



Seneca Foods Corporation

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For the nine months ended December 31, 2005, net sales increased 3.5% to \$717,017,000 from \$693,019,000 for the comparable period last year. The year-to-date net earnings were \$13,043,000; or \$1.16 per diluted share, as compared with \$5,434,000; or \$.48 per diluted share, last year. Operating income for the nine month period increased 87% to \$33,265,000 from \$17,835,000 on a year-over-year basis. Prior year-to-date pre-tax results include a \$5,710,000 non-cash impairment charge and severance expense of \$94,000 related to the closure of processing facilities in Washington and New York and a \$619,000 charge for severance related to exiting a line of contract packing business. Current year-to-date results include other expense of \$842,000 which represents the net effect of \$1,832,000 for a non-cash loss on the disposal of property and equipment and other income of \$990,000 which consists of a gain on the sale of two previously closed facilities.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2005, net sales increased 2.7% to \$316,253,000 from \$307,966,000 for the comparable period last year. The current quarter's net earnings were \$6,936,000; or \$.62 per diluted share, as compared with a loss of \$1,513,000; or \$.14 per diluted share last year. Operating income for the quarter increased to \$13,985,000 from \$1,739,000 on a year-over-year basis. Last year's quarterly pre-tax performance includes a \$5,710,000 non-cash impairment charge and severance expense of \$94,000 related to the closure of processing facilities in Washington and New York.

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
Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Net Earnings

For the Periods Ended December 31, 2005 and December 25, 2004

(In thousands of dollars, except share data)

	Quarter		Year-to-Date	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net sales	\$ 316,253	\$ 307,966	\$ 717,017	\$ 693,019
Plant restructuring expense (notes 1 and 2)	\$ (290)	\$ (5,804)	\$ (1,751)	\$ (6,423)
Operating income	\$ 13,985	\$ 1,739	\$ 33,265	\$ 17,835
Other income (expense), net (notes 3 and 4)	563	-	(842)	3,376
Interest expense (net)	3,918	4,219	11,847	12,303
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	\$ 10,630	\$ (2,480)	\$ 20,576	\$ 8,908
Income taxes	3,694	(967)	7,533	3,474
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 6,936	\$ (1,513)	\$ 13,043	\$ 5,434
Earnings applicable to common stock (note 5)	\$ 4,254	\$ (913)	\$ 7,966	\$ 3,269
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.14)	\$ 1.17	\$ 0.49
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.62	\$ (0.14)	\$ 1.16	\$ 0.48
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	6,829,331	6,714,497	6,803,632	6,714,422
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	6,896,721	6,781,887	6,871,022	6,781,812

Note 1: Plant restructuring expense in the year-to-date period of \$1,751,000 (\$290,000 in the current quarter) includes a provision for future lease payments of \$1,306,000, a cash severance charge of \$368,000, and a non-cash impairment charge of \$77,000. These charges involve a leased distribution center in the Northwestern US.

Note 2: Plant restructuring expense in the prior year-to-date period includes a \$619,000 charge for severance expense related to exiting a line of contract packing business and a \$5,710,000 non-cash impairment charge and severance expenses of \$94,000 related to closure of processing facilities Washington and New York.

Note 3: Other income in the current quarter consists of a \$563,000 gain on the sale of a warehouse in Oregon.

Note 4: Other expense (net) in the current year-to-date period of \$842,000 consists of a \$1,832,000 non-cash loss on the disposal of property and equipment and a gain on the sale of real estate of \$990,000.

Other income (net) in the prior year-to-date period of \$3,376,000 represents 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.

Note 5: The Company uses the "two-class" method for basic earnings per share by dividing the earnings allocated to common shareholders by the weighted average of common shares outstanding during the period. The diluted earnings per share includes the effect of convertible shares for the each period presented. Average common and participating shares totaled 11,125,723 for nine months ended December 31, 2005.

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