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For the six months ended September 25, 2004, net sales totaled \$382,773,000 versus \$399,490,000 for the comparable period last year. The year-to-date net earnings were \$6,947,000 or \$.62 per diluted share as compared with \$7,582,000, or \$.70 per diluted share, last year. Current year-to-date pre-tax results include other income of \$3,376,000 which is the net effect of a \$3,862,000 gain on the sale of Moog Inc. stock, a non-cash charge of \$528,000 in deferred financing costs related to a reduction in the Company's revolving credit facility from \$200 million to \$150 million and a \$42,000 gain on the sale of assets.

Seneca Foods Corporation is primarily a vegetable processing company with manufacturing facilities located throughout the United States. Its products are sold under the Libby's®, Aunt Nellie's Farm Kitchen®, Stokely's®, READ®, and Seneca® labels as well as through the private label and industrial markets. In addition, under an alliance with General Mills Operations, Inc., a successor to the Pillsbury Company and a subsidiary of General Mills, Inc., Seneca produces canned and frozen vegetables, which are sold by General Mills Operations, Inc. under the Green Giant® label. Seneca's common stock is traded on the Nasdaq National Stock Market under the symbols "SENEA" and "SENEB".

Seneca Foods Corporation
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Net Earnings

For the Periods Ended September 25, 2004 and September 27, 2003
(In thousands of dollars, except share data)

	Quarter		Year-to-Date	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Net sales	\$ 219,140	\$ 248,194	\$ 382,773	\$ 399,490
Plant restructuring expense (note 3)	\$ (619)	\$ -	\$ (619)	\$ -
Other income, net (note 4)	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ 3,376	\$ -
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 4,007	\$ 6,409	\$ 11,388	\$ 12,429
Income taxes	1,562	2,499	4,441	4,847
Net earnings	\$ 2,445	\$ 3,910	\$ 6,947	\$ 7,582
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.70
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.70
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	11,125,723	11,125,723	11,125,723	10,803,142
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	11,193,113	11,193,113	11,193,113	10,870,532

Note 1: The diluted earnings per share includes the effect of convertible shares.

Note 2: Prior year results include the Chiquita Processed Foods, L.L.C. operations from the date of acquisition, May 27, 2003 (four months).

Note 3: Plant restructuring expense in the quarter and year-to-date includes a \$619,000 charge for severance expense related to exiting a line of contract packing business.

Note 4: Other income in the year-to-date period of \$3,376,000 is the net effect of a \$3,862,000 gain on the sale of Moog Inc. stock, a non-cash charge of \$528,000 in deferred financing costs related to a reduction in the Company's revolving credit facility from \$200 million to \$150 million and a \$42,000 gain on the sale of assets.

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