

Press Release
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Seneca Foods Corporation net sales for the quarter ended December 28, 2002, totaled \$235,430,000 versus \$236,932,000 for the comparable period last year. The current quarter's net earnings were \$3,147,000 or \$.31 per diluted share, compared with \$2,290,000 or \$.22 per diluted share, last year.

For the nine months ended December 28, 2002, net sales totaled \$542,491,000 versus \$546,425,000 for the comparable period last year. The year-to-date net earnings were \$7,169,000 or \$.70 per diluted share, compared with \$588,000 or \$.06 per diluted share last year.

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® 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
Consolidated Statements of Net Earnings
For the Periods Ended December 28, 2002 and 2001
(In thousands of dollars, except share data)

	Quarter		Year-to-Date	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Net sales	\$ 235,430	\$ 236,932	\$ 542,491	\$ 546,425
Other expense (notes 2 and 3)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (620)	\$ (321)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 5,035	\$ 3,625	\$ 11,628	\$ 966
Income taxes	1,888	1,335	4,459	378
Net earnings	\$ 3,147	\$ 2,290	\$ 7,169	\$ 588
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.09	\$ 0.09
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.06

Weighted average shares outstanding basic	6,590,966	6,585,091	6,590,067	6,584,014
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	10,225,467	10,225,275	10,225,435	10,225,275

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

Note 2: Other expense in the current period is an impairment loss.

Note 3: Other expense in the prior period is a severance accrual.