



Seneca Foods Corporation

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Seneca Foods Corporation reported net sales for the quarter ended December 27, 2003, totaling \$325,303,000 versus \$235,430,000 for the comparable period last year. The current quarter's net earnings were \$1,887,000 or \$.17 per diluted share, compared with \$3,147,000 or \$.31 per diluted share, last year.

For the nine months ended December 27, 2003, net sales totaled \$724,793,000 versus \$542,491,000 for the comparable period last year. The year-to-date net earnings were \$9,469,000 or \$.86 per diluted share as compared with \$7,169,000, or \$.70 per diluted share, last year. Prior year results for the year-to-date period include other expense of \$620,000 for a non-cash impairment accrual.

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".

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Seneca Foods Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Net Earnings

For the Periods Ended December 27, 2003 and 2002
(In thousands of dollars, except share data)

	Quarter		Year-to-Date	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Net sales	\$ 325,303	\$ 235,430	\$ 724,793	\$ 542,491
Other expense (note 3)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (620)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 3,094	\$ 5,035	\$ 15,523	\$ 11,628
Income taxes	1,207	1,888	6,054	4,459
Net earnings	\$ 1,887	\$ 3,147	\$ 9,469	\$ 7,169
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.70
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.70
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	11,125,723	10,158,077	10,910,669	10,158,045
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	11,193,113	10,225,467	10,978,059	10,225,435

Note 1: The basic earnings per share includes the effect of redeemable preferred convertible shares.

The diluted earnings per share includes the effect of other convertible shares.

Note 2: Results include the Chiquita Processed Foods, L.L.C. operations from the date of acquisition, May 27, 2003 (seven months).

Note 3: Other expense in the prior period is an impairment loss.

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