.

17. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation, Investigations and Audits The Company is party in the ordinary course of business to certain claims, litigation, audits, and investigations. The Company believes that it has established adequate reserves that are probable and reasonably estimable that may be incurred in connection with any such currently pending or threatened matter, none of which are significant. In the Company's opinion, the settlement of any such currently pending or threatened matter is not expected to have a material impact on its financial position, annual results of operations, or cash flows.

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18. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The Company is exposed to certain risks relating to its ongoing business operations. The primary risks managed by derivative instruments include interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and commodity price risk. Derivative contracts are entered into for periods consistent with the related underlying exposure and do not constitute positions independent of those exposures. The Company does not enter into derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The Company manages its exposure to changes in interest rates by optimizing the use of variable-rate and fixed-rate debt and by utilizing interest rate swaps to hedge our exposure to changes in interest rates, to reduce the volatility of our financing costs, and to achieve a desired proportion of fixed versus floating-rate debt, based on current and projected market conditions, with a bias toward fixed-rate debt.

Due to the Company's operations in Canada, we are exposed to foreign currency risk. The Company enters into foreign currency contracts to manage the risk associated with foreign currency cash flows. The Company's objective in using foreign currency contracts is to establish a fixed foreign currency exchange rate for the net cash flow requirements for purchases that are denominated in U.S. dollars. These contracts do not qualify for hedge accounting and changes in their fair value are recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, with their fair value recorded on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. As of September 30, 2015, the Company had \$7.6 million of U.S. dollar foreign currency contracts outstanding, expiring in October of this year. As of September 30, 2014, the Company did not have any foreign currency contracts outstanding.

Certain commodities we use in the production and distribution of our products are exposed to market price risk. The Company utilizes derivative contracts to manage this risk. The majority of commodity forward contracts are not derivatives, and those that are, generally qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception under the guidance for derivative instruments and hedging activities and, therefore, are not subject to its provisions. For derivative commodity contracts that do not qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception, the Company records their fair value on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, with changes in value being recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company's derivative commodity contracts may include contracts for diesel, oil, plastics, natural gas, electricity, and other commodity contracts that do not meet the requirements for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception.

The Company's diesel contracts are used to manage the Company's risk associated with the underlying cost of diesel fuel used to deliver products. The contracts for oil and plastics are used to manage the Company's risk associated with the underlying commodity cost of a significant component used in packaging materials. Contracts for natural gas and electricity are used to manage the Company's risk associated with the utility costs of its manufacturing facilities, and commodity contracts that are derivatives that do not meet the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception are used to manage the price risk associated with raw material costs. As of September 30, 2015, the Company had outstanding contracts for the purchase of 71,085 megawatts of electricity, expiring throughout 2015 and 2016; 1.8 million pounds of plastics, expiring throughout 2015; 4.5 million gallons of diesel, expiring throughout 2015 and

early 2016; 2.4 million dekatherms of natural gas, expiring throughout 2016; and 1.5 million pounds of coffee, expiring throughout 2016.

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The following table identifies the derivative, its fair value, and location on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet:

	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	
		September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
		(In thousands)	
<u>Asset Derivative:</u>			
Foreign currency contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 106	\$
		\$ 106	\$
<u>Liability Derivative:</u>			
Commodity contracts	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,837	\$ 3,044
		\$ 2,837	\$ 3,044

We recorded the following gains and losses on our derivative contracts in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income:

	Location of (Loss) Gain Recognized in Income	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
		(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Mark-to-market unrealized gain (loss):					
Commodity contracts	Other expense (income), net	\$ (834)	\$ (77)	\$ 207	\$ 93
Foreign currency contracts	Other expense (income), net	(1,183)	194	171	
Total unrealized gain (loss)		(2,017)	117	378	93
Realized (loss) gain					
Commodity contracts	Selling and distribution	(1,508)		(3,268)	
Foreign currency contracts	Cost of Sales	681		1,142	
Total realized loss		(827)		(2,126)	
Total (loss) gain		\$ (2,844)	\$ 117	\$ (1,748)	\$ 93

19. FAIR VALUE

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The following table presents the carrying value and fair value of our financial instruments as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014		Level
	Carrying Value (In thousands)	Fair Value	Carrying Value (In thousands)	Fair Value	
Not recorded at fair value (liability):					
Revolving Credit Facility	\$ (428,000)	\$ (428,234)	\$ (554,000)	\$ (559,085)	2
Term Loan	\$ (296,250)	\$ (296,939)	\$ (298,500)	\$ (315,070)	2
Acquisition Term Loan	\$ (192,500)	\$ (192,698)	\$ (197,500)	\$ (202,716)	2
2022 Notes	\$ (400,000)	\$ (384,000)	\$ (400,000)	\$ (406,000)	2
Recorded on a recurring basis at fair value (liability) asset:					
Commodity contracts	\$ (2,837)	\$ (2,837)	\$ (3,044)	\$ (3,044)	2
Foreign currency contracts	\$ 106	\$ 106	\$	\$	2
Investments	\$ 8,032	\$ 8,032	\$ 9,148	\$ 9,148	1

Cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable are financial assets with carrying values that approximate fair value. Accounts payable are financial liabilities with carrying values that approximate fair value.

The fair value of the Revolving Credit Facility, Term Loan, Acquisition Term Loan, 2022 Notes, foreign currency contracts, and commodity contracts are determined using Level 2 inputs. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The fair values of the Revolving Credit Facility, Term Loan, and Acquisition Term Loan were estimated using present value techniques and market based interest rates and credit spreads. The fair

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value of the Company's 2022 Notes was estimated based on quoted market prices for similar instruments, where the inputs are considered Level 2, due to their infrequent trading volume.

The fair value of the commodity contracts and foreign currency contracts are based on an analysis comparing the contract rates to the market rates at the balance sheet date. The commodity contracts and foreign currency contracts are recorded at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The fair value of the investments is determined using Level 1 inputs. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement dates. The investments are recorded at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

20. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND MAJOR CUSTOMERS

The Company manages operations on a company-wide basis, thereby making determinations as to the allocation of resources in total rather than on a segment-level basis. The Company has designated reportable segments based on how management views its business. The Company does not segregate assets between segments for internal reporting. Therefore, asset-related information has not been presented. The reportable segments, as presented below, are consistent with the manner in which the Company reports its results to the chief operating decision maker.

The Company evaluates the performance of its segments based on net sales dollars and direct operating income (gross profit less freight out, sales commissions and direct selling and marketing expenses). The amounts in the following tables are obtained from reports used by senior management and do not include income taxes. Other expenses not allocated include unallocated selling and distribution expenses, unallocated costs of sales and unallocated corporate expenses. The accounting policies of the Company's segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies set forth in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
Net sales to external customers:				
North American Retail Grocery	\$ 597,775	\$ 592,359	\$ 1,768,938	\$ 1,489,014
Food Away From Home	94,601	98,673	280,726	284,633
Industrial and Export	106,262	104,694	291,327	268,942
Total	\$ 798,638	\$ 795,726	\$ 2,340,991	\$ 2,042,589
Direct operating income:				
North American Retail Grocery	\$ 83,864	\$ 82,404	\$ 242,220	\$ 230,901

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Food Away From Home	12,892	12,293	39,454	33,837
Industrial and Export	16,108	16,713	51,727	45,546
Total	112,864	111,410	333,401	310,284
Unallocated selling and distribution expenses	(1,431)	(2,213)	(6,552)	(7,115)
Unallocated costs of sales (1)	2,377	1,760	2,174	(1,155)
Unallocated corporate expense	(51,582)	(62,992)	(165,578)	(159,174)
Operating income	62,228	47,965	163,445	142,840
Other expense	(21,953)	(17,170)	(49,582)	(58,262)
Income before income taxes	\$ 40,275	\$ 30,795	\$ 113,863	\$ 84,578

(1) Includes charges related to restructurings and other costs managed at corporate.

Geographic Information The Company had revenues from customers outside of the United States of approximately 11.8% and 12.8% of total consolidated net sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, with 10.7% and 11.8% of total consolidated net sales going to Canada, respectively. The Company held 8.3% and 10.0% of its property, plant, and equipment outside of the United States as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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Major Customers Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and affiliates accounted for approximately 20.8% and 18.3% of consolidated net sales in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of our consolidated net sales.

Product Information The following table presents the Company's net sales by major products for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)	
Products:				
Snacks	\$ 172,581	\$ 118,026	\$ 484,461	\$ 118,026
Beverages	101,622	124,004	305,292	365,886
Salad dressings	85,757	89,471	270,101	278,897
Soup and infant feeding	94,807	103,551	253,129	212,064
Beverage enhancers	80,028	85,548	244,557	256,551
Pickles	85,544	74,958	243,013	231,733
Mexican and other sauces	52,908	62,591	170,134	189,170
Cereals	37,253	40,055	114,540	120,348
Dry dinners	31,077	36,121	94,012	103,438
Aseptic products	26,600	27,313	80,570	74,908
Other products	17,096	19,911	43,595	50,691
Jams	13,365	14,177	37,587	40,877
Total net sales	\$ 798,638	\$ 795,726	\$ 2,340,991	\$ 2,042,589

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As of September 30, 2015, the Company's 2022 Notes are guaranteed, fully and unconditionally, as well as jointly and severally, by its Guarantor Subsidiaries. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the parent company or any guarantor to obtain funds from its subsidiaries by dividend or loan. The following condensed supplemental consolidating financial information presents the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of the parent company, its Guarantor Subsidiaries, its non-guarantor subsidiaries and the eliminations necessary to arrive at the information for the Company on a consolidated basis as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, and 2014. The equity method has been used with respect to investments in subsidiaries. The principal elimination entries eliminate investments in subsidiaries and intercompany balances and transactions.

Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Balance Sheet**September 30, 2015**

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	\$	\$ 22,883	\$	\$ 22,883
Investments			8,032		8,032
Accounts receivable, net		191,323	22,308		213,631
Inventories, net		527,543	119,542		647,085
Deferred income taxes	6,019	14,677	7,948		28,644
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	18,140	9,105	14,458	(4,857)	36,846
Total current assets	24,159	742,648	195,171	(4,857)	957,121
Property, plant, and equipment, net	27,135	425,670	90,754		543,559
Goodwill		1,470,715	183,423		1,654,138
Investment in subsidiaries	2,360,279	492,098		(2,852,377)	
Intercompany accounts receivable (payable), net	709,369	(676,847)	(32,522)		
Deferred income taxes	10,166			(10,166)	
Intangible and other assets, net	54,261	480,631	154,012		688,904
Total assets	\$ 3,185,369	\$ 2,934,915	\$ 590,838	\$ (2,867,400)	\$ 3,843,722

Liabilities and Stockholders Equity

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 41,132	\$ 236,135	\$ 41,480	\$ (4,857)	\$ 313,890
Current portion of long-term debt	13,000	1,391	2,169		16,560
Total current liabilities	54,132	237,526	43,649	(4,857)	330,450
Long-term debt	1,303,750	1,070	2,442		1,307,262
Deferred income taxes		290,985	38,836	(10,166)	319,655
Other long-term liabilities	8,613	45,055	13,813		67,481
Stockholders equity	1,818,874	2,360,279	492,098	(2,852,377)	1,818,874
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 3,185,369	\$ 2,934,915	\$ 590,838	\$ (2,867,400)	\$ 3,843,722

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(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,706	\$ 2	\$ 33,273	\$	\$ 51,981
Investments			9,148		9,148
Accounts receivable, net	46	185,202	48,408		233,656
Inventories, net		471,189	122,909		594,098
Deferred income taxes	8,361	19,196	8,007		35,564
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	32,849	5,947	12,812	(26,619)	24,989
Total current assets	59,962	681,536	234,557	(26,619)	949,436
Property, plant, and equipment, net	28,411	416,104	99,263		543,778
Goodwill		1,464,999	202,986		1,667,985
Investment in subsidiaries	2,269,325	534,326		(2,803,651)	
Intercompany accounts receivable (payable), net	840,606	(771,836)	(68,770)		
Deferred income taxes	12,217			(12,217)	
Intangible and other assets, net	55,826	503,289	182,690		741,805
Total assets	\$ 3,266,347	\$ 2,828,418	\$ 650,726	\$ (2,842,487)	\$ 3,903,004
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 48,002	\$ 224,352	\$ 51,125	\$ (26,619)	\$ 296,860
Current portion of long-term debt	10,500	1,595	2,278		14,373
Total current liabilities	58,502	225,947	53,403	(26,619)	311,233
Long-term debt	1,439,500	2,027	3,961		1,445,488
Deferred income taxes		289,257	42,414	(12,217)	319,454
Other long-term liabilities	9,088	41,862	16,622		67,572

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Stockholders equity	1,759,257	2,269,325	534,326	(2,803,651)	1,759,257
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 3,266,347	\$ 2,828,418	\$ 650,726	\$ (2,842,487)	\$ 3,903,004

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(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$	\$ 749,236	\$ 159,642	\$ (110,240)	\$ 798,638
Cost of sales		605,647	144,534	(110,240)	639,941
Gross profit		143,589	15,108		158,697
Selling, general and administrative expense	15,418	58,265	7,739		81,422
Amortization	2,070	9,821	3,002		14,893
Other operating income, net		154			154
Operating (loss) income	(17,488)	75,349	4,367		62,228
Interest expense	10,376	(253)	2,197	(1,406)	10,914
Interest income	(16)	(1,406)	(249)	1,406	(265)
Other expense (income), net	(5)	9,052	2,257		11,304
(Loss) income before income taxes	(27,843)	67,956	162		40,275
Income taxes (benefit)	(10,576)	22,494	(84)		11,834
Equity in net income (loss) of subsidiaries	45,708	246		(45,954)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 28,441	\$ 45,708	\$ 246	\$ (45,954)	\$ 28,441

Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Statement of Income**Three Months Ended September 30, 2014**

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$	\$ 681,105	\$ 177,660	\$ (63,039)	\$ 795,726

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Cost of sales		545,607	154,570	(63,039)	637,138
Gross profit		135,498	23,090		158,588
Selling, general, and administrative expense	18,030	62,979	14,486		95,495
Amortization	1,864	9,445	3,649		14,958
Other operating expense		135	35		170
Operating (loss) income	(19,894)	62,939	4,920		47,965
Interest expense	10,067	1	(5,981)	6,015	10,102
Interest income	(2)	6,015	(111)	(6,015)	(113)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	75				75
Other (income) expense, net	(2)	3,860	3,248		7,106
(Loss) income before income taxes	(30,032)	53,063	7,764		30,795
Income taxes (benefit)	(11,604)	21,360	1,157		10,913
Equity in net income (loss) of subsidiaries	38,310	6,607		(44,917)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 19,882	\$ 38,310	\$ 6,607	\$ (44,917)	\$ 19,882

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(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$	\$ 2,154,242	\$ 443,546	\$ (256,797)	\$ 2,340,991
Cost of sales		1,735,106	400,177	(256,797)	1,878,486
Gross profit		419,136	43,369		462,505
Selling, general and administrative expense	48,459	175,622	28,703		252,784
Amortization	5,941	30,035	9,796		45,772
Other operating expense, net		504			504
Operating (loss) income	(54,400)	212,975	4,870		163,445
Interest expense	32,806	37	5,457	(4,322)	33,978
Interest income	(1,447)	(4,322)	(781)	4,322	(2,228)
Other expense (income), net	(7)	14,900	2,939		17,832
(Loss) income before income taxes	(85,752)	202,360	(2,745)		113,863
Income taxes (benefit)	(32,689)	69,946	(1,049)		36,208
Equity in net income (loss) of subsidiaries	130,718	(1,696)		(129,022)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 77,655	\$ 130,718	\$ (1,696)	\$ (129,022)	\$ 77,655

Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Statement of Income**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014**

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$	\$ 1,754,153	\$ 460,846	\$ (172,410)	\$ 2,042,589

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Cost of sales		1,388,887	398,856	(172,410)	1,615,333
Gross profit		365,266	61,990		427,256
Selling, general and administrative expense	49,422	159,707	38,355		247,484
Amortization	4,787	21,173	9,564		35,524
Other operating expense, net		1,352	56		1,408
Operating (loss) income	(54,209)	183,034	14,015		142,840
Interest expense	29,532	386	2,319	(2,261)	29,976
Interest income	(2)	(2,289)	(664)	2,261	(694)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	22,019				22,019
Other expense (income), net	7	3,145	3,809		6,961
(Loss) income before income taxes	(105,765)	181,792	8,551		84,578
Income taxes (benefit)	(41,537)	68,649	1,503		28,615
Equity in net income (loss) of subsidiaries	120,191	7,048		(127,239)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 55,963	\$ 120,191	\$ 7,048	\$ (127,239)	\$ 55,963

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(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net income (loss)	\$ 28,441	\$ 45,708	\$ 246	\$ (45,954)	\$ 28,441
Other comprehensive income:					
Foreign currency translation adjustments			(20,216)		(20,216)
Pension and postretirement reclassification adjustment, net of tax		256			256
Other comprehensive income		256	(20,216)		(19,960)
Equity in other comprehensive income (loss) of subsidiaries	(19,960)	(20,216)		40,176	
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 8,481	\$ 25,748	\$ (19,970)	\$ (5,778)	\$ 8,481

Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income**Three Months Ended September 30, 2014**

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net income (loss)	\$ 19,882	\$ 38,310	\$ 6,607	\$ (44,917)	\$ 19,882
Other comprehensive (loss) income:					
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(6,255)	(8,014)		(14,269)
Pension and postretirement reclassification adjustment, net of tax		103			103
Other comprehensive (loss)		(6,152)	(8,014)		(14,166)
	(14,166)	(8,014)		22,180	

Equity in other comprehensive (loss)
income of subsidiaries

Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 5,716	\$ 24,144	\$ (1,407)	\$ (22,737)	\$ 5,716
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(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net income (loss)	\$ 77,655	\$ 130,718	\$ (1,696)	\$ (129,022)	\$ 77,655
Other comprehensive (loss) income:					
Foreign currency translation adjustments			(40,533)		(40,533)
Pension and postretirement reclassification adjustment, net of tax		767			767
Other comprehensive (loss) income		767	(40,533)		(39,766)
Equity in other comprehensive (loss) income of subsidiaries	(39,766)	(40,533)		80,299	
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 37,889	\$ 90,952	\$ (42,229)	\$ (48,723)	\$ 37,889

Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014**

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net income (loss)	\$ 55,963	\$ 120,191	\$ 7,048	\$ (127,239)	\$ 55,963
Other comprehensive (loss) income:					
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(6,693)	(8,577)		(15,270)
Pension and postretirement reclassification adjustment, net of tax		309			309
Other comprehensive (loss)		(6,384)	(8,577)		(14,961)

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Equity in other comprehensive (loss) income of subsidiaries	(14,961)	(8,577)		23,538	
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 41,002	\$ 105,230	\$ (1,529)	\$ (103,701)	\$ 41,002

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 82,140	\$ 224,763	\$ (9,458)	\$ (128,255)	\$ 169,190
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(286)	(47,341)	(9,561)		(57,188)
Additions to other intangible assets	(8,605)	(932)	(126)		(9,663)
Intercompany transfer	(42,985)	(78,959)	1,046	120,898	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		155	123		278
Purchase of investments			(572)		(572)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(51,876)	(127,077)	(9,090)	120,898	(67,145)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Borrowings under Revolving Credit Facility	131,100				131,100
Payments under Revolving Credit Facility	(257,100)				(257,100)
Payments on capitalized lease obligations and other debt		(1,161)	(1,511)		(2,672)
Payments on Term Loan and Acquisition Term Loan	(7,250)				(7,250)
Intercompany transfer	78,055	(96,527)	11,115	7,357	
Net receipts related to stock-based award activities	1,221				1,221
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	5,004				5,004

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Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(48,970)	(97,688)	9,604	7,357	(129,697)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			(1,446)		(1,446)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(18,706)	(2)	(10,390)		(29,098)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	18,706	2	33,273		51,981
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$	\$ 22,883	\$	\$ 22,883

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Condensed Supplemental Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014

(In thousands)

	Parent Company	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 102,883	\$ 82,581	\$ 18,736	\$ (127,239)	\$ 76,961
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(16,087)	(37,812)	(11,493)		(65,392)
Additions to other intangible assets	(7,673)	(165)			(7,838)
Intercompany transfer	(1,236,314)	305,163		931,151	
Acquisitions, less cash acquired		(1,042,785)	41,837		(1,000,948)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		57	481		538
Purchase of investments			(471)		(471)
Proceeds from sale of investments			63		63
Other		525			525
Net cash used in (provided by) investing activities	(1,260,074)	(775,017)	30,417	931,151	(1,073,523)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Borrowings under Revolving Credit Facility	854,400				854,400
Payments under Revolving Credit Facility	(735,400)				(735,400)
Proceeds from issuance of Term Loan and Acquisition Term Loan	500,000				500,000
Payments on Term Loan and Acquisition Term Loan	(2,000)				(2,000)
Proceeds from issuance of 2022 Notes	400,000				400,000
Payments on 2018 Notes	(400,000)				(400,000)

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Payments on capitalized lease obligations and other debt		(1,189)	(691)		(1,880)
Payments of deferred financing costs	(13,712)				(13,712)
Payment of debt premium for extinguishment of debt	(16,693)				(16,693)
Intercompany transfer	159,856	696,708	(49,451)	(807,113)	
Proceeds from issuance of stock	358,364				358,364
Net receipts related to stock-based award activities	17,193				17,193
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	11,915				11,915
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,133,923	695,519	(50,142)	(807,113)	972,187
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			71		71
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(23,268)	3,083	(918)	(3,201)	(24,304)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	23,268	43	23,164		46,475
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	\$ 3,126	\$ 22,246	\$ (3,201)	\$ 22,171

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TREEHOUSE FOODS, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

22. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On November 2, 2015, the Company announced it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the private brands business of ConAgra Foods. Private brands is a leading manufacturer of private label refrigerated and shelf stable products in the bars, bakery, cereal, condiments, pasta, and snacks categories. The Company agreed to pay \$2.7 billion in cash for the business, subject to adjustments for working capital. In connection with the acquisition, the Company expects to incur approximately \$100 million of transaction related expenses. The acquisition is expected to close in the first quarter of 2016 and significantly expand its existing product offerings and manufacturing footprint. The acquisition will be accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting and is expected to be funded through a combination of \$1.8 billion in new debt and approximately \$1.0 billion from the issuance of TreeHouse common stock. Also on November 2, 2015, and in connection with the acquisition, the Company amended its existing Credit Facility to grant security and allow for an increase in the maximum leverage ratio. The amendment will be effective when the acquisition closes. No other material changes are anticipated.

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations****Business Overview**

TreeHouse is a consumer packaged food and beverage manufacturer servicing retail grocery, food away from home, and industrial and export customers. We manufacture a variety of shelf stable, refrigerated, and fresh products. Our product categories include beverages; salad dressings; snacks; beverage enhancers; pickles; Mexican and other sauces; soup and infant feeding; cereals; dry dinners; aseptic products; jams; and other products. We have a comprehensive offering of packaging formats and flavor profiles, and we also offer natural, organic, and preservative-free ingredients in many categories. We believe we are the largest manufacturer of private label salad dressings, powdered drink mixes, trail mixes, and instant hot cereals in the United States and Canada, and the largest manufacturer of private label non-dairy powdered creamer and pickles in the United States, based on sales volume.

The following discussion and analysis presents the factors that had a material effect on our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014. Also discussed is our financial position as of the end of those periods. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes to those Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this report. This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements. See *Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* for a discussion of the uncertainties, risks and assumptions associated with these statements.

We discuss the following segments in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations: North American Retail Grocery, Food Away From Home, and Industrial and Export. The key performance indicators of our segments are net sales dollars and direct operating income, which is gross profit less the cost of transporting products to customer locations (referred to in the tables below as freight out), commissions paid to independent sales brokers, and direct selling and marketing expenses. The segment results are presented on a consistent basis with the manner in which the Company reports its results to the chief operating decision maker, and does not include an allocation of taxes and other corporate expenses (which includes interest expense and expenses associated with restructurings). See Note 20 of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the presentation of our reportable segments.

Our current operations consist of the following:

North American Retail Grocery Our North American Retail Grocery segment sells primarily private label products to customers within the United States and Canada. These products include non-dairy powdered creamers; sweeteners; condensed, ready to serve, and powdered soups, broths, and gravies; refrigerated and shelf stable salad dressings and sauces; pickles and related products; Mexican and other sauces; jams and pie fillings; aseptic products; liquid non-dairy creamer; powdered drinks; single serve hot beverages; specialty teas; hot and cold cereals; baking and mix powders; macaroni and cheese; skillet dinners; snack nuts, trail mixes, dried fruit, and other wholesome snacks.

Food Away From Home Our Food Away From Home segment sells non-dairy powdered creamers; sweeteners; pickles and related products; Mexican and other sauces; refrigerated and shelf stable dressings; aseptic products; hot cereals; powdered drinks; and single serve hot beverages to foodservice customers, including restaurant chains and food distribution companies, within the United States and Canada.

Industrial and Export Our Industrial and Export segment includes the Company's co-pack business and sales to industrial customers for use in industrial applications, including products for repackaging in portion control packages and for use as ingredients by other food manufacturers. This segment sells non-dairy powdered creamer; baking and

mix powders; pickles and related products; refrigerated and shelf stable salad dressings; Mexican sauces; aseptic products; soup and infant feeding products; hot cereal; powdered drinks; single serve hot beverages; specialty teas; nuts; and other products. Export sales are primarily to industrial customers outside of North America.

From a macroeconomic perspective, the economy in the United States continues to show variability, leading the Federal Reserve to continue its delay of raising interest rates until a more positive economic outlook is expected. Additionally, recent data shows that spending on food continues to decline as a percentage of total expenditures. These facts have resulted in weak performance in many sectors of the economy, including food and beverage, during the third quarter of 2015, with volume declines affecting many food and beverage industry participants, with private label products experiencing higher volume losses as compared to branded products.

While general volume growth appears to be limited in the short term, and many of the product categories the Company participates in are showing volume declines, certain retail sectors are experiencing growth as consumers continue to snack and seek out healthy and better for you foods. Healthy and better for you foods include items such as fresh or freshly prepared foods, natural, organic, or specialty foods, most of which are located in the perimeter of the store. Recent data also shows that consumers are moving away from national brand equivalents to either premium or opening price point products. This trend impacts many food processors as

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they look to meet consumer demand. In an effort to respond to shifting consumer demand, the Company offers an increasing variety of snacks and natural and organic products. In addition to these retail growth areas, the food away from home sector appears to be showing positive momentum, as same store sales appears to be improving.

During the third quarter of 2015, net sales increased approximately 0.4% when compared to the same period last year, as recent acquisitions offset the impact of reduced volume/mix, unfavorable foreign exchange, and lower pricing. Overall, the Company's volume/mix decreased 4.3% in the third quarter of 2015 versus the same quarter of the prior year. Volume/mix in North American Retail Grocery and Food Away From Home decreased 6.5% and 2.9%, respectively, while volume/mix in Industrial and Export increased 7.2% in the quarter. The Company's lower third quarter volumes are across all categories and are reflective of the overall decrease experienced in the private label industry in the past quarter. The Company believes lower volumes are due to competitive pressures, as well as an overall industry stagnation.

Total direct operating income, the measure of our segment profitability, increased in the third quarter of 2015 by approximately 1.3% over the same period last year, primarily from acquisitions. Despite a slight increase in total dollars, direct operating income as a percentage of net sales was flat, resulting from a higher mix of lower margin sales from recent acquisitions. Also negatively impacting profitability are a shift in legacy sales mix, reduced pricing (primarily in our single serve hot beverage products), and unfavorable foreign exchange. These offset favorability provided by efficiencies and cost reductions.

The overarching themes in the third quarter of 2015 impacting each of our segments are: (1) the Company's beverages products (predominately in the North American Retail Grocery segment) struggled to meet Company expectations due to increased competition and lower than expected industry growth, (2) the Company's legacy products (excluding the beverages products) increased relative profitability, despite lower tonnage, and (3) continued unfavorable foreign exchange rates reduced topline sales and profitability.

As compared to the third quarter last year, the Company's sales mix shifted, and higher margin products like single serve hot beverages represent a lower percentage of total net sales. Lower sales and profitability of single serve hot beverages is a result of competitive pressures that the Company expects to continue throughout this year. While confronting the challenges in single serve hot beverages, the Company has continued to focus on simplification and other improvements, resulting in higher relative profits on other legacy products, as compared to the same period last year.

During the third quarter of 2015, the average Canadian dollar exchange rate was approximately 17% weaker than the same period last year, impacting both net sales and profitability. The Company estimates that net sales were negatively impacted by approximately 2%. To help mitigate further profitability erosion, the Company closely monitors the Canadian / U.S. dollar exchange rate and at times, enters into foreign currency contracts.

Recent Developments

On November 2, 2015, the Company announced it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the private brands business of ConAgra Foods. Private brands is a leading manufacturer of private label refrigerated and shelf stable products in the bars, bakery, cereal, condiments, pasta, and snacks categories. The Company agreed to pay \$2.7 billion in cash for the business, subject to adjustments for working capital. In connection with the acquisition, the Company expects to incur approximately \$100 million of transaction related expenses. The acquisition is expected to close in the first quarter of 2016 and significantly expand its existing product offerings and manufacturing footprint. The acquisition will be accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting and is expected to be funded through a combination of \$1.8 billion in new debt and approximately \$1.0 billion from the issuance of TreeHouse

common stock. Also on November 2, 2015, and in connection with the acquisition, the Company amended its existing Credit Facility to grant security and allow for an increase in the maximum leverage ratio. The amendment will be effective when the acquisition closes. No other material changes are anticipated.

Table of Contents**Results of Operations**

The following table presents certain information concerning our financial results, including information presented as a percentage of net sales:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015		2014		2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)				(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 798,638	100.0%	\$ 795,726	100.0%	\$ 2,340,991	100.0%	\$ 2,042,589	100.0%
Cost of sales	639,941	80.1	637,138	80.1	1,878,486	80.2	1,615,333	79.1
Gross profit	158,697	19.9	158,588	19.9	462,505	19.8	427,256	20.9
Operating expenses:								
Selling and distribution	44,887	5.6	47,631	6.0	133,482	5.7	125,242	6.1
General and administrative	36,535	4.6	47,864	6.0	119,302	5.1	122,242	6.0
Other operating expense, net	154		170		504		1,408	0.1
Amortization expense	14,893	1.9	14,958	1.9	45,772	2.0	35,524	1.7
Total operating expenses	96,469	12.1	110,623	13.9	299,060	12.8	284,416	13.9
Operating income	62,228	7.8	47,965	6.0	163,445	7.0	142,840	7.0
Other expenses (income):								
Interest expense	10,914	1.4	10,102	1.2	33,978	1.5	29,976	1.5
Interest income	(265)		(113)		(2,228)	(0.1)	(694)	
Loss on foreign currency exchange	9,226	1.1	8,004	1.0	18,226	0.8	6,856	0.3
Loss on extinguishment of debt			75				22,019	1.1
Other expense (income), net	2,078	0.2	(898)	(0.1)	(394)		105	
Total other expense	21,953	2.7	17,170	2.1	49,582	2.2	58,262	2.9
Income before income taxes	40,275	5.1	30,795	3.9	113,863	4.8	84,578	4.1
Income taxes	11,834	1.5	10,913	1.4	36,208	1.5	28,615	1.4
Net income	\$ 28,441	3.6%	\$ 19,882	2.5%	\$ 77,655	3.3%	\$ 55,963	2.7%

Table of Contents**Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2014**

Net Sales Third quarter net sales increased slightly to \$798.6 million in 2015 compared to \$795.7 million in the third quarter of 2014. The increase is due to sales from the 2014 acquisition of Flagstone, partially offset by unfavorable volume/mix, foreign exchange, and lower pricing. Without the addition of sales from acquisitions, net sales in the quarter would have been lower than the same period last year, due to a combination of factors including: lower tonnage resulting from increased competition, primarily in our beverages category; general economic conditions where consumers are spending less on food; and shifting consumer tastes. Net sales by segment are shown in the following table:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
	2015	2014	\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
	(Dollars in thousands)			
North American Retail Grocery	\$ 597,775	\$ 592,359	\$ 5,416	0.9%
Food Away From Home	94,601	98,673	(4,072)	(4.1)
Industrial and Export	106,262	104,694	1,568	1.5
Total	\$ 798,638	\$ 795,726	\$ 2,912	0.4%

Cost of Sales All expenses incurred to bring a product to completion are included in cost of sales. These include the costs of raw materials, ingredients and packaging, labor, facilities and equipment, operation and maintenance of our warehouses, and transportation of our finished products from our manufacturing facilities to distribution centers. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales in the third quarter of 2015 were flat compared to 2014. In 2014, cost of sales included \$9.6 million of acquisition and integration related costs, while 2015 had insignificant acquisition and integration related costs. After considering these items, cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased approximately 1.2% year-over-year, due to the inclusion of lower margin business from recent acquisitions, a shift in sales mix, increased competition (primarily in single serve beverages), the impact of unfavorable foreign exchange, and reduced pricing. These items more than offset gains from operational efficiencies and favorable input costs.

Operating Expenses Total operating expenses were \$96.5 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$110.6 million in 2014. The decrease in operating expenses in 2015 resulted from the following:

Selling and distribution expenses decreased \$2.7 million, or 5.8% in the third quarter of 2015, compared to 2014, resulting from reduced sales volume, lower incentive compensation, and other cost reductions in the quarter.

General and administrative expenses decreased by \$11.3 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to 2014. Included in general and administrative costs are approximately \$3.0 million of acquisition and integration costs in 2015 and approximately \$8.9 million in 2014. In addition, the Company experienced lower incentive compensation and other cost reductions.

Other operating expense was \$0.2 million in 2015 and 2014.

Amortization expense decreased slightly to \$14.9 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$15.0 million in 2014, as the impact of a full quarter of amortization in 2015 from the Flagstone acquisition was offset by other intangible assets being fully amortized.

Interest Expense Interest expense increased to \$10.9 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$10.1 million in 2014, due to an increase in interest rates.

Interest Income Interest income of \$0.3 million relates to interest earned on the cash held by our Canadian subsidiaries and gains on investments discussed in Note 4.

Foreign Currency The Company's foreign currency impact was a \$9.2 million loss for the third quarter of 2015, compared to a loss of \$8.0 million in 2014, due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates between the U.S. and Canadian dollar.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt The Company incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.1 million in the third quarter of 2014, related to the extinguishment of the 2018 Notes. There was no loss on extinguishment of debt in the third quarter of 2015.

Other Expense (Income), net Other expense was \$2.1 million for the third quarter of 2015, compared to income of \$0.9 million in 2014. The change is primarily due to the non-cash mark-to-market adjustments on derivative instruments.

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Income Taxes Income tax expense was recorded at an effective rate of 29.4 % in the third quarter of 2015 compared to 35.4% in the prior year's third quarter. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 is largely attributable to acquisition related expenses incurred in the third quarter of 2014 that were not deductible for tax purposes and a decrease in state tax expense.

Table of Contents**Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Results by Segment***North American Retail Grocery*

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 597,775	100.0%	\$ 592,359	100.0%
Cost of sales	480,608	80.4	474,846	80.1
Gross profit	117,167	19.6	117,513	19.9
Freight out and commissions	23,250	3.9	24,637	4.2
Direct selling and marketing	10,053	1.7	10,472	1.8
Direct operating income	\$ 83,864	14.0%	\$ 82,404	13.9%

Net sales in the North American Retail Grocery segment increased by \$5.4 million, or 0.9%, in the third quarter of 2015 compared to 2014. The change in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to the following:

	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2014 Net sales	\$ 592,359	
Volume/mix	(38,538)	(6.5)%
Pricing	(97)	
Acquisitions	59,009	9.9
Foreign currency	(14,958)	(2.5)
2015 Net sales	\$ 597,775	0.9%

The increase in net sales from 2014 to 2015 resulted from acquisitions, partially offset by unfavorable volume/mix and foreign exchange. During the third quarter of 2015, the Company experienced lower volumes in the majority of its categories, resulting in a negative volume/mix. The Company's negative volume/mix is directionally consistent with recent private label industry trends, but is higher due to competitive pressures (primarily in single serve hot beverages).

Cost of sales increased \$5.8 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to the third quarter of 2014. Included in cost of sales for the third quarter of 2014 are acquisition and integration costs of approximately \$8.8 million, which were insignificant in 2015. After considering the acquisition and integration costs from 2014, cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales would have increased approximately 1.7%, reflecting a shift in sales mix to lower margin products and reduced profitability associated with single serve beverages as compared to the same period last year. Higher costs are also a result of reduced profitability associated with unfavorable foreign exchange. These items more than offset operational efficiencies and favorable input costs.

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Freight out and commissions paid to independent sales brokers were \$23.3 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$24.6 million in 2014, a decrease of \$1.4 million or 5.6%, reflecting lower volumes.

Direct selling and marketing expenses were \$10.1 million in the third quarter of 2015 and \$10.5 million in 2014. The decrease in direct selling and marketing expenses was primarily due to the Company's continuing efforts to control costs.

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	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 94,601	100.0%	\$ 98,673	100.0%
Cost of sales	75,791	80.1	80,290	81.4
Gross profit	18,810	19.9	18,383	18.6
Freight out and commissions	3,844	4.1	3,879	3.9
Direct selling and marketing	2,074	2.2	2,211	2.2
Direct operating income	\$ 12,892	13.6%	\$ 12,293	12.5%

Net sales in the Food Away From Home segment decreased by 4.1 million, or 4.1%, in the third quarter of 2015 compared to 2014. The change in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to the following:

	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2014 Net sales	\$ 98,673	
Volume/mix	(2,839)	(2.9)%
Pricing	412	0.4
Acquisitions		
Foreign currency	(1,645)	(1.6)
2015 Net sales	\$ 94,601	(4.1)%

The decrease in net sales from 2014 to 2015 resulted from lower volume/mix and the impact of foreign exchange. Volume increases in Mexican and pasta sauces and soup in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to the same period last year were more than offset by lower volumes in most other categories, reflecting increased competition.

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales decreased to 80.1% in the third quarter of 2015, from 81.4% in 2014. Contributing to the decrease were favorable input costs.

Freight out and commissions were \$3.8 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$3.9 million in 2014, primarily due to lower overall volumes.

Direct selling and marketing was \$2.1 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$2.2 million in 2014, decreasing slightly as the Company continues to control costs.

Table of Contents*Industrial and Export*

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 106,262	100.0%	\$ 104,694	100.0%
Cost of sales	85,919	80.8	83,762	80.0
Gross profit	20,343	19.2	20,932	20.0
Freight out and commissions	3,620	3.4	3,721	3.5
Direct selling and marketing	615	0.6	498	0.5
Direct operating income	\$ 16,108	15.2%	\$ 16,713	16.0%

Net sales in the Industrial and Export segment increased \$1.6 million, or 1.5%, in the third quarter of 2015, compared to the prior year. The change in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to the following:

	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2014 Net sales	\$ 104,694	
Volume/mix	7,494	7.2%
Pricing	(1,678)	(1.6)
Acquisitions		
Foreign currency	(4,248)	(4.1)
2015 Net sales	\$ 106,262	1.5%

Net sales increased during the third quarter of 2015 compared to 2014 as favorable volume/mix was partially offset by unfavorable pricing and foreign exchange. During the quarter, the Company experienced higher sales volumes of pickles and infant feeding products, while beverages (primarily single serve hot beverages) and soup volumes were lower.

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased from 80.0% in the third quarter of 2014, to 80.8% in 2015. Included in the third quarter of 2014 cost of sales were \$0.4 million of acquisition and integration costs, while there were none in 2015. After considering the 2014 acquisition and integration costs, cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased by 1.2%. A shift in legacy sales mix contributed to the increase, as sales of lower margin products were higher in the third quarter of 2015 compared with the same period last year, resulting from competitive pressures, primarily in single serve hot beverages.

Freight out and commissions paid to independent sales brokers were \$3.6 million in the third quarter of 2015 and \$3.7 million in 2014.

Direct selling and marketing was \$0.6 million in the third quarter of 2015 and \$0.5 million in 2014, a slight increase from prior year.

Table of Contents***Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014***

Net Sales Net sales increased 14.6% to \$2,341.0 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$2,042.6 million in the first nine months of 2014. The increase is primarily driven by acquisitions, offset by decreases in volume/mix and unfavorable foreign exchange. Without the addition of sales from acquisitions, net sales in the period would have been lower than the same period last year, due to a combination of factors including: increased competition, primarily in our beverages category; general economic conditions where consumers are spending less on food; and shifting consumer tastes (away from national brands equivalents to premium and better for you products). Net sales by segment are shown in the following table:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2015	2014	\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% (Decrease)
(Dollars in thousands)				
North American Retail Grocery	\$ 1,768,938	\$ 1,489,014	\$ 279,924	18.8%
Food Away From Home	280,726	284,633	(3,907)	(1.4)%
Industrial and Export	291,327	268,942	22,385	8.3%
Total	\$ 2,340,991	\$ 2,042,589	\$ 298,402	14.6%

Cost of Sales All expenses incurred to bring a product to completion are included in cost of sales. These include the costs of raw materials, ingredients and packaging, labor, facilities and equipment, operation and maintenance of our warehouses, and transportation of our finished products from our manufacturing facilities to distribution centers. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was 80.2% in the first nine months of 2015, compared to 79.1% in 2014. In 2014, cost of sales included \$15.3 million of acquisition and integration related costs, compared with \$0.7 million in 2015. After adjusting for these items, cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was approximately 1.9% higher year-over-year, as lower margin business from recent acquisitions, a shift in legacy sales mix, unfavorable exchange rates, and reduced pricing offset operational efficiencies and favorable input costs.

Operating Expenses Total operating expenses were \$299.1 million during the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$284.4 million in 2014. The increase in 2015 resulted from the following:

Selling and distribution expenses increased \$8.2 million, or 6.6%, in the first nine months of 2015 compared to 2014. Higher on-going costs associated with acquisitions (approximately \$20.2 million) were partially offset by reductions in incentive compensation and other costs.

General and administrative expenses decreased \$2.9 million in the first nine months of 2015, as compared to 2014. Included in general and administrative costs are approximately \$4.2 million and \$17.2 million of acquisition and integration costs in 2015 and 2014, respectively. After considering the acquisition and integration costs, general and administrative costs increased \$10.1 million, as incremental costs of \$24.0 million associated with the 2014 acquisitions of Protenergy and Flagstone offset reduced incentive compensation and other costs.

Other operating expense was \$0.5 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$1.4 million in the first nine months of 2014. The reduction was due to lower costs associated with restructurings, which are substantially complete.

Amortization expense increased \$10.2 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to the first nine months of 2014, primarily due to the amortization of intangible assets from acquisitions.

Interest Expense Interest expense increased to \$34.0 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$30.0 million in 2014, due to higher average interest rates and debt levels resulting from recent acquisitions.

Interest Income Interest income of \$2.2 million includes \$1.4 million of interest income recorded in the first quarter related to annual patronage refunds pertaining to our Term Loan. The patronage refund represents our participation in the capital plan of our Term Loan lender and is an annual payment based on a percentage of our average daily loan balance. The remaining \$0.8 million relates to interest earned on the cash held by our Canadian subsidiary and gains on investments as discussed in Note 4.

Foreign Currency The Company's foreign currency loss was \$18.2 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$6.9 million in 2014, due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates between the U.S. and Canadian dollar.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt The Company incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$22.0 million in the first nine months of 2014, related to the extinguishment of the 2018 Notes. There were no extinguishments in the first nine months of 2015.

Other Expense (Income), Net Other income was \$0.4 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to expense of \$0.1 million in 2014. The change was primarily due to the non-cash mark-to-market adjustments on derivative instruments.

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Income Taxes Income tax expense was recorded at an effective rate of 31.8% in the first nine months of 2015, compared to 33.8% in 2014. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2014 is largely attributable to acquisition related expenses incurred in the third quarter of 2014 that were not deductible for tax purposes and a decrease in state tax expense

Table of Contents***Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Results by Segment****North American Retail Grocery*

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 1,768,938	100.0%	\$ 1,489,014	100.0%
Cost of sales	1,425,772	80.6	1,166,456	78.3
Gross profit	343,166	19.4	322,558	21.7
Freight out and commissions	69,393	3.9	61,724	4.2
Direct selling and marketing	31,553	1.8	29,933	2.0
Direct operating income	\$ 242,220	13.7%	\$ 230,901	15.5%

Net sales in the North American Retail Grocery segment increased by \$279.9 million, or 18.8%, in the first nine months of 2015, compared to the first nine months of 2014. The change in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to the following:

	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2014 Net sales	\$ 1,489,014	
Volume/mix	(73,568)	(4.9)%
Pricing	(6,791)	(0.5)
Acquisition	393,275	26.4
Foreign currency	(32,992)	(2.2)
2015 Net sales	\$ 1,768,938	18.8%

The increase in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to acquisitions that were partially offset by unfavorable volume/mix, foreign exchange, and lower pricing. During the first nine months of the year, the Company experienced volume gains in the soup category that were more than offset by decreases in the majority of other categories. The Company's negative volume/mix is due to the impact of competitive pressures across all categories, but most pronounced in single serve hot beverages.

Cost of sales increased \$259.3 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to the first nine months of 2014, primarily due to acquisitions. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased from 78.3% in the first nine months of 2014, to 80.6% in 2015, due to the lower margin sales from acquisitions, a shift in legacy sales mix, foreign exchange, and lower pricing, that more than offset the impact of favorable input costs. Included in cost of sales in 2014 were \$11.6 million of acquisition and integration costs, while 2015 had insignificant acquisition and integration costs. The addition of Flagstone and Protenergy increased cost of sales as a percentage of net sales by approximately

0.8% in the current year.

Freight out and commissions paid to independent sales brokers were \$69.4 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$61.7 million in 2014, an increase of \$7.7 million, or 12.4%, due to acquisitions. The acquisition of Flagstone and Protenergy added \$15.6 million of expense that was partially offset by lower costs in the legacy business due to lower volume and lower freight costs.

Direct selling and marketing expenses were \$31.6 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$29.9 million in 2014. The increase is due to the Flagstone acquisition, and offset current period cost reductions. Despite the additional costs, total direct selling and marketing expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased slightly.

Table of Contents*Food Away From Home*

	2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 280,726	100.0%	\$ 284,633	100.0%
Cost of sales	224,280	79.9	233,361	82.0
Gross profit	56,446	20.1	51,272	18.0
Freight out and commissions	10,992	3.9	10,808	3.8
Direct selling and marketing	6,000	2.1	6,627	2.3
Direct operating income	\$ 39,454	14.1%	\$ 33,837	11.9%

Net sales in the Food Away From Home segment decreased by 3.9 million, or 1.4% in the first nine months of 2015 compared to the first nine months of 2014. The change in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to the following:

	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2014 Net sales	\$ 284,633	
Volume/mix	1,200	0.4%
Pricing	(1,396)	(0.5)
Acquisition	243	0.1
Foreign currency	(3,954)	(1.4)
2015 Net sales	\$ 280,726	(1.4)%

Net sales during the first nine months of 2015 decreased compared to 2014, as marginal volume/mix increases were offset by unfavorable foreign exchange and lower pricing. Volume increases in the aseptic and dressings categories were offset by reductions in the Mexican and other sauces, beverages (primarily single serve hot beverages), and beverage enhancers categories.

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales decreased from 82.0% in the first nine months of 2014, to 79.9% in 2015. Plant operating performance in the first half of 2014 was inefficient due, in part, to a temporary labor shortage, while operations in 2015 were in line with normal production performance. Partially offsetting the return to normalized operational performance levels were higher costs of sales of U.S. sourced raw materials for the Canadian operations.

Freight out and commissions paid to independent sales brokers were \$11.0 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$10.8 million in 2014, consistent with increased volume/mix.

Direct selling and marketing expenses were \$6.0 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$6.6 million in 2014, down slightly from prior year as the Company continues to control costs.

Table of Contents*Industrial and Export*

	2015		2014	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 291,327	100.0%	\$ 268,942	100.0%
Cost of sales	230,608	79.2	214,361	79.7
Gross profit	60,719	20.8	54,581	20.3
Freight out and commissions	7,311	2.5	7,432	2.8
Direct selling and marketing	1,681	0.5	1,603	0.6
Direct operating income	\$ 51,727	17.8%	\$ 45,546	16.9%

Net sales in the Industrial and Export segment increased \$22.4 million, or 8.3%, in the first nine months of 2015 compared to the prior year. The change in net sales from 2014 to 2015 was due to the following:

	Dollars	Percent
	(Dollars in thousands)	
2014 Net sales	\$ 268,942	
Volume/mix	12,139	4.5%
Pricing	(4,384)	(1.6)
Acquisition	20,750	7.7
Foreign currency	(6,120)	(2.3)
2015 Net sales	\$ 291,327	8.3%

The increase in net sales is primarily due to acquisitions and improved volume/mix, partially offset by unfavorable foreign currency and pricing concessions. Higher volumes of pickles, baby food, and Mexican and other sauces were partially offset by lower volumes of soup, beverages (primarily single serve hot beverages), and beverage enhancers.

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales decreased from 79.7% in the first nine months of 2014, to 79.2% in 2015. Included in the 2014 costs were \$1.4 million of acquisition and integration costs, while 2015 had insignificant acquisition and integration costs. After considering the 2014 acquisition and integration costs, cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was flat. A positive shift in legacy sales mix was offset by lower margin business from acquisitions. Acquisitions contributed approximately 1.2% to lower margins in the current period.

Freight out and commissions paid to independent sales brokers were \$7.3 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$7.4 million in 2014. Higher costs associated with acquisitions in 2014 were offset by lower freight costs in 2015.

Direct selling and marketing expenses were \$1.7 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$1.6 million in 2014.

Table of Contents**Liquidity and Capital Resources*****Cash Flow***

Management assesses the Company's liquidity in terms of its ability to generate cash to fund its operating, investing, and financing activities. The Company continues to generate substantial cash flow from operating activities and remains in a strong financial position, with resources available for reinvesting in existing businesses, conducting acquisitions, and managing its capital structure on a short and long-term basis. If additional borrowings are needed, approximately \$458.9 million was available under the Revolving Credit Facility as of September 30, 2015. See Note 10 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding our Revolving Credit Facility. We believe that, given our cash flow from operating activities and our available credit capacity, we comply with the current terms of the Revolving Credit Facility and can meet foreseeable financial requirements.

The Company's cash flows from operating, investing, and financing activities, as reflected in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows are summarized in the following tables:

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 77,655	\$ 55,963
Depreciation and amortization	91,932	82,925
Mark to market loss (gain) on investments	421	(466)
Stock-based compensation	15,503	17,102
Deferred income taxes	239	(2,814)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		22,019
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions	(28,642)	(99,756)
Other	12,082	1,988
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 169,190	\$ 76,961

Cash provided by operations was \$169.2 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to \$77.0 million in 2014, an increase of \$92.2 million. Contributing to the increase is higher net income of \$8.7 million, after considering depreciation and amortization, and the impact of the loss on extinguishment of debt in 2014. Cash provided by operating activities was also positively impacted by a \$71.1 million improvement from changes in working capital and \$11.4 million from the impact of foreign exchange (included in the Other line above). The strengthening of the U.S. dollar as compared to the Canadian dollar resulted in increased foreign exchange expense versus the same period last year. Within working capital, changes in inventories are the most significant, providing \$47.4 million in the first nine months ended September 30, 2015, resulting from the deceleration of inventory growth experienced in the prior year period. Inventory levels were higher in the prior year period, primarily due to softer than expected sales, as the Company continued to build inventory. Also contributing to the increase in the prior year was an increase in the amount of inventory produced to maintain and improve service levels. In the current year period, the Company focused on managing inventory to lower levels, without sacrificing service. Changes in receivables provided \$22.4 million in cash flows during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and is due to more efficient cash collections and softer sales in the current period versus the same period last year.

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands)	
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	\$ (57,188)	\$ (65,392)
Additions to other intangible assets	(9,663)	(7,838)
Purchase of investments	(572)	(471)
Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired		(1,000,948)
Other	278	1,126
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (67,145)	\$ (1,073,523)

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In the first nine months of 2015, cash used in investing activities decreased by \$1.0 billion, compared to 2014. The decrease in cash used in investing activities was primarily attributable to the acquisitions of Protenergy and Flagstone in the second and third quarters of 2014, respectively, while there were no acquisitions in the current year. The Company continued to invest in property, plant, and equipment in 2015, although at lower levels than 2014.

We expect capital spending programs to be approximately \$90.0 million in 2015. Capital spending in 2015 is focused on food safety, quality, additional capacity, productivity improvements, continued implementation of an ERP system, and routine equipment upgrades or replacements at our plants.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 (In thousands)	
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net (payments) borrowings of debt	\$ (135,922)	\$ 615,120
Payment of deferred financing costs		(13,712)
Payment of debt premium for extinguishment of debt		(16,693)
Net proceeds from issuance of stock		358,364
Equity award financing activities	6,225	29,108
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	\$ (129,697)	\$ 972,187

Net cash used in financing activities was \$129.7 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$972.2 million in the first nine months of 2014. During the first nine months of 2014, the Company acquired Protenergy and Flagstone using funds from the Revolving Credit Facility and the issuance of stock, while there were no acquisitions during the first nine months of 2015. Consequently, the Company used excess funds to pay down its Revolving Credit Facility in 2015.

As of September 30, 2015, \$21.4 million of cash held by our Canadian subsidiaries as cash and cash equivalents and short term investments is expected to be used for general corporate purposes in Canada, including capital projects and acquisitions.

Cash provided by operating activities is used to pay down debt and fund investments in property, plant, and equipment.

The Company's short-term financing needs are primarily to finance working capital during the year. As the Company continues to add new product categories to our portfolio, spikes in financing needs are lessened. Vegetable and fruit production are driven by harvest cycles, which occur primarily during the spring and summer as inventories of pickles and jams generally are at a low point in late spring and at a high point during the fall, increasing our working capital requirements. In addition, the Company builds inventories of salad dressings in the spring and soup in the summer months in anticipation of large seasonal shipments that begin in the second and third quarters, respectively. Non-dairy creamer inventory builds in the fall for the expected winter sales. We expect our Revolving Credit Facility, plus cash flow from operations, to be adequate to provide liquidity for current operations. Our long-term financing needs will depend largely on potential acquisition activity.

Seasonality

In the aggregate, our sales do not vary significantly by quarter but are slightly weighted towards the second half of the year, particularly in the fourth quarter, with a more pronounced impact on profitability. As our product portfolio has grown, we have shifted to a higher percentage of cold weather products. Products that show a higher level of seasonality include non-dairy powdered creamer, coffee, specialty teas, cappuccinos, and hot cereal, all of which have higher sales in the first and fourth quarters. Additionally, sales of soup and snack nuts are highest in the fourth quarter. Warmer weather products such as dressings and pickles typically have higher sales in the third quarter, while drink mixes show higher sales in the second and third quarters. As a result of our product portfolio and the related seasonality, our financing needs are highest in the second and third quarters due to inventory builds, while cash flow is highest in the first and fourth quarters in line with the seasonality of our sales.

Debt Obligations

At September 30, 2015, we had \$428.0 million in borrowings outstanding under our Revolving Credit Facility, \$296.3 million outstanding under the Term Loan, \$192.5 million outstanding under the Acquisition Term Loan, \$400.0 million of the 2022 Notes outstanding, and \$7.1 million of tax increment financing and other obligations. In addition, at September 30, 2015, there were \$13.1 million in letters of credit under the Revolving Credit Facility that were issued but undrawn.

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Also, at September 30, 2015, our Revolving Credit Facility provided for an aggregate commitment of \$900.0 million, of which \$458.9 million was available. Interest rates on debt outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility, Term Loan, and Acquisition Term Loan (collectively known as the Credit Facility), for the three months ended September 30, 2015 averaged 1.89%, as compared to 1.60% for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

We are in compliance with all applicable debt covenants as of September 30, 2015. From an interest coverage ratio perspective, the Company's actual ratio as of September 30, 2015 is nearly 126.8% higher than the minimum required level. As it relates to the leverage ratio, the Company was nearly 3.4% below the maximum level.

See Note 10 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding our indebtedness and related agreements.

Non-GAAP Measures

We have included in this report measures of financial performance that are not defined by GAAP. We believe that these measures provide useful information to the users of the financial statements as we also have included these measures in other communications and publications.

For each of these non-GAAP financial measures, we provide a reconciliation between the non-GAAP measure and the most directly comparable GAAP measure, an explanation of why management believes the non-GAAP measure provides useful information to financial statement users, and any additional purposes for which management uses the non-GAAP measure. This non-GAAP financial information is provided as additional information for the financial statement users and is not in accordance with or an alternative to GAAP. These non-GAAP measures may be different from similar measures used by other companies.

Diluted EPS, Adjusting for Certain Items Affecting Comparability

The adjusted earnings per share data shown below reflects adjustments to reported earnings per share data to identify items that, in management's judgment, affect the assessment of earnings results between periods. This information is provided in order to allow investors to make meaningful comparisons of the Company's earnings performance between periods and to view the Company's business from the same perspective as Company management. This measure is also used as a component of the Board of Director's measurement of the Company's performance for incentive compensation purposes. As the Company cannot predict the timing and amount of charges that include, but are not limited to, items such as acquisition, integration, and related costs, debt refinancing costs, or facility closings and reorganizations, management does not consider these costs when evaluating the Company's performance, when making decisions regarding the allocation of resources, in determining incentive compensation for management, or in determining earnings estimates.

The reconciliation of diluted EPS, excluding certain items affecting comparability, to the relevant GAAP measure of diluted EPS as presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	(unaudited)			
Diluted EPS as reported	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.43

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Foreign currency loss on re-measurement of intercompany notes	0.13	0.11	0.25	0.08
Acquisition, integration, and related costs	0.05	0.31	0.08	0.58
Mark-to-market adjustments	0.03		(0.01)	
Restructuring/facility consolidation costs			0.01	0.02
Debt refinancing costs				0.41
Adjusted EPS	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.89	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.52

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company entered into transactions that affected the year-over-year comparison of its financial results that included foreign currency losses on intercompany notes, mark-to-market adjustments, acquisition and integration costs, debt refinancing costs, and restructuring costs.

The Company has Canadian dollar denominated intercompany loans and incurred foreign currency losses of \$8.5 million in the third quarter of 2015 versus \$6.7 million in the prior year to re-measure the loans at quarter end. For the nine months ending September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company incurred foreign currency losses of \$16.9 million and \$5.3 million, respectively. The changes are due to the fluctuations of the Canadian dollar compared to the U.S. dollar in 2015 versus 2014. These charges are non-cash and the loans are eliminated in consolidation.

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The acquisition, integration, and related costs line represents costs associated with completed and potential acquisitions. Costs associated with integrating the businesses into the Company's operations are also included in this line.

The Company's derivative contracts are marked to market each period with the changes being recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. These are non-cash charges. As the contracts are settled, realized gains and losses are recognized.

As the Company continues to grow, consolidation or restructuring activities are necessary. During the third quarter of 2015, the Company incurred approximately \$0.2 million in costs, the same as the prior year. For the nine months ending September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company incurred restructuring and facility consolidation costs of approximately \$0.5 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. These projects are nearly complete.

During the three and nine months ending September 30, 2014, the Company incurred \$0.1 million and \$22.2 million, respectively, of costs related to debt refinancing activities completed during the year, while in 2015 there were no debt refinancing activities.

Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusting for Certain Items Affecting Comparability

Adjusted EBITDA represents adjusted net income before interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization expense, non-cash stock based compensation expense, and other items that, in management's judgment, significantly affect the assessment of operating results between periods. Adjusted EBITDA is a performance measure used by management, and the Company believes it is commonly reported and widely used by investors and other interested parties, as a measure of a company's operating performance.

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The following table reconciles the Company's net income as presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, the relevant GAAP measure, to Adjusted net income (used for Adjusted EPS) and Adjusted EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2015	2014	September 30, 2015	2014
	(unaudited in thousands)			
Net income as reported	\$ 28,441	\$ 19,882	\$ 77,655	\$ 55,963
Foreign currency loss on re-measurement of intercompany notes ⁽¹⁾	8,508	6,684	16,850	5,283
Mark-to-market adjustments ⁽²⁾	2,017	(114)	(378)	(90)
Acquisition, integration, and related costs ⁽³⁾	3,003	18,505	4,991	32,646
Debt refinancing costs ⁽⁴⁾		75		22,189
Restructuring/facility consolidation costs ⁽⁵⁾	154	170	504	1,408
Less: Taxes on adjusting items	(4,429)	(7,854)	(7,346)	(18,280)
Adjusted net income	\$ 37,694	\$ 37,348	\$ 92,276	\$ 99,119
Interest expense	10,914	10,102	33,978	29,976
Interest income	(265)	(113)	(2,228)	(694)
Income taxes	11,834	10,913	36,208	28,615
Depreciation and amortization ⁽⁶⁾	30,165	29,977	91,847	78,908
Stock-based compensation expense	5,040	7,403	15,503	17,102
Add: Taxes on adjusting items	4,429	7,854	7,346	18,280
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 99,811	\$ 103,484	\$ 274,930	\$ 271,306

	Location in Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		September 30, 2015	2014	September 30, 2015	2014
		(unaudited in thousands)			
(1) Foreign currency loss on re-measurement of intercompany notes	Loss on foreign currency exchange	\$ 8,508	\$ 6,684	\$ 16,850	\$ 5,283
(2) Mark-to-market adjustments	Other expense (income), net	\$ 2,017	\$ (114)	\$ (378)	\$ (90)
(3) Acquisition, integration and related costs	General and administrative	\$ 2,962	\$ 8,902	\$ 4,223	\$ 17,229
	Cost of sales	\$ 41	\$ 9,566	\$ 698	\$ 15,272
	Selling and distribution	\$	\$ 37	\$ 41	\$ 106

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	Other expense (income), net	\$	\$	\$	29	\$	39
(4) Debt refinancing costs	Loss on extinguishment of debt	\$	\$	75	\$	\$	22,019
	General and administrative	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	170
(5) Restructuring/facility consolidation costs	Other operating expense, net	\$	154	\$	170	\$	504
		\$		\$		\$	1,408
(6) Depreciation and amortization included in acquisition, integration and related costs	General and administrative	\$	\$	\$	85	\$	
	Cost of sales	\$	\$	291	\$	\$	4,017

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Other Commitments and Contingencies

We also have the following commitments and contingent liabilities, in addition to contingent liabilities related to the ordinary course of litigation, investigations and tax audits:

certain lease obligations, and

selected levels of property and casualty risks, primarily related to employee health care, workers' compensation claims and other casualty losses.

See Note 17 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I Item 1 of this Form 10-Q and Note 19 to our Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 for more information about our commitments and contingent obligations.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Information regarding recent accounting pronouncements is provided in Note 2 to the Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Policies

A description of the Company's critical accounting policies is contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. There were no material changes to our critical accounting policies in the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any obligations that meet the definition of an off-balance sheet arrangement, other than operating leases and letters of credit, which have or are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Forward Looking Statements

From time to time, we and our representatives may provide information, whether orally or in writing, including certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, which are deemed to be forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Litigation Reform Act"). These forward-looking statements and other information are based on our beliefs as well as assumptions made by us using information currently available.

The words anticipate, believe, estimate, project, expect, intend, plan, should and similar expressions, as used by us, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected or intended. We do not intend to update these forward-looking statements following the date of this report.

In accordance with the provisions of the Litigation Reform Act, we are making investors aware that such forward-looking statements, because they relate to future events, are by their very nature subject to many important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and other public statements we make. Such factors include, but are not limited to: the outcome of litigation and regulatory proceedings to which we may be a party; the impact of product recalls; actions of competitors; changes and developments affecting our industry; quarterly or cyclical variations in financial results; our ability to obtain suitable pricing for our products; development of new products and services; our level of indebtedness; the availability of financing on commercially reasonable terms; cost of borrowing; our ability to maintain and improve cost efficiency of operations; changes in foreign currency exchange rates; interest rates; raw material and commodity costs; changes in economic conditions; political conditions; reliance on third parties for manufacturing of products and provision of services; general U.S. and global economic conditions; the financial condition of our customers and suppliers; consolidations in the retail grocery and foodservice industries; our ability to continue to make acquisitions in accordance with our business strategy or effectively manage the growth from acquisitions; and other risks that are set forth in the Risk Factors section, the Legal Proceedings section, the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section and other sections of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Table of Contents**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk****Interest Rate Fluctuations**

As of September 30, 2015, the Company was party to the Revolving Credit Facility with an aggregate commitment of \$900 million, with an interest rate based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio, and determined by either LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 2.00%, or a base rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 1.00%. The Company was also party to both the Term Loan and the Acquisition Term Loan. Interest rates for both Term Loans are based on the Company's consolidated leverage ratio and determined as follows: Term Loan by either LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.50% to 2.25%, or a base rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus a margin ranging from 0.50% to 1.25%; Acquisition Term Loan by either LIBOR plus a margin ranging from 1.25% to 2.00%, or a base rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus a margin ranging from 0.25% to 1.00%.

We do not hold any derivative financial instruments which could expose us to significant interest rate market risk, as of September 30, 2015. Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the increase in the amount of interest expense we expect to pay with respect to our Credit Facility, which is tied to variable market rates. Based on our outstanding debt balance of \$916.8 million under the Credit Facility at September 30, 2015, each 1% rise in our interest rate would increase our interest expense by approximately \$9.2 million annually.

Input Costs

The costs of raw materials, packaging materials, fuel, and energy have varied widely in recent years and future changes in such costs may cause our results of operations and our operating margins to fluctuate significantly. When comparing the third quarter of 2015 to the third quarter of 2014, price increases in coffee, vegetables, and fruits, were offset by price decreases in soybean oil, dairy, and sweeteners. The spread of avian flu throughout the U.S. chicken population has driven egg prices significantly higher in 2015. As a purchaser of eggs for various products, we are subject to these price changes and are working to minimize the impact on our results for the remainder of the year. We expect the volatile nature of these costs to continue, with an overall long-term upward trend.

We manage the cost of certain raw materials by entering into forward purchase contracts. Forward purchase contracts help us manage our business and reduce cost volatility. Some of these forward purchase contracts qualify as derivatives; however, the majority of commodity forward contracts are not derivatives. Those that are derivatives generally qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception under the guidance for derivative instruments and hedging activities and, therefore, are not subject to its provisions. For derivative commodity contracts that do not qualify for the normal purchases and normal sales scope exception, the Company records their fair value on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, with changes in value being recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements in Income.

We use a significant volume of fruits, vegetables, and nuts in our operations as raw materials. Certain of these inputs are purchased under seasonal grower contracts with a variety of growers strategically located to supply our production facilities. Bad weather or disease in a particular growing area can damage or destroy the crop in that area. If we are unable to buy the inputs from local suppliers, we would purchase them from more distant locations, including other locations within the United States, Mexico, or India, thereby increasing our production costs. Nuts are sourced globally, as needed, using purchase orders from a variety of suppliers, giving the Company greater flexibility to meet changing customer demands. When entering into contracts for input costs, the Company generally seeks contract lengths between nine and twelve months.

Changes in the prices of our products may lag behind changes in the costs of our products. Competitive pressures also may limit our ability to quickly raise prices in response to increased raw materials, packaging, fuel, and energy costs. Accordingly, if we are unable to increase our prices to offset increasing costs, our operating profits and margins could be materially affected. In addition, in instances of declining input costs, customers may seek price reductions in situations where we are locked into pricing at higher costs.

Fluctuations in Foreign Currencies

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency as a result of our Canadian subsidiaries, where the functional currency is the Canadian dollar. Items that give rise to foreign exchange transaction gains and losses primarily include foreign denominated intercompany loans and input costs. The foreign exchange gain or loss on intercompany loans and foreign denominated working capital balances are recorded in the Loss on Foreign exchange line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income where the Company recognized losses of \$18.2 million and \$6.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

A significant portion of the Company's Canadian operations purchase their inputs and packaging materials in U.S. dollars, resulting in higher costs when the U.S. dollar strengthens as compared to the Canadian dollar. The Company estimates the impact on input costs (and Cost of Sales) to be approximately \$2.0 million for each one cent change in the exchange rate between the U.S. and Canadian dollars.

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Also impacted by foreign exchange is the translation of the Company's Canadian financial statements. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recognized translation losses of \$40.5 million and \$15.3 million, respectively, as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive loss.

The Company enters into foreign currency contracts due to the exposure to Canadian/U.S. dollar currency fluctuations on cross border transactions. The Company does not apply hedge accounting to these contracts and records them at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The contracts are entered into for the purchase of U.S. dollar denominated raw materials by our Canadian subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2015, the Company had \$7.6 million of U.S. dollar foreign currency contracts outstanding. The Company had no foreign currency contracts outstanding as of September 30, 2014.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures to give reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. These controls and procedures also give reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in such reports is accumulated and communicated to management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), together with management, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

TreeHouse Foods, Inc.

Oak Brook, Illinois

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of TreeHouse Foods, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of September 30, 2015, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. This interim financial information is the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial information taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such condensed consolidated interim financial information for it to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of TreeHouse Foods, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 19, 2015, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois

November 5, 2015

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Part II Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are party to a variety of legal proceedings arising out of the conduct of our business. While the results of proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the final outcome of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Information regarding risk factors appears in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Information Related to Forward-Looking Statements, in Part I Item 2 of this Form 10-Q and in Part I Item 1A of the TreeHouse Foods, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in the TreeHouse Foods, Inc. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits

- 10.1 Consulting Agreement, dated July 28, 2015 between TreeHouse Foods, Inc. and Harry J. Walsh is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 28, 2015.
- 12.1 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Changes.
- 15.1 Awareness Letter from Deloitte & Touche LLP regarding unaudited financial information.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document.
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

TREEHOUSE FOODS, INC.

/s/ Dennis F. Riordan
Dennis F. Riordan
*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer*

November 5, 2015