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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 O ý 1934	R 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the quarterly period ended September 25, 2016 OR	
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OI 1934	R 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF
For the transition period fromtotototo	
Pinnacle Foods Inc.	
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Delaware	35-2215019
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
399 Jefferson Road	07054
Parsippany, New Jersey	
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 54	(Zip Code) 11-6620

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 \circ No "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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes \circ 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 definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check One):

Large accelerated filer

ý Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) $\ddot{}$ 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 $\ddot{}$ No \acute{y}

The Registrant had 118,070,602 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, outstanding at October 25, 2016.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PINNACLE FOODS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (unaudited) (thousands, except per share amounts)

Net sales Cost of products sold	Septembe 2016 \$758,821 530,117	2015 \$ 636,287 459,432	2016 \$2,269,457 1,620,994	2 S eptember 27, 2015 \$ 1,933,314 1,415,633
Gross profit	228,704	176,855	648,463	517,681
Marketing and selling expenses Administrative expenses Research and development expenses Tradename impairment charges	53,879 36,439 4,564 11,200	44,155 26,467 3,247 —	173,813 126,030 13,847 11,200	136,862 81,918 9,888 —
Other expense (income), net	4,354	5,193	17,238	12,936
Earnings before interest and taxes Interest expense Interest income Earnings before income taxes Provision for income taxes Net earnings Less: Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest Net earnings attributable to Pinnacle Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries common stockholders	110,436 118,268 36,473 27 81,822 29,469 52,353 	79,062 97,793 22,315 7 75,485 27,387 48,098 	342,128 306,335 103,601 131 202,865 79,892 122,973 	241,604 276,077 66,130 172 210,119 76,806 133,313
Net earnings per share attributable to Pinnacle Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries common stockholders: Basic Weighted average shares outstanding - basic Diluted Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted Dividends declared See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Sec	\$0.45 117,224 \$0.44 118,390 \$0.285 tatements	\$ 0.41 116,085 \$ 0.41 117,470 \$ 0.255	\$1.05 116,666 \$1.04 117,923 \$0.795	\$ 1.15 116,007 \$ 1.14 117,262 \$ 0.725

PINNACLE FOODS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS (unaudited) (thousands)

	Septemb	nonths en ber 25, 20	2016	Septembe			Nine mor Septembe	er 25, 20		Septembe		15
	Pre-tax amount	Tax (expense benefit	After-tax se) amount	Pre-tax amount	Tax (expension) benefit	After-tax se) amount	a Pre-tax amount	Tax (expense benefit	amouni	Pre-tax amount	Tax (expense benefit	After- e) amou
Net earnings Other comprehensive earnings (loss) Foreign currency translation: Foreign			\$52,353			\$48,098			\$122,973			\$133,
currency translation adjustments Cash-flow hedges: Unrealized	(1,526)		(1,526)	(1,581)	612	(969)) 4,040	_	4,040	(3,519)	1,369	(2,150
gains (losses) arising during the period Reclassification	537 1	(212)	325	(13,531)	5,245	(8,286)) (18,580)	7,178	(11,402)) (23,893)	9,301	(14,59
adjustment for (gains) losses included in net earnings Pension: Reclassification	1	(986)	1,574	197	(111)	86	6,176	(2,373)	3,803	288	(197)	91
of net actuarial loss included in net earnings Other		(117)	192	261	(99)	162	926	(351)	575	780	(297)	483
comprehensive earnings (loss) Total	1,880	(1,315)	565	(14,654)	5,647		(7,438)	4,454	(2,984)	(26,344)	10,176	(16,10
comprehensive earnings Less:			52,918			39,091			119,989			117,1
Comprehensive loss attributable to non-controlling interest	2		—			—			—			
			\$52,918			\$39,091			\$119,989			\$117,

Comprehensive earnings attributable to Pinnacle Foods Inc. and Subsidiaries

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

PINNACLE FOODS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited) (thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	September 25, 2016	December 27, 2015
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$164,928	\$180,549
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$11,278 and \$7,902, respectively	302,259	219,736
Inventories	502,052	403,101
Other current assets	9,163	13,677
Deferred tax assets	54,858	40,571
Total current assets	1,033,260	857,634
Plant assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$470,697 and \$408,294, respectively	708,952	631,109
Tradenames	2,529,680	2,001,048
Other assets, net	176,035	120,364
Goodwill	2,169,431	1,714,008
Total assets	\$6,617,358	\$5,324,163
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings	\$1,197	\$2,225
Current portion of long-term obligations	23,714	14,847
Accounts payable	251,836	211,039
Accrued trade marketing expense	44,600	46,228
Accrued liabilities	161,385	100,510
Dividends payable	34,883	30,798
Total current liabilities	517,615	405,647
Long-term debt	3,141,063	2,257,012
Pension and other postretirement benefits	62,640	63,454
Other long-term liabilities	63,681	54,506
Deferred tax liabilities	955,485	738,015
Total liabilities	4,740,484	3,518,634
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Pinnacle preferred stock: \$.01 per share, 50,000,000 shares authorized, none issued		
Pinnacle common stock: par value \$.01 per share, 500,000,000 shares authorized; issued 119,048,643 and 117,619,695, respectively	^d 1,191	1,176
Additional paid-in-capital	1,422,483	1,378,521
Retained earnings	546,762	517,330
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(62,372)	(59,388)
Capital stock in treasury, at cost, 1,000,000 common shares	(32,110)	(32,110)
Total Pinnacle Foods Inc. and Subsidiaries stockholders' equity	1,875,954	1,805,529
Non-controlling interest	920	_
Total Equity	1,876,874	1,805,529
Total liabilities and equity	\$6,617,358	\$5,324,163

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PINNACLE FOODS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (thousands)

(thousands)			
	Nine mont	hs ended	
	September	Steptember 2	27,
	2016	2015	
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net earnings	\$122,973	\$ 133,313	
Non-cash charges (credits) to net earnings			
Depreciation and amortization	78,749	67,420	
Intangible asset impairment charge	11,200		
Amortization of debt acquisition costs and discount on term loan	7,079	4,696	
Refinancing costs and write off of debt issuance costs	600		
Change in value of financial instruments		(174)
Equity-based compensation charges	9,383	11,489)
Pension expense, net of contributions	112	(4,300)
Other long-term liabilities	601	(1,271)
Other long-term natinities)
Foreign exchange (gains) / losses		3,679	`
Excess tax benefits on equity-based compensation	(10,767)	-)
Deferred income taxes	28,737	55,500	
Changes in working capital (net of effects of acquisition)	(40,700)	(10.001	
Accounts receivable		(19,391)
Inventories	(31,948))
Accrued trade marketing expense		2,332	
Accounts payable	31,602		
Accrued liabilities	29,813	15,545	
Other current assets	15,615	890	
Net cash provided by operating activities	239,942	210,820	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Business acquisition activity (net of cash acquired)	(985,365)	1,102	
Capital expenditures	(76,623)	(84,733)
Proceeds from sale of plant assets		730	
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,061,988	(82,901)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from bank term loans	547,250		
Proceeds from notes offerings	350,000		
Repayments of long-term obligations		(6,642)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	2,182	2,135	,
Repayments of short-term borrowings		(3,386)
Repayment of capital lease obligations		(2,645)
Dividends paid		(82,086)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	24,914	1,038)
Excess tax benefits on equity-based compensation	10,767	1,345	
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards		(2,401)
Debt acquisition costs	(22,564))
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	806,173	(92,642)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	252	(732)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		34,545)
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Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	180,549	38,477
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$164,928	\$ 73,022
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$79,030	\$ 54,825
Interest received	131	159
Income taxes paid	19,623	18,425
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
New capital leases	16,044	
Dividends payable	34,883	30,582
Accrued additions to plant assets	13,800	9,693
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See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

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PINNACLE FOODS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (unaudited) (thousands, except share and per share amounts)										
	Common Sto	ock	Treasury Sto	ock	Additional	Datainad	Accumula	ted Total	Neg	œmanh11:
	Shares	Amoun	tShares	Amount	Paid In Capital	Retained Earnings		Shareholders nsive Equity	Intere	C &nta blling s E quity
Balance,										
December 28, 2014	117,293,745	\$1,173	(1,000,000)	\$(32,110)	\$1,363,129	\$419,531	\$(37,734)	\$1,713,989	\$—	\$1,713,98
Equity-based										
compensation plans	313,269	3			11,468			11,471		11,471
Dividends (\$0.725 per						(84,819)		(84,819)		(84,819
share) (a)										
Comprehensive earnings	;					133,313	(16,168)	117,145		117,145
Balance, September 27,	117,607,014	\$1,176	(1,000,000)	\$(32,110)	\$1,374,597	\$468,025	\$(53,902)	\$1,757,786	\$—	\$1,757,78
2015										
Balance,										
December 27, 2015	117,619,695	\$1,176	(1,000,000)	\$(32,110)	\$1,378,521	\$517,330	\$(59,388)	\$1,805,529	\$—	\$1,805,52
Equity-based										
plans	1,428,948	15			43,962			43,977		43,977
Dividends (\$0.795 per						(93,541)		(93,541)		(93,541
share) (b)						· · · ·		· · · · ·		~ ,
Non-controlling interest in	5							_	920	920
acquisition										
Comprehensive earnings	;					122,973	(2,984)	119,989		119,989
Balance, September 25,	119,048,643	\$1,191	(1,000,000)	\$(32,110)	\$1,422,483	\$546,762	\$(62,372)	\$1,875,954	\$920	\$1,876,8
2016										

(a) \$0.235 per share declared February 2015 and June 2015, \$0.255 per share declared September 2015(b) \$0.255 per share declared February 2016 and June 2016, \$0.285 per share declared August 2016

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1. Summary of Business Activities

Business Overview

Pinnacle Foods Inc. (the "Company") is a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of high quality, branded convenience food products, the products and operations of which are managed and reported in four operating segments: (i) Birds Eve Frozen, (ii) Duncan Hines Grocery, (iii) Boulder Brands and (iv) Specialty Foods. The Company's United States retail frozen vegetables (Birds Eye), frozen complete bagged meals (Birds Eye Voila!), frozen seafood (Van de Kamp's and Mrs. Paul's), plant-based protein frozen products (gardein), full-calorie single-serve frozen dinners and entrées (Hungry-Man), frozen breakfast (Aunt Jemima), frozen and refrigerated bagels (Lender's), and frozen pizza for one (Celeste) are reported in the Birds Eye Frozen segment. The Company's baking mixes and frostings (Duncan Hines), shelf-stable pickles (Vlasic), liquid and dry-mix salad dressings (Wish-Bone and Western), table syrups (Mrs. Butterworth's and Log Cabin), canned meat (Armour, Nalley and Brooks), pie and pastry fillings (Duncan Hines Comstock and Wilderness), barbecue sauces (Open Pit) and Canadian operations other than gardein are reported in the Duncan Hines Grocery segment. The Boulder Brands segment is comprised of health and wellness brands including gluten-free products (Udi's and Glutino), natural frozen meal offerings (EVOL), refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads (Smart Balance), and plant-based refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads (Earth Balance). The Specialty Foods segment consists of snack products (Tim's Cascade and Snyder of Berlin) and the Company's food service and private label businesses, other than Boulder Brands and gardein. History and Current Ownership

On April 2, 2007, the Company was acquired by, and became a wholly owned subsidiary of Peak Holdings LLC ("Peak Holdings"), an entity controlled by investment funds affiliated with The Blackstone Group L.P. ("Blackstone"). We refer to this merger transaction and related financing transactions as the Blackstone Transaction. As a result of the Blackstone Transaction, Blackstone owned, through Peak Holdings, approximately 98% of the common stock of the Company.

As of the launch of our initial public offering on April 3, 2013 (the "IPO"), we were controlled by Blackstone. Effective September 12, 2014, as a result of Blackstone's reduced ownership in the Company, we no longer qualified as a "controlled company" under applicable New York Stock Exchange listing standards. On May 8, 2015, Blackstone sold their final 5,000,000 shares in an underwritten public offering. Upon completion of the offering, Blackstone no longer beneficially owned any of the Company's outstanding common stock.

2. Interim Financial Statements

Basis of Presentation

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting primarily of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position as of September 25, 2016, the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015, and the cash flows for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015. The results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 27, 2015.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In 2016, the Company changed the presentation of debt issuance costs in line with the guidance set forth by Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-03 "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs". The Company now presents such costs in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability, rather than as an asset. Amortization of the costs continue to be reported as interest expense. The changes in presentation were applied retrospectively to all periods presented. As of December 27, 2015 the cumulative effect of these changes on the balance sheet were decreases of \$15.9 million in Long-term debt as well as in Other assets, net.

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3. Acquisitions

The Company accounts for business combinations by using the acquisition method of accounting. The following acquisition has been accounted for in accordance with these standards.

Acquisition of Boulder Brands Inc. (the "Boulder acquisition")

On January 15, 2016, the Company acquired 100% of the capital stock of Boulder Brands Inc. ("Boulder") which manufactures a portfolio of health and wellness brands, including Udi's and Glutino gluten-free products, EVOL natural frozen meal offerings, Smart Balance refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads and Earth Balance plant-based refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads. The Boulder acquisition expands the Company's presence in growing and complementary health and wellness categories and in the natural and organic retail channels.

The Company has preliminarily allocated the purchase price to tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values. The Company is in the process of completing the valuation of various assets and pre-acquisition contingencies and, therefore, the fair values set forth below are subject to adjustment upon finalizing the valuations. The amount of these potential adjustments could be significant.

The cost of the Boulder acquisition was \$1,001,419, which included the repayment of debt. The following table summarizes the preliminary allocation of the total cost of the acquisition to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

Assets acquired:	
Cash	\$16,054
Accounts receivable	41,064
Inventories	66,893
Other current assets	12,043
Deferred tax asset	24,949
Property and equipment	59,405
Tradenames	539,600
Distributor relationships	40,600
Customer relationships	11,400
Other assets	12,298
Goodwill	450,720
Fair value of assets acquired	1,275,026
Liabilities assumed	
Accounts payable	16,022
Accrued liabilities	41,094
Capital lease obligations	7,486
Long term deferred tax liability	203,804
Other long-term liabilities	4,282
Non-controlling interest	919
Total cost of acquisition	\$1,001,419

Based upon the preliminary allocation, the value assigned to intangible assets and goodwill totaled \$1,042.3 million. The goodwill was generated primarily as a result of expected synergies to be achieved because of the Boulder acquisition. Distributor relationships and customer relationships are being amortized on an accelerated basis over 30 and 10 years, respectively. These useful lives are based on an attrition rate based on industry experience, which management believes is appropriate in the Company's circumstances. The Company has also assigned \$539.6 million to the value of the tradenames acquired, which is not subject to amortization but is reviewed annually for impairment. Goodwill, which is also not subject to amortization, totaled \$450.7 million (tax deductible

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goodwill of \$21.7 million resulted from the Boulder acquisition). The Boulder acquisition is reported in the Company's newly formed Boulder Brands operating segment.

During the nine months ended September 25, 2016, the Boulder acquisition resulted in an additional \$344.4 million of net sales and net earnings of \$0.6 million, related to Boulder operations from January 15, 2016 to September 25, 2016, which included a \$10.4 million charge related to the fair value step-up of inventories acquired and sold during the period, \$17.3 million of restructuring costs, primarily severance and \$6.8 million of acquisition costs described below.

In accordance with the requirements of the accounting for acquisitions, inventories obtained in the Boulder acquisition were required to be valued at fair value (net realizable value, which is defined as estimated selling prices less the sum of (a) costs of disposal and (b) a reasonable profit allowance for the selling effort of the acquiring entity), which is \$10.4 million higher than historical manufacturing costs. Cost of products sold for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 includes pre-tax charges of \$10.4 million related to the inventory acquired, which were subsequently sold.

The Boulder acquisition was financed through borrowings of \$550.0 million in incremental term loans (the "Tranche I Term Loans") due 2023, \$350.0 million of 5.875% Senior Notes (the "5.875% Senior Notes) due 2024, \$118.3 million of cash on hand, prior to transaction costs of \$6.8 million and \$1.7 million in the three months ended September 25, 2016 and fiscal year ended December 27, 2015, respectively, and debt acquisition costs of \$24.0 million and \$0.4 million in the three months ended September 25, 2016 and fiscal year ended December 25, 2016 and fiscal year ended December 27, 2015, respectively, and debt acquisition costs of \$24.0 million and \$0.4 million in the three months ended September 25, 2016 and fiscal year ended December 27, 2015, respectively. The debt acquisition costs, which included original issue discount are being amortized over the life of the associated debt using the effective interest method and are recorded in Long-Term debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. For more information, see Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, Debt and Interest Expense. Included in the acquisition costs of \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 are \$6.1 million of merger, acquisition and advisory fees and \$0.7 million of other costs. The \$1.7 million of transaction costs are recorded in Other expense (income), net in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Pro forma Information

The following unaudited pro forma summary presents the Company's consolidated results of operations as if Boulder had been acquired on December 29, 2014. These amounts adjusted Boulder's historical results to reflect the additional depreciation and amortization that would have been charged assuming the fair value adjustments to plant assets and intangible assets had been applied from December 29, 2014, together with the consequential tax effects. These adjustments also reflect the additional interest expense incurred on the debt to finance the purchase. The nine months ended September 25, 2016 pro forma earnings were adjusted to exclude the acquisition related and restructuring costs incurred and the nonrecurring expense related to the fair value inventory step-up adjustment. The nine months ended September 27, 2015 pro forma earnings were adjusted to include these charges. The pro forma financial information presented below is for informational purposes only and is not indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisition and borrowings undertaken to finance the acquisition had taken place at the beginning of 2015.

Amounts in millions:

	Nine	Nine
	months	months
	ended	ended
	September	September
	25, 2016	27, 2015
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Net sales	\$ 2,287.1	\$ 2,312.9
Net earnings	\$ 154.0	\$ 99.7

Boulder Brands Restructuring

As a result of the Boulder acquisition, the Company expects to incur approximately \$18.0 million of restructuring charges in 2016, primarily related to employee termination and retention benefits. Charges of \$0.6 million and \$17.3 million were incurred during the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, respectively and were recorded in Administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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The following table summarizes total restructuring charges accrued as of September 25, 2016. These amounts are recorded in our Consolidated Balance Sheet in Accrued Liabilities.

	Balance	Balance
Description	December 27, 2015 Expense Payments	September
Description	27, 2015 Expense Payments	25, 2016
Accrued restructuring charges	\$ -\$17,267 \$(10,423)	\$ 6,844

4. Fair Value Measurements

The authoritative guidance for financial assets and liabilities discusses valuation techniques, such as the market approach (comparable market prices), the income approach (present value of future income or cash flow), and the cost approach (cost to replace the service capacity of an asset or replacement cost). The guidance utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The following is a brief description of those three levels:

Level 1: Observable inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets and quoted prices for identical or similar

assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions.

The Company's financial assets and liabilities subject to recurring fair value measurements and the required disclosures are as follows:

	Fair Value as of September 25, 2016	Fair Value Measuremer Using Fair V Hierarchy LeVedvel 2		Fair Value Measuremer Using Fair V Hierarchy LeVedvel 2		3
Assets			 ,,_010		20101	C
Foreign currency derivatives	\$ 101	\$ _\$ 101	\$ —\$471	\$ \$ 471	\$	
Total assets at fair value	\$ 101	\$ \$ 101	\$ —\$471	\$ \$ 471	\$	
Liabilities						
Interest rate derivatives	\$ 30,912	\$-\$30,912	\$ —\$ 18,868	\$ \$ 18,868	\$	
Commodity derivatives	787	—787	 10,013	—10,013		
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ 31,699	\$ -\$ 31,699	\$ —\$ 28,881	\$ -\$ 28,881	\$	—

The Company manages economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity and credit risk, primarily by managing the amount, sources and duration of its debt funding and the use of derivative financial instruments. The primary risks managed by using derivative instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange risk and commodity price risk.

The valuations of these instruments are determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate,

commodity, and foreign exchange forward curves. The fair values of interest rate swaps are determined using the market standard methodology of netting the discounted future fixed cash payments (or receipts) and the discounted expected variable cash receipts (or payments). The variable cash receipts (or payments) are based on an expectation of future interest rates (forward curves) derived from observable market interest rate curves. To comply with the provisions of the authoritative guidance for fair value disclosure, the Company incorporates credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own non-performance risk and the respective counterparty's non-performance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of its derivative contracts for the effect of non-performance risk, the Company has considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds,

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mutual puts and guarantees. The Company had no fair value measurements based upon significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) as of September 25, 2016 or December 27, 2015.

In addition to the instruments named above, the Company also makes fair value measurements in connection with its annual goodwill and tradename impairment testing. These measurements fall into Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

5. Other Expense (Income), net

Other Expense (Income), net

	Three months ended		Nine mor		
	Septemb	September 27,		erSziptember 2	27,
	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Other expense (income), net consists of:					
Amortization of intangibles/other assets	\$4,309	\$ 3,397	\$12,665	\$ 10,158	
Foreign exchange (gains) losses	256	2,101	(1,027)	3,679	
Boulder acquisition costs (Note 3)			6,781		
Royalty income and other	(211)	(305)	(1,181)	(901)
Total other expense (income), net	\$4,354	\$ 5,193	\$17,238	\$ 12,936	

Foreign exchange (gains) losses. These represent foreign exchange (gains) losses from intra-entity loans resulting from the Company's November 2014 Garden Protein acquisition that are anticipated to be settled in the foreseeable future.

6. Equity-Based Compensation Expense and Earnings Per Share

Equity-based Compensation

The Company currently grants equity awards under the Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Incentive Plan"). Equity-based compensation expense recognized during the period is based on the value of the portion of equity-based payment awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. As equity-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Operations is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. The authoritative guidance for equity-based compensation requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

Expense Information

The following table summarizes equity-based compensation expense which was allocated as follows:

	Three months ended			onths ended
	September 27,			bestepstember 27,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Cost of products sold	\$91	\$ 502	\$994	\$ 2,373
Marketing and selling expenses	1,500	975	4,058	2,969
Administrative expenses	2,517	1,871	3,930	5,827
Research and development expenses	144	79	401	320

Pre-tax equity-based compensation expense	4,252	3,427	9,383	11,489	
Income tax benefit	(1,616)	(1,296)	(3,509)	(4,263)
Net equity-based compensation expense	\$2,636	\$ 2,131	\$5,874	\$ 7,226	

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Amended and Restated 2013 Omnibus Incentive Plan

The Incentive Plan provides for the issuance of up to 11,300,000 shares of the Company's common stock under (1) equity awards granted as a result of the conversion of unvested performance interest units ("PIU's") into restricted common stock of the Company, (2) stock options and other equity awards granted in connection with the completion of the IPO, and (3) awards granted by the Company under the Incentive Plan following the completion of the IPO. Awards granted subsequent to the IPO include nonqualified stock options, non-vested shares and restricted stock units ("RSU's"), the majority of which vest in full three years from the date of grant. The Company also granted non-vested performance shares ("PS's") and grants performance share units ("PSU's"), both of which vest based on achievement of relative total shareholder return performance goals over a three-year performance period.

During the second quarter of 2016, as part of our ongoing equity compensation program and in connection with the hiring of our new Chief Executive Officer:

We granted 633,709 nonqualified stock options with grant date fair values ranging from \$8.97 to \$9.44 and exercise prices ranging from \$42.08 to \$45.28 using the BlackScholes pricing method to value the awards.

We granted 223,204 PSU's and PS's with grant date fair values ranging from \$44.32 to \$53.07 using the Monte Carlo simulation model to value the awards.

We granted 313,795 RSU's with grant date fair values ranging from \$42.08 to \$45.28, which was the closing price of our stock on the date of grant.

During the third quarter of 2016, as part of our ongoing equity compensation program:

We granted 9,244 nonqualified stock options with grant date fair values of \$11.10 and exercise prices of \$50.36 using the BlackScholes pricing method to value the awards.

We granted 2,036 PS's with grant date fair values of \$53.04 using the Monte Carlo simulation model to value the awards.

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per common share is computed by dividing net earnings or loss for common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share are calculated by dividing net earnings by weighted-average common shares outstanding during the period plus dilutive potential common shares, which are determined as follows:

	Three months ended		Nine months	ended
	September September		September	September
	25, 2016	27, 2015	25, 2016	27, 2015
Weighted-average common shares	117,224,410	116,084,948	116,666,296	116,007,184
Effect of dilutive securities:	1,165,356	1,385,093	1,256,560	1,255,156
Dilutive potential common shares	118,389,766	117,470,041	117,922,856	117,262,340

Dilutive potential common shares are calculated in accordance with the treasury stock method, which assumes that proceeds from the exercise of all warrants and options are used to repurchase common stock at market value. The amount of shares remaining after the proceeds are exhausted represents the potentially dilutive effect of the securities. For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, conversion of securities totaling 640,650 and 499,192,

respectively, into common share equivalents were excluded from this calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive. For the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015, conversion of securities totaling 354,423 and 353,992, respectively, into common share equivalents were excluded from this calculation as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

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7. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components of Accumulated other comprehensive loss consist of the following:

		Gains		
	Currency	(Losses)	Change in	
	translation	on cash	Change in	Total
	adjustments	flow	pensions	
		hedges		
Balance, December 27, 2015	\$ (6,418)	\$(9,232)	\$(43,738)	\$(59,388)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income before reclassification	4,040	(11,402)		(7,362)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss		3,803	575	4,378
Net current period other comprehensive (loss)/income	4,040	(7,599)	575	(2,984)
Balance, September 25, 2016	\$ (2,378)	\$(16,831)	\$(43,163)	\$(62,372)

	Currency translation adjustments		Change in pensions	Total
Balance, December 28, 2014	\$ (2,054)	\$4,124	\$(39,804)	\$(37,734)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassification	(2,150)	(14,592)		(16,742)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss		91	483	574
Net current period other comprehensive (loss)/income	(2,150)	(14,501)	483	(16,168)
Balance, September 27, 2015	\$ (4,204)	\$(10,377)	\$(39,321)	\$(53,902)

The following table presents amounts reclassified out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss ("AOCL") and into Net earnings for the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015, respectively. Gain/(Loss) Amounts Reclassified from AOCL

Gain/(Loss)	Amounts Reclassified from AOCL							
	Three	months ended	l	Nine m	101	nths ended		
Details about Accumulated Other	Septen	nbe S2p tembe	r 27	7,Septen	ıb	e S2p ţembe	r 27,	Reclassified from
Comprehensive Loss Components	2016	2015		2016		2015		AOCL to:
Gains and losses on financial instrument								
contracts								
Interest rate contracts	\$(2,60	6) \$ (1,113)	\$(6,27	7)	\$ (2,516)	Interest expense
Foreign exchange contracts	46	916		101		2,228		Cost of products sold
Total pre-tax	(2,560) (197)	(6,176)	(288)	
Tax benefit (expense)	986	111		2,373		197		Provision for income
				<i>.</i>				taxes
Net of tax	(1,574) (86)	(3,803)	(91)	
Pension actuarial assumption adjustments	(200		,	(0.0.6		(=00		
Amortization of actuarial loss	(309) (261)	(926)	(780) (a)Cost of products sold
Tax benefit	117	99		351		297		Provision for income
	(100) (162				(402	、 、	taxes
Net of tax	(192) (162)	(575)	(483)	

Net reclassifications into net earnings \$(1,766) \$ (248) \$(4,378) \$ (574)

(a) This is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost (see Note 11 for additional details).

8. Balance Sheet Information

Accounts Receivable. Customer accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. The allowance for cash discounts, returns and bad debts is the Company's best estimate of these amounts. The Company determines the allowance based on historical discounts taken and write-off experience. The Company reviews its allowance for doubtful accounts quarterly. Account balances are charged off against the allowance when the Company concludes it is probable the receivable will not be

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recovered. The Company does not have any off-balance sheet credit exposure related to its customers. Accounts receivable are as follows:

	September 25,	December 27,
	2016	2015
Customers	\$ 304,778	\$ 219,352
Allowances for cash discounts, bad debts and returns	(11,278)	(7,902)
Subtotal	293,500	211,450
Other receivables	8,759	8,286
Total	\$ 302,259	\$ 219,736

Inventories. Inventories are as follows:

	September 25,	December 27,		
	2016	2015		
Raw materials	\$ 84,814	\$ 57,145		
Work in progress (1)	69,351	61,527		
Finished product	347,887	284,429		
Total	\$ 502,052	\$ 403,101		
(1) Included in work in progress is primarily agricultural inventory.				

The Company has various purchase commitments for raw materials and certain finished products within the ordinary course of business. Such commitments are not at prices in excess of current market prices.

Other Current Assets. Other Current Assets are as follows:					
	September 25, December 27,				
	2016	2015			
Prepaid expenses and other	\$ 8,357	\$ 8,166			
Prepaid income taxes	806	5,511			
Total	\$ 9,163	\$ 13,677			

Plant Assets. Plant assets are as follows:

	September 25,	December 27,
	2016	2015
Land	\$ 15,747	\$ 14,948
Buildings	271,074	246,988
Machinery and equipment	804,216	716,314
Projects in progress	88,612	61,153
Subtotal	1,179,649	1,039,403
Accumulated depreciation	(470,697)	(408,294)
Total	\$ 708,952	\$ 631,109

Depreciation was \$22,768 and \$66,084 during the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, respectively. Depreciation was \$20,866 and \$57,262 during the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015, respectively. As of September 25, 2016 and December 27, 2015, Machinery and equipment included assets under capital lease with a

book value of \$20,712 and \$16,372 (net of accumulated depreciation of \$12,490 and \$11,018), respectively.

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Accrued Liabilities. Accrued liabilities are as follows:

	September 25,	December 27,
	2016	2015
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 63,013	\$ 55,416
Interest payable	23,197	12,127
Consumer coupons	7,404	2,035
Accrued restructuring charges (see note 3)	6,844	—
Accrued financial instrument contracts (see note 12)	5,881	5,957
Accrued broker commissions	8,047	4,651
Accrued income taxes	10,776	842
Other	36,223	19,482
Total	\$ 161,385	\$ 100,510
Other Long-Term Liabilities. Other long-term liabili	ties are as follo	ws:
	September 25	5, December 27,
	2016	2015
Employee compensation and benefits	\$ 12,653	\$ 9,806
Long-term rent liability and deferred rent allowances	s 7,052	7,774
Liability for uncertain tax positions	11,113	7,712
Accrued financial instrument contracts (see note 12)	27,216	22,924
Other	5,647	6,290
Total	\$ 63,681	\$ 54,506

9. Goodwill, Tradenames and Other Assets

Goodwill

Goodwill by segment is as follows:

	Birds Eye Frozen	Duncan Hines Grocery	Boulder Brands	Specialty Foods	Total
Balance, December 27, 2015	\$603,432	\$936,615	\$—	\$173,961	\$1,714,008
Boulder acquisition (Note 3)	_	_	450,940	_	450,940
Foreign currency adjustment	1,162		3,321		4,483
Balance, September 25, 2016	\$604,594	\$936,615	\$454,261	\$173,961	\$2,169,431

The authoritative guidance for business combinations requires that all business combinations be accounted for at fair value under the acquisition method of accounting. The authoritative guidance for goodwill provides that goodwill will not be amortized, but will be tested for impairment on an annual basis or more often when events indicate. The Company completed its annual testing in the third quarter of 2016, which indicated no impairment. Other than the recently valued Boulder Brands reporting units, all reporting units tested had a fair value that exceeded their carrying value by at least 70%

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Tradenames

Tradenames by segment are as follows:

	Birds Eye Frozen	Duncan Hines Grocery	Boulder	Specialty Foods	Total
Balance, December 27, 2015	\$846,336	\$1,118,712	\$—	\$36,000	\$2,001,048
Boulder acquisition (Note 3)			539,600		539,600
Foreign currency adjustment	232			_	232
Impairments	(10,300)			(900)	\$(11,200)
Balance, September 25, 2016	\$836,268	\$1,118,712	\$539,600	\$35,100	\$2,529,680

The authoritative guidance for indefinite-lived assets provides that indefinite-lived assets will not be amortized, but will be tested for impairment on an annual basis or more often when events indicate. Upon completion of the annual testing in the third quarter of 2016, the Company recorded tradename impairments of \$7.3 million on Celeste, \$3.0 million on Aunt Jemima and \$0.9 million on Snyder of Berlin. Celeste and Aunt Jemima are reported in our Birds Eye Frozen segment and Snyder of Berlin is reported in the Specialty Foods segment. These charges were the result of the Company's reassessment of the long-term sales projections for the brands during our annual planning cycle which occurs during the third quarter each year. The total carrying value of the three tradenames as of September 25, 2016 is \$66.4 million.

To estimate the fair value of our Tradenames we use the relief from royalty method, which utilizes forecasted discounted cash flows to estimate the fair value. The utilization of this method requires us to make significant assumptions including sales growth rates, implied royalty rates and discount rates. Other than the recently valued Boulder Brands tradenames, in the course of our testing, we identified an additional three tradenames which do not have a fair value that exceeded their carrying value by at least 15%. The total carrying value of these tradenames as of September 25, 2016 is \$25.5 million.

Other Assets

	September 25, 2016				
	Av	e ighted gCarrying EAmount	Accumulate Amortizatio		Net
Amortizable intangibles					
Recipes	10	\$60,125	\$ (51,639)	\$8,486
Customer relationships - Distributors	34	182,735	(52,556)	130,179
Customer relationships - Food Service	10	11,400	(1,587)	9,813
Customer relationships - Private Label	7	1,290	(590)	700
License	7	6,175	(6,081)	94
Total amortizable intangibles		\$261,725	\$(112,453)	\$149,272
Financial instruments (see Note 12)		1,166			1,166
Other (1)		30,293	(4,696)	25,597
Total other assets, net					\$176,035

Amortizable intangibles by	
segment	
Birds Eye	\$55,532
Frozen	\$33,332
Duncan	
Hines	41,661
Grocery	
Boulder	10 520
Brands	48,530
Specialty	2 5 4 0
Foods	3,549
	\$149,272

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	December 27, 2015				
	Weighted AvgCarrying LifeAmount		Accumulated Amortization		Net
Amortizable intangibles					
Recipes	10	\$60,094	\$ (47,077)	\$13,017
Customer relationships - Distributors	35	142,129	(46,507)	95,622
Customer relationships - Private Label	7	1,290	(399)	891
License	7	6,175	(5,800)	375
Total amortizable intangibles		\$209,688	\$ (99,783)	\$109,905
Other (2)		14,779	(4,320)	10,459
Total other assets, net					\$120,364
	An	nortizable	intangibles by	7	
	seg	gment			
	Biı	rds Eye			\$60,510
	Frozen				\$00,510
	Du	incan			
	Hi	nes			45,503
	Gr	ocery			
	Sp	ecialty			2 802
	Fo	ods			3,892
					\$109,905

(1) As of September 25, 2016, Other primarily consists of cost basis investments in companies in the natural and organic food and beverage industries acquired through the Boulder acquisition as well as security deposits, supplemental savings plan investments and debt acquisition costs associated with the Company's revolver.
 (2) As of December 27, 2015, Other primarily consists of security deposits and supplemental savings plan investments.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$4,309 and \$12,665 for the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, respectively. Amortization of intangible assets was \$3,397 and \$10,158 for the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015, respectively. Estimated amortization expense for each of the next five years and thereafter is as follows: remainder of 2016 - \$4,400; 2017 - \$11,800; 2018 - \$9,600; 2019 - \$8,900; 2020 - \$8,200 and thereafter - \$106,400.

10. Debt and Interest Expense

	September 2	5, December 27,
	2016	2015
Short-term borrowings		
- Notes payable	\$1,197	\$2,225
Total short-term borrowings	\$ 1,197	\$2,225
Long-term debt		
- Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche G Term Loans due 2020	1,409,625	1,409,625
- Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche H Term Loans due 2020	510,563	514,500

- Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche I Term Loans due 2023	547,250	
- 4.875% Senior Notes due 2021	350,000	350,000
- 5.875% Senior Notes due 2024	350,000	—
- 3.0% Note payable to Gilster Mary Lee Corporation	6,023	8,878
- Unamortized discount on long term debt and deferred financing costs	(44,263) (26,267)
- Capital lease obligations	35,579	15,123
	3,164,777	2,271,859
Less: current portion of long-term obligations	23,714	14,847
Total long-term debt	\$3,141,063	\$2,257,012

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Interest expense			Nine months ended	
	September 27,		September September 27	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Interest expense	\$30,845	\$ 19,636	\$89,645	\$ 58,918
Amortization of debt acquisition costs and original issue discounts	2,422	1,566	7,079	4,696
Write-off of debt acquisition costs	600		600	
Interest rate swap losses (Note 12)	2,606	1,113	6,277	2,516
Total interest expense	\$36,473	\$ 22,315	\$103,601	\$ 66,130

Amended Credit Agreement

To partially fund the Boulder acquisition, on January 15, 2016 as described in Note 3, Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC ("Pinnacle Foods Finance") entered into an amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Amended Credit Agreement") which provided for a seven year incremental term loan of \$550.0 million (the "Tranche I Term Loans"). Other than with respect to interest rate, maturity and certain pricing protections, the Tranche I Term Loans have substantially the same terms as Pinnacle Foods Finance's Tranche G and H Term Loans. Refer to Note 10 in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016 for details. In connection with the Tranche I Term Loans, Pinnacle Foods Finance incurred \$2.7 million of original issue discount and deferred financing fees of \$10.5 million.

The Tranche I Term Loans bear interest at a floating rate and are maintained as base rate loans or as eurocurrency rate loans. Base rate loans bear interest at the base rate plus the applicable base rate margin, as described in the Amended Credit Agreement. The base rate is defined as the highest of (i) the administrative agent's prime rate, (ii) the federal funds effective rate plus 1/2 of 1.00% and (iii) the eurocurrency rate that would be payable on such day for a eurocurrency rate loan with a one-month interest period plus 1.00%. Eurocurrency rate loans bear interest at the adjusted eurocurrency rate plus the applicable eurocurrency rate margin, as described in the Amended Credit Agreement. The eurocurrency rate is determined by reference to the British Bankers Association "BBA" LIBOR rate for the interest period relevant to such borrowing. With respect to Tranche I Term Loans , the eurocurrency rate shall be no less than 0.00% per annum and the base rate shall be no less than 1.00% per annum. The interest rate margin for Tranche I Term Loans under the Amended Credit Agreement is 1.75%, in the case of the base rate loans and 2.75%, in the case of Eurocurrency rate loans.

On July 26, 2016, Pinnacle Foods Finance entered into amendments to the Amended Credit Agreement for the purpose of reducing the interest rate applicable to the Tranche I Term Loans (the "Repricing"). The eurocurrency rate was amended from a minimum of 0.75% to a minimum of 0.0%, the base rate was amended from a minimum of 1.75% to 1.00%, the interest rate margin in the case of Eurocurrency rate loans was amended from 3.00% to 2.75%, and the interest rate margin in the case of base rate loans was amended from 2.00% to 1.75%. All other terms and conditions of the Tranche I Term Loans remained the same. In connection with the Repricing, Pinnacle Foods Finance incurred approximately \$1.0 million of fees and wrote off \$0.6 million of existing debt acquisition costs.

As a result of the Boulder acquisition, Pinnacle Foods Finance's total net leverage ratio increased above 4.25:1.0, which resulted in a 25 basis point interest rate step-up on existing Term Loans G and H, under the Amended Credit Agreement immediately subsequent to the quarterly certification to the Administrative Agent which occurred after filing the first quarter 10-Q report on April 28, 2016. The higher rate will remain in effect as long as the total net leverage ratio remains greater than 4.25:1.0. As of September 25, 2016, the total net leverage ratio was 4.55:1.0.

Senior Notes

To partially fund the Boulder acquisition, on January 15, 2016, as described in Note 3, Pinnacle Foods Finance issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Senior Notes (the "5.875% Senior Notes") due January 15, 2024.

The Company's 4.875% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "4.875% Senior Notes") and 5.875% Senior Notes (together the "Senior Notes") are general senior unsecured obligations of Pinnacle Foods Finance, effectively subordinated to all existing and future senior secured indebtedness of Pinnacle Foods Finance to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness and

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guaranteed on a full, unconditional, joint and several basis by Pinnacle Foods Finance's wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries that guarantee other indebtedness of Pinnacle Foods Finance and by the Company. See Note 17 for Guarantor and Nonguarantor Financial Statements.

Pinnacle Foods Finance may redeem some or all of the 5.875% Senior Notes at any time prior to January 15, 2019 at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 5.875% Notes redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest to, the redemption date, subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date. The "Applicable Premium" is defined as the greater of (1) 1.0% of the principal amount of such 5.875% Senior Notes and (2) the excess, if any, of (a) the present value at such redemption date of (i) the redemption price of such 5.875% Senior Notes at January 15, 2019, plus (ii) all required interest payments due on such 5.875% Senior Notes through January 15, 2019 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date), computed using a discount rate equal to the treasury rate plus 50 basis points over (b) the principal amount of such 5.875% Senior Notes.

Pinnacle Foods Finance may redeem the 5.875% Senior Notes at the redemption prices listed below, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on January 15th of each of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2019	104.406%
2020	102.938%
2021	101.469%
2022 and thereafter	100.000%

In addition, at any time prior to January 15, 2019, Pinnacle Foods Finance may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 5.875% Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus a premium equal to 5.875%, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, subject to the right of holders of the 5.875% Senior Notes of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date, with the net cash proceeds received by Pinnacle Foods Finance from one or more equity offerings; provided that (i) at least 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 5.875% Senior Notes originally issued under the indenture remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of each such redemption and (ii) each such redemption occurs within 120 days of the date of closing of each such equity offering.

Debt acquisition costs and original issue discounts

As discussed in Note 2 of the Consolidated Financial Statements and in accordance with ASU No. 2015-03, the Company now presents debt acquisition costs in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability, rather than as an asset.

As part of the Boulder acquisition, debt acquisition costs of \$21.5 million and \$0.4 million were incurred during the nine months ended September 25, 2016 and the fiscal year ended December 27, 2015, respectively. Additionally, original issue discounts of \$2.8 million were incurred during the nine months ended September 25, 2016 as a result of the acquisition. Further, \$0.6 million of these costs were written off in July of 2016 in connection with the repricing of Term Loan I. In addition, \$1.0 million of debt acquisition costs were incurred as a result of the repricing. All debt acquisition costs and original issue discounts are amortized into interest expense over the life of the related debt using the effective interest method. Amortization of these costs were \$2.3 million and \$6.7 million during the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, respectively. Amortization of these costs were \$1.5 million and \$4.4 million during the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015, respectively.

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The following summarizes debt acquisition cost and original issue discount activity during the nine months ended September 25, 2016:

	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Balance, December 27, 2015	\$58,036	\$ (31,769)	\$26,267
2016 - Additions	25,314		25,314
2016 - Amortization		(6,718)	(6,718)
2016 - Write off	(600)		(600)
Balance, September 25, 2016	\$82,750	\$ (38,487)	\$44,263

Estimated fair value

The estimated fair value of the Company's long-term debt, including the current portion, as of September 25, 2016, is as follows:

	September 25, 2016		
Issue	Face Value	Fair Value	
Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche G Term Loans	\$1,409,625	\$1,414,982	
Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche H Term Loans	510,563	512,503	
Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche I Term Loans	547,250	550,698	
3.0% Note payable to Gilster Mary Lee Corporation	6,023	6,023	
4.875% Senior Notes	350,000	359,625	
5.875% Senior Notes	350,000	372,313	
	\$3,173,461	\$3,216,144	

The estimated fair value of the Company's long-term debt, including the current portion, as of December 27, 2015, is as follows:

	December 2	27, 2015
Issue	Face Value	Fair Value
Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche G Term Loans	\$1,409,625	\$1,384,957
Amended Credit Agreement - Tranche H Term Loans	514,500	505,496
3.0% Note payable to Gilster Mary Lee Corporation	8,878	8,878
4.875% Senior Notes	350,000	337,750
	\$2,283,003	\$2,237,081

The estimated fair values of the Company's long-term debt are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value is based on the quoted market price for such notes and loans and borrowing rates currently available to the Company for notes and loans with similar terms and maturities.

11. Pension and Retirement Plans

The Company accounts for pension and retirement plans in accordance with the authoritative guidance for retirement benefit compensation. This guidance requires recognition of the funded status of a benefit plan in the statement of financial position. The guidance also requires recognition in accumulated other comprehensive earnings of certain

gains and losses that arise during the period but are deferred under pension accounting rules.

The Company maintains a defined benefit plan, the Pinnacle Foods Group LLC Pension Plan (the "Plan"), which is frozen for future benefit accruals. The Company also has three 401(k) plans, three non-qualified supplemental savings plans and the Company participates in a multi-employer defined benefit plan.

Pinnacle Foods Group LLC Pension Plan

The Plan covers eligible employees and provides benefits generally based on years of service and employees' compensation. The Plan is frozen for future benefits and is funded in conformity with the funding requirements of applicable government regulations. The Plan assets consist principally of cash equivalents, equity and fixed income common collective trusts. The Plan assets do not include any of the Company's equity or debt securities. The following represents the components of net periodic (benefit) cost:

	Three months ended			Nine months ended		
Pension Benefits	Septemb	September 27	7,	Septemb	Septiember 2	27,
r elision benefits	2016	2015		2016	2015	
Interest cost	\$2,628	\$ 2,594		\$7,885	\$ 7,783	
Expected return on assets	(2,838)	(3,308))	(8,513)	(9,925)
Amortization of:						
Actuarial loss	309	238		926	713	
Net periodic cost (benefit)	\$99	\$ (476))	\$298	\$ (1,429)

Cash Flows

Contributions. In fiscal 2016, the Company does not expect to make any significant contributions to the Plan. The Company made contributions to the Plan totaling \$3.1 million in fiscal 2015, of which \$1.1 million and \$2.8 million was made in the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015. Multi-employer Plans

The Company contributes to the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Industry Pension Fund (EIN 51-6055922) (the "UFCW Plan") under the terms of the collective-bargaining agreement with its Fort Madison employees.

For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, contributions to the UFCW Plan were \$180 and \$544. For the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015, contributions to the UFCW Plan were \$186 and \$570, respectively. The contributions to this UFCW Plan are paid monthly based upon the number of employees. They represent less than 5% of the total contributions received by this UFCW Plan using available information during the most recent plan year.

The risks of participating in multi-employer plans are different from single-employer plans in the following aspects: (a) assets contributed to a multi-employer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers, (b) if a participating employer stops contributing to the multi-employer plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be borne by the remaining participating employers and (c) if the Company chooses to stop participating in the plan, the Company may be required to pay a withdrawal liability based on the underfunded status of the plan.

The UFCW Plan received a Pension Protection Act "green" zone status for the plan year ending June 30, 2015. The zone status is based on information the Company received from the UFCW Plan and is certified by the UFCW Plan's actuary. Among other factors, plans in the "green" zone are at least 80 percent funded. The UFCW Plan did not utilize any extended amortization provisions that affect its placement in the "green" zone. The UFCW Plan has never been required to implement a funding improvement plan nor is one pending at this time.

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12. Financial Instruments

Risk Management Objective of Using Derivatives

The Company is exposed to certain risks arising from both its business operations and economic conditions. The Company principally manages its exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of its core business activities. The Company manages economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of its debt funding and the use of derivative financial instruments. The primary risks managed by using derivative instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange risk and commodity price risk. Specifically, the Company enters into derivative financial instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates, foreign exchange rates or commodity prices.

The Company manages interest rate risk based on the varying circumstances of anticipated borrowings and existing variable and fixed rate debt, including the Company's revolving credit facility. Examples of interest rate management strategies include capping interest rates using targeted interest cost benchmarks, hedging portions of the total amount of debt, or hedging a period of months and not always hedging to maturity, and at other times locking in rates to fix interests costs.

Certain parts of the Company's foreign operations in Canada expose the Company to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The Company's goal is to reduce its exposure to such foreign exchange risks on its foreign currency cash flows and fair value fluctuations on recognized foreign currency denominated assets, liabilities and unrecognized firm commitments to acceptable levels primarily through the use of foreign exchange-related derivative financial instruments. The Company enters into derivative financial instruments to protect the value or fix the amount of certain obligations in terms of its functional currency. The Company does not enter into these transactions for non-hedging purposes.

The Company purchases raw materials in quantities expected to be used in a reasonable period of time in the normal course of business. The Company generally enters into agreements for either spot market delivery or forward delivery. The prices paid in the forward delivery contracts are generally fixed, but may also be variable within a capped or collared price range. Forward derivative contracts on certain commodities are entered into to manage the price risk associated with forecasted purchases of materials used in the Company's manufacturing processes. Cash Flow Hedges of Interest Rate Risk

The Company's objectives in using interest rate derivatives are to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements. To accomplish this objective, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts from a counterparty in exchange for the Company making fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying notional amount. During the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015, such derivatives were used to hedge the variable cash flows associated with existing variable-rate debt. As of September 25, 2016, the Company had the following interest rate swaps that were designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk:

Product	Number of Instruments	Current Notional Amount	Fixed Rate Range	Index	Trade Dates	Maturity Dates
Interest Rate Swaps	10	\$1,316,300	1.45% - 2.97%	USD-LIBOR-BBA	Apr 2013 - Oct 2013	Nov 2016 - Apr 2020

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges is recorded in AOCL in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and is subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the change in fair value of the derivatives is recognized directly in earnings. Amounts reported in AOCL related to derivatives will be reclassified to Interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate debt. During the next twelve months, the Company estimates that an additional \$9,654 will be reclassified as an increase to Interest expense.

Cash Flow Hedges of Foreign Exchange Risk

The Company's operations in Canada expose the Company to changes in the U.S. Dollar – Canadian Dollar ("USD-CAD") foreign exchange rate. From time to time, the Company's Canadian subsidiary purchases inventory denominated in U.S. Dollars ("USD"), a currency other than its functional currency. The subsidiary sells that inventory in Canadian dollars ("CAD"). The subsidiary uses currency forward and collar agreements to manage its exposure to fluctuations in the USD-CAD exchange rate. Currency forward agreements involve fixing the USD-CAD exchange rate for delivery of a specified amount of foreign currency on a specified date. Currency collar agreements involve the sale of CAD currency in exchange for receiving USD if exchange rates rise above an agreed upon rate and purchase of USD currency in exchange for paying CAD currency if exchange rates fall below an agreed upon rate at specified dates.

As of September 25, 2016, the Company had the following foreign currency exchange contracts (in aggregate) that were designated as cash flow hedges of foreign exchange risk:

Product	Number of Instruments	Sold in	in	USD to CAD Exchange Rates	Trade Date	Maturity Dates
CAD \$ Contracts	6	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,798	1.281 - 1.312	Oct 2015 - April 2016	Oct 2016 - Dec 2016

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives designated that qualify as cash flow hedges of foreign exchange risk is recorded in AOCL in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and subsequently reclassified into earnings in the period that the hedged forecasted transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portions of the change in fair value of the derivative, as well as amounts excluded from the assessment of hedge effectiveness, are recognized directly in Cost of products sold in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Non-designated Hedges of Commodity Risk

Derivatives not designated as hedges are not speculative and are used to manage the Company's exposure to commodity price risk but do not meet the authoritative guidance for hedge accounting. From time to time, the Company enters into commodity forward contracts to fix the price of diesel fuel, heating oil, natural gas and soybean oil purchases and other commodities at a future delivery date. Changes in the fair value of derivatives not designated in hedging relationships are recorded directly in Cost of products sold in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of September 25, 2016, the Company had the following derivative instruments that were not designated in qualifying hedging relationships:

Commodity Contracts		Notional Purchased in Aggregate	Price/Index	Trade Dates	Maturity Dates
Diesel Fuel Contracts	1	7,025,182 Gallons	\$3.68 - \$3.80 per Gallon	Nov 2014	Dec 2016
Heating Oil Contracts	5	8,709,974 Gallons	\$1.25 - \$1.82 per Gallon	Jan 2015 - Feb 2016	Dec 2016 - Dec 2017
Natural Gas Contracts	2	690,000 MMBTU's	2.41 - 3.23 per MMBTU	March 2016 - July 2016	y Dec 2016 - June 2017

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The table below presents the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments as well as their classification in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 25, 2016 and December 27, 2015.

		f Fair Value	s of Derivative Instrume	nts
	Asset Derivatives	Fair	Liability Derivatives	Fair
		Value		Value
	Balance Sheet	as of	Balance Sheet Location	
	Location	September	•	September
		25, 2016		25, 2016
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments Interest Rate Contracts			Accrued liabilities	\$ 3,696
Interest Rate Contracts			Other long-term	
			liabilities	27,216
Foreign Exchange Contracts	Other current assets	\$ 101		
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$ 101		\$ 30,912
Derivatives not designated as hedging				
instruments				
Commodity Contracts	Other current assets	\$ 232	Accrued liabilities	\$ 2,185
Total derivatives not designated as hadeing	Other assets, net	1,166		
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$ 1,398		\$ 2,185
instruments				
		Fair		Fair
	Balance Sheet	Value		Value
	Location	as of December	Balance Sheet Location	as of December
		27, 2015		27, 2015
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments		_,		_,
Interest Rate Contracts			Accrued liabilities	\$ 3,921
			Other long-term liabilities	14,947
Foreign Exchange Contracts	Other current assets	\$ 471		
Total derivatives designated as hedging		\$ 471		\$ 18,868
instruments Derivatives not designated as hedging				. ,
instruments				
Commodity Contracts			Accrued liabilities	\$ 2,036
			Other long-term	7,977
Total derivatives not designated as hedging			liabilities	,
instruments		\$ —		\$ 10,013

The Company has elected not to offset the fair values of derivative assets and liabilities executed with the same counterparty that are generally subject to enforceable netting agreements. However, if the Company were to offset and

L.	Septemb	er 25, 2016	,	Decemb	er 27, 2015		
Derivative Instrument	Gross Amounts Presente in the Consolic Balance Sheet	Offset in the	Net	Gross Amounts Presente in the Consolic Balance Sheet	Offset in the	e ed ect	
Total asset derivatives	\$1,499	(1,499)	\$—	\$471	(471)	\$—
Total liability derivatives	\$33,097	(1,499)	\$31,598	\$28,881	(471)	\$28,410

record the asset and liability balances of derivatives on a net basis, the amounts presented in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 25, 2016 and December 27, 2015 would be adjusted as detailed in the following table:

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The table below presents the effect of the Company's derivative financial instruments in the Consolidated Statements of Operations and AOCL for the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015.

Tabular Disclosure of the Effect of Derivative Instruments Gain/(Loss)

Gain/(Loss)									
Derivatives in Cash Flow Hedging Relationships	Recognized in AOCL on Effective portion Derivative reclassified from (Effective AOCL to: Portion)		Reclassified from AOCI into Earnings (Effective Portion)		Ineffective portion recognized in Earnings in:	Ea (In	ecogniz arnings neffecti ortion)		
Interest Rate Contracts Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ 441 96		Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (2,606 46)	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (1	—)
Three months ended September 25, 2016	\$ 537		F	\$ (2,560)	F	\$	(1)
Interest Rate Contracts Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ (18,321 (259))	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (6,277 101)	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (8	_)
Nine months ended September 25, 2016	\$ (18,580)		\$ (6,176)		\$	(8)
Interest Rate Contracts Foreign Exchange Contracts Three months ended September 27, 2015	\$ (14,222 691)	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (1,113 916)	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (5	_)
	\$ (13,531)		\$ (197)		\$	(5)
Interest Rate Contracts Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$ (25,789 1,896)	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (2,516 2,228)	Interest expense Cost of products sold	\$ (2	1)
Nine months ended September 27, 2015	\$ (23,893)		\$ (288)		\$	(21)
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments Commodity Contracts Three months ended September 25, 2016			Recognized in Earnings in: Cost of products sold	Recognize Earnings \$ (278 \$ (278	d i))	n			
Commodity Contracts Nine months ended September	25, 2016		Cost of products sold	\$ 1,489 \$ 1,489					
Commodity Contracts Three months ended September 27, 2015			Cost of products sold))				
Commodity Contracts Nine months ended September 27, 2015			Cost of products sold	\$ (7,268 \$ (7,268))				

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Credit risk-related contingent features

The Company has agreements with certain counterparties that contain a provision whereby the Company could be declared in default on its derivative obligations if repayment of the underlying indebtedness is accelerated by the lender due to the Company's default on the indebtedness. As of September 25, 2016, the Company has not posted any collateral related to these agreements. If the Company had breached this provision at September 25, 2016, it could have been required to settle its obligations under the agreements at their termination value, which differs from the recorded fair value. The table below summarizes the aggregate fair values of those derivatives that contain credit risk-related contingent features as of September 25, 2016 and December 27, 2015. September 25, 2016

Asset/(Liability)

Counterparty	Contract Type	Termination Value	n	Performance Risk Adjustment	Accrue Interest		Fair Valu (excludin interest)	
Barclays	Interest Rate Contracts	\$ (16,697)	\$ 996	\$(516)	\$(15,185	5)
	Foreign Exchange Contracts	94					94	
	Commodity Contracts	(1,492)	7			(1,485)
Bank of America	Interest Rate Contracts	(14,674)	1,167			(13,507)
	Foreign Exchange Contracts	7					7	
	Commodity Contracts	230		1			231	
Credit Suisse	Interest Rate Contracts	(2,078)	22	(530)	(1,526)
Macquarie	Interest Rate Contracts	(992)	3	(294)	(695)
	Commodity Contracts	467					467	
Total		\$ (35,135)	\$ 2,197	\$(1,340))	\$(31,598	3)
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Asset/(Liability)

Counterparty	Contract Type	Terminatio Value	n	Performance Risk Adjustment	Accrued Interest	Fair Value (excluding interest)	
Barclays	Interest Rate Contracts	\$ (9,616)	\$ 773	\$(260)	\$(8,583)	
	Commodity Contracts	(7,035)	116		(6,919)	
Bank of America	Interest Rate Contracts	(5,879)	790		(5,089)	
	Foreign Exchange Contracts	470		1		471	
	Commodity Contracts	(1,737)	29		(1,709)	
Credit Suisse	Interest Rate Contracts	(2,627)	53	(260)	(2,314)	
Macquarie	Interest Rate Contracts	(3,137)	47	(209)	(2,882)	
	Commodity Contracts	(1,408)	23		(1,386)	
Total		\$ (30,970)	\$ 1,831	\$(728)	\$(28,410)	

13. Commitments and Contingencies General

From time to time, the Company and its subsidiaries are parties to, or targets of, lawsuits, claims, investigations, and proceedings, which are being handled and defended in the ordinary course of business. Although the outcome of such items cannot be determined with certainty, the Company's general counsel and management are of the opinion that the final outcome of these matters will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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No single item individually is, nor are all of them in the aggregate, material.

14. Segments

The Company is a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of high quality, branded food products in North America. Subsequent to the Boulder acquisition, the Company manages the business in four operating segments: Birds Eye Frozen, Duncan Hines Grocery, Boulder Brands and Specialty Foods.

The Birds Eye Frozen segment is comprised of our Leadership Brands in the retail frozen vegetables (Birds Eye), frozen complete bagged meals (Birds Eye Voila!), plant-based protein frozen products (gardein) and frozen prepared seafood (Van de Kamp's and Mrs. Paul's) categories, as well as our Foundation Brands in the full-calorie single-serve frozen dinners and entrées (Hungry-Man), frozen pancakes / waffles / French Toast (Aunt Jemima), frozen and refrigerated bagels (Lender's) and frozen pizza for one (Celeste) categories.

The Duncan Hines Grocery segment is comprised of our Leadership Brands in the baking mixes and frostings (Duncan Hines), shelf-stable pickles (Vlasic), liquid and dry-mix salad dressings (Wish-Bone and Western), and table syrups (Mrs. Butterworth's and Log Cabin) categories, and our Foundation Brands in the canned meat (Armour, Nalley and Brooks), pie and pastry fillings (Duncan Hines Comstock and Wilderness), and barbecue sauces (Open Pit) categories as well as Canadian operations, excluding Garden Protein.

The Company refers to the sum of the Birds Eye Frozen segment and the Duncan Hines Grocery segment as the North America Retail business.

The Boulder Brands segment is comprised of health and wellness brands including gluten-free products (Udi's and Glutino), natural frozen meal offerings (EVOL), refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads (Smart Balance), and plant-based refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads (Earth Balance).

The Specialty Foods segment consists of snack products (Tim's Cascade and Snyder of Berlin), foodservice and private label business.

As the Company continues to integrate the Boulder Brands segment into its operations and financial reporting systems, the Company's management expects to reevaluate its internal reporting, which may require reporting of its results in different reportable segments in future periods.

Segment performance is evaluated by the Company's Chief Operating Decision Maker and is based on earnings before interest and taxes. Transfers between segments and geographic areas are recorded at cost plus markup or at market. Identifiable assets are those assets, including goodwill, which are identified with the operations in each segment or geographic region. Corporate assets consist of prepaid and deferred tax assets. Unallocated corporate expenses consist of corporate overhead such as executive management, finance and legal functions.

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	Three mon		Nine months ended September 25September 27		
SEGMENT INFORMATION	2016	2015	2016	2015	Ϊ,
Net sales Birds Eye Frozen Duncan Hines Grocery	\$308,938 249,545	\$ 296,709 257,387	\$924,104 763,201	\$ 883,458 796,579	
Boulder Brands	120,926		344,381		
Specialty Foods	79,412	82,191	237,771	253,277	
Total	\$758,821	\$ 636,287	\$2,269,457	\$1,933,314	
Earnings before interest and taxes	1) -		, , . ,	· · · · · · ·	
Birds Eye Frozen	\$54,188	\$ 51,953	\$156,223	\$133,208	
Duncan Hines Grocery	48,127	44,223	142,987	138,471	
Boulder Brands (1)	16,082		11,884		
Specialty Foods	6,322	7,788	19,575	23,087	
Unallocated corporate expenses (2)				(18,689)
Total	\$118,268	\$ 97,793	\$306,335	\$276,077	<i>,</i>
Depreciation and amortization		. ,	. ,	. ,	
Birds Eye Frozen	\$11,022	\$ 11,989	\$33,064	\$ 33,404	
Duncan Hines Grocery	7,123	7,781	22,285	22,862	
Boulder Brands	4,714		12,406		
Specialty Foods	4,218	4,492	10,994	11,154	
Total	\$27,077	\$ 24,262	\$78,749	\$67,420	
Capital expenditures (3)	. ,				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$16,882	\$ 18,688	\$53,325	\$ 36,440	
Duncan Hines Grocery	6,644	14,799	28,464	40,610	
Boulder Brands	2,898	_	5,391		
Specialty Foods	1,470	3,078	5,487	7,683	
Total	\$27,894	\$ 36,565	\$92,667	\$ 84,733	
NET SALES BY PRODUCT TYPE					
Net sales					
Frozen	\$402,468	\$ 335,888	\$1,198,785	\$1,000,362	
Shelf stable meals and meal enhancers	-	204,067	739,869	646,992	
Desserts	79,028	70,806	223,792	207,939	
Snacks	37,631	25,526	107,011	78,021	
Total	\$758,821	\$ 636,287	\$2,269,457	\$1,933,314	
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION					
Net sales					
United States	\$707,803	\$ 633,063	\$2,194,442	\$ 1,920,698	
Canada	34,989	28,260	112,103	88,825	
United Kingdom	2,681		8,370		
Intercompany	13,348	(25,036)	(45,458)	(76,209)
Total	\$758,821	\$ 636,287	\$2,269,457	\$1,933,314	

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(1) Includes \$10.4 million of charges related to the fair value step-up of inventories acquired and \$17.3 million of restructuring costs in the nine months ended September 25, 2016.

(2)Includes \$6.8 million of acquisition costs in the nine months ended September 25, 2016.

(3)Includes new capital leases.

SEGMENT INFORMATION	September 25, 2016	December 27, 2015	
Total assets			
Birds Eye Frozen	\$ 2,275,786	\$ 2,263,159	
Duncan Hines Grocery	2,683,785	2,664,966	
Boulder Brands	1,245,984	—	
Specialty Foods	347,744	351,499	
Corporate	64,059	44,539	
Total	\$ 6,617,358	\$ 5,324,163	
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	1		
Plant assets			
United States	\$ 673,512	\$615,123	
Canada	31,920	15,986	
United Kingdom	3,520	_	
Total	\$ 708,952	\$ 631,109	

15. Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes and related effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015, respectively, were as follows:

_	Three mon	ths ended	Nine months ended			
Provision for Income Taxes	September	Steptember 27,	September	Steptember 27		
Provision for Income Taxes	2016	2015	2016	2015		
Current	\$19,759	\$ 5,010	\$51,155	\$ 21,306		
Deferred	9,710	22,377	28,737	55,500		
Total	\$29,469	\$ 27,387	\$79,892	\$ 76,806		
Effective tax rate	36.0 %	36.3 %	39.4 %	36.6	%	

Income taxes are accounted for in accordance with the authoritative guidance for accounting for income taxes under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between their financial statement basis and tax basis, using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse.

In connection with our acquisition of Boulder, our effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 was increased by 3.7% due to the tax effect of certain non-deductible acquisition costs and compensation payments, a charge for an increase in our non-current state deferred income tax liability balance and a charge related to the tax effect of foreign operations, principally attributable to a valuation allowance on our foreign tax credit carryforward. Our income tax rate for the nine months September 27, 2015 reflects a deferred tax benefit of 0.9% for changes related to our state tax profile.

For the three months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015 our rate reflects the benefit of the domestic production activities deduction and tax credits and the effect of enacted state tax legislation. For the three months ended September 25, 2016 our tax effective tax rate also benefits from a decrease in our liability for uncertain tax positions.

The Company regularly evaluates its deferred tax assets for future realization. A valuation allowance is established when the Company believes that it is more likely than not that some portion of its deferred tax assets will not be realized. Changes in

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valuation allowances from period to period are included in the Company's tax provision in the period of change and as noted above, for the nine months ended September 25, 2016, a valuation allowance was recorded on our foreign tax credit carryforward in connection with our acquisition of Boulder Brands. There was no significant movement in our valuation allowances on state attribute carryforwards during the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016.

The Company is a loss corporation as defined by Internal Revenue Code ("the Code") Section 382. Section 382 places an annual limitation on our ability to use our federal net operating loss ("NOL") carryovers and other attributes to reduce future taxable income. As of September 25, 2016, we have federal NOL carryovers of \$439.4 million subject to an annual limitation of \$17.1 million. As a result, \$237.2 million of the carryovers exceed the estimated available Section 382 limitation. The Company has reduced its deferred tax assets for this limitation.

On January 15, 2016 we acquired Boulder which is a loss corporation. As of the acquisition date, Boulder had approximately \$50.8 million of federal NOL carryovers subject to the Section 382 provisions. The annual limitation is approximately \$26.5 million subject to increase for recognized built in gains during the recognition period. Based on our analysis, we anticipate we will be able to utilize the acquired NOL balance in our 2016 tax year without limitation.

In connection with our acquisition of Boulder we also recorded, in purchase accounting, reserves for uncertain positions of approximately \$5.4 million for matters related to their foreign operations.

16. Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)." This ASU supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC 605, Revenue Recognition. ASU No. 2014-09 will require an entity to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers using a five-step model that requires entities to exercise judgment when considering the terms of contracts with customers. This ASU can be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) - Deferral of the Effective Date" providing for a one-year deferral of the effective date of ASU 2014-09 from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018; however, early adoption is still permissible as of January 1, 2017 for public entities. In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) – Principal versus Agent Considerations." The amendments under this ASU clarify the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations included within ASU 2014-09. In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-10, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) - Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing." This ASU includes updates which are intended to reduce the cost and complexity of applying guidance on identifying promised goods and services under Topic 606. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-12, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) - Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients." This ASU clarifies several aspects of Topic 606 such as the assessment of collectability, presentation of sales taxes, noncash consideration, and completed contracts and contract modifications at transition. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the new guidance will have on the consolidated financial statements, as well as which transition method it will use.

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting". The areas for simplification in this ASU involve several aspects of the accounting

for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The updated guidance will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those annual periods. Early application is permitted. The amendments related to the timing of when excess tax benefits are recognized are to be applied using a modified retrospective approach. The amendments related to the presentation of employee taxes paid on the statement of cash flows are to be applied retrospectively. The amendments requiring recognition of excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies in the income statement are to be applied prospectively. The Company is in the process of evaluating this guidance.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, "Leases". The FASB is amending the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") and creating Topic 842, Leases, which will supersede Topic 840, Leases. The main difference between previous GAAP and Topic 842 is the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating

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leases under previous GAAP. Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize the assets and liabilities arising from leases on the balance sheet. The updated guidance will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early application is permitted. In transition to the new guidance, entities are required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The Company is in the process of evaluating this guidance.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-17, "Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes". The new guidance eliminates the requirement to separate deferred income tax liabilities and assets into current and noncurrent amounts. The amendments will require that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. The updated guidance will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those annual periods. Early adoption is permitted, and the amendments may be applied either prospectively to all deferred tax liabilities and assets or retrospectively to all periods presented. The Company is in the process of evaluating this guidance.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, "Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments". The new guidance eliminates the requirement to retrospectively account for adjustments to provisional amounts recognized in a business combination. Under the ASU, the adjustments to the provisional amounts will be recognized in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. The updated guidance will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, and the ASU should be applied prospectively. The Company has implemented this guidance in 2016 without material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, "Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory", which requires entities to measure most inventory "at the lower of cost and net realizable value," thereby simplifying the current guidance under which an entity must measure inventory at the lower of cost or market. The ASU will not apply to inventories that are measured by using either the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method or the retail inventory method (RIM). The updated guidance will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is in the process of evaluating this guidance.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs". The new guidance changes the presentation of debt issuance costs in financial statements. Under the ASU, an entity presents such costs in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability rather than as an asset. Amortization of the costs will continue to be reported as interest expense. The Company implemented this guidance in 2016. Refer to Note 2 for information.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-04, "Compensation-Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Practical Expedient for the Measurement Date of an Employer's Defined Benefit Obligation and Plan Assets". The new guidance gives an employer whose fiscal year-end does not coincide with a calendar month-end (e.g., an entity that has a 52- or 53-week fiscal year, as the Company does) the ability, as a practical expedient, to measure defined benefit retirement obligations and related plan assets as of the month- end that is closest to its fiscal year-end. The updated guidance will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2015, including interim periods within that reporting period. Early application is permitted, and the ASU should be applied prospectively. The Company implemented this guidance in 2015 without material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

17. Guarantor and Nonguarantor Statements

The Senior Notes are general senior unsecured obligations of Pinnacle Foods Finance, effectively subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future senior secured indebtedness of Pinnacle Foods Finance and guaranteed on a full, unconditional, joint and several basis by the Company and Pinnacle Foods Finance's 100% owned domestic subsidiaries that guarantee other indebtedness of the Pinnacle Foods Finance. The indenture governing the Senior Notes contains customary exceptions under which a guarantee of a guarantor subsidiary will terminate, including (1) the sale, exchange or transfer (by merger or otherwise) of the capital stock or all or substantially all of the assets of such guarantor subsidiary, (2) the release or discharge of the guarantee by such guarantor subsidiary of the Amended Credit Agreement or other guarantee that resulted in the creation of the guarantee, (3) the designation of such guarantor subsidiary as an "unrestricted subsidiary" in accordance with the indentures governing the Senior Notes. The following condensed consolidating financial information presents:

(1)(a) Condensed consolidating balance sheets as of September 25, 2016 and December 27, 2015.

(b) The related condensed consolidating statements of operations and comprehensive earnings for the Company,

Pinnacle Foods Finance, all guarantor subsidiaries and the non-guarantor subsidiaries for the following:

i. Three and nine months ended September 25, 2016; and

ii. Three and nine months ended September 27, 2015.

(c) The related condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the Company, Pinnacle Foods Finance, all guarantor subsidiaries and the non-guarantor subsidiaries for the following:

i. Nine months ended ended September 25, 2016; and

ii. Nine months ended ended September 27, 2015.

(2) Elimination entries necessary to consolidate the Company, Pinnacle Foods Finance with its guarantor subsidiaries and non-guarantor subsidiaries.

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for by the parent using the equity method of accounting. The guarantor subsidiaries are presented on a combined basis. The principal elimination entries eliminate investments in subsidiaries and intercompany balances and transactions and include a reclassification entry of net non-current deferred tax assets to non-current deferred tax liabilities.

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

September 25, 2016

September 25, 2016	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguaranto Subsidiaries	Eliminations r and Reclassificatio	Consolidated Total
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$—	\$—	\$155,728	\$ 9,200	\$ —	\$164,928
Accounts receivable, net	—		291,791	10,468	—	302,259
Intercompany accounts	96,577		824,475		(921,052) —
receivable	90,977		,		()21,032) —
Inventories, net	—		482,754	19,298	—	502,052
Other current assets		333	7,750	1,080		9,163
Deferred tax assets	_	1,670	52,099	1,089		54,858
Total current assets	96,577	2,003	1,814,597	41,135	(921,052) 1,033,260
Plant assets, net	_		673,512	35,440		708,952
Investment in subsidiaries	1,814,437	2,521,093	37,892	<u> </u>	(4,373,422) —
Intercompany note receivable	—	3,011,509	44,858	9,800	(3,066,167) —
Tradenames	—		2,525,200	4,480	—	2,529,680
Other assets, net		1,967	162,839	11,229		176,035
Deferred tax assets		345,820		933	(346,753) —
Goodwill			2,115,105	54,326		2,169,431
Total assets	\$1,911,014	\$5,882,392	\$7,374,003	\$ 157,343	\$ (8,707,394) \$6,617,358
Current liabilities:						
Short-term borrowings	\$—	\$—	\$1,197	\$ —	\$ —	\$1,197
Current portion of long-term		10,750	12,949	15		23,714
obligations			12,949			23,714
Accounts payable		39	245,148	6,649		251,836
Intercompany accounts payable		888,312		32,740	(921,052) —
Accrued trade marketing			42,213	2,387		44,600
expense			42,213	2,307		44,000
Accrued liabilities	177	29,083	128,086	4,039	—	161,385
Dividends payable	34,883			<u> </u>	—	34,883
Total current liabilities	35,060	928,184	429,593	45,830	(921,052) 517,615
Long-term debt	_	3,112,555	28,210	298		3,141,063
Intercompany note payable	_		3,001,465	64,702	(3,066,167) —
Pension and other postretiremen	nt		62,640		_	62,640
benefits			02,040			02,040
Other long-term liabilities	—	27,216	33,126	3,339	—	63,681
Deferred tax liabilities	—		1,297,876	4,362	(346,753) 955,485
Total liabilities	35,060	4,067,955	4,852,910	118,531	(4,333,972) 4,740,484
Commitments and contingencie	S					
(Note 13)						
Shareholders' equity:						

Shareholders' equity:

Pinnacle common stock	1,191					1,191
Additional paid-in-capital	1,422,483	1,423,674	1,345,619	33,015	(2,802,308) 1,422,483
Retained earnings	546,762	453,135	1,212,123	12,787	(1,678,045) 546,762
Accumulated other	(62,372) (62,372)	(36,649)) (7,910) 106,931	(62,372)
comprehensive loss	(02,372)	(02,372)	(30,049)) (7,910) 100,931	(02,372)
Capital stock in treasury, at cost	(32,110) —			—	(32,110)
Total Pinnacle Foods Inc. and	1,875,954	1,814,437	2,521,093	37,892	(1 272 100) 1 975 054
Subsidiaries stockholders' equity	1,873,934	1,814,437	2,321,095	57,892	(4,373,422) 1,875,954
Non-controlling interest	_			920	_	920
Total Equity	1,875,954	1,814,437	2,521,093	38,812	(4,373,422) 1,876,874
Total liabilities and equity	\$1,911,014	\$5,882,392	\$7,374,003	\$ 157,343	\$ (8,707,394) \$6,617,358
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Pinnacle Foods Inc. Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

December 27, 2015

December 27, 2015	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguaranto Subsidiaries	Eliminations ^{or} and Reclassificatio	Consolidated Total
Current assets:	¢	¢	¢ 177 (()	¢ 2 000	¢	¢ 100 540
Cash and cash equivalents	\$—	\$—	\$177,669 214,600	\$ 2,880 5 046	\$ <i>—</i>	\$180,549 210,726
Accounts receivable, net			214,690	5,046		219,736
Intercompany accounts receivable	92,475		725,074		(817,549) —
Inventories, net			392,404	10,697		403,101
Other current assets		470	11,860	1,347		13,677
Deferred tax assets		1,670	38,516	385		40,571
Total current assets	92,475	2,140	1,560,213	20,355	(817,549) 857,634
Plant assets, net			615,123	15,986		631,109
Investment in subsidiaries	1,744,015	2,428,472	26,433		(4,198,920) —
Intercompany note receivable		2,084,130	8,398	9,800	(2,102,328) —
Tradenames			1,996,800	4,248		2,001,048
Other assets, net		935	118,621	808		120,364
Deferred tax assets		332,372			(332,372) —
Goodwill			1,692,715	21,293		1,714,008
Total assets	\$1,836,490	\$4,848,049	\$6,018,303	\$ 72,490	\$ (7,451,169) \$5,324,163
Current liabilities:						
Short-term borrowings	\$—	\$—	\$2,225	\$ —	\$ —	\$2,225
Current portion of long-term		5,250	9,515	82		14,847
obligations		3,230	9,313	02		14,047
Accounts payable	_	_	206,082	4,957		211,039
Intercompany accounts payable		815,100		2,449	(817,549) —
Accrued trade marketing expense			44,096	2,132		46,228
Accrued liabilities	163	18,152	79,468	2,727		100,510
Dividends payable	30,798					30,798
Total current liabilities	30,961	838,502	341,386	12,347	(817,549) 405,647
Long-term debt		2,242,608	14,055	349		2,257,012
Intercompany note payable			2,075,113	27,215	(2,102,328) —
Pension and other postretirement	t		63,454			63,454
benefits		22.024		2 207		
Other long-term liabilities		22,924	28,195	3,387	 (222,272)	54,506
Deferred tax liabilities Total liabilities	 30,961	2 104 024	1,067,628	2,759 46,057	(332,372) 738,015) 3,518,634
	-	3,104,034	3,589,831	40,037	(3,252,249) 5,516,054
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)						
Shareholders' equity:						
Pinnacle common stock	1,176					1,176
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Additional paid-in-capital Retained earnings	1,378,521 517,330	1,379,697 423,706	1,301,642 1,169,032	20,476 14,212	(2,701,815 (1,606,950) 1,378,521) 517,330
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(59,388)	(59,388	(42,202) (8,255) 109,845	(59,388)
Capital stock in treasury, at cost	(32,110)				_	(32,110)
Total Shareholders' equity	1,805,529	1,744,015	2,428,472	26,433	(4,198,920) 1,805,529
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$1,836,490	\$4,848,049	\$6,018,303	\$ 72,490	\$ (7,451,169) \$5,324,163

Pinnacle Foods Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Earnings
For the three months ended September 25, 2016

For the three months ended September 2.		Pinnacle Foods Finance LL	Guarantor C ^{Subsidiaries}	Nonguaranto s Subsidiaries	or Elimination	ns Consolidated Total
Net sales	\$—	\$ —	\$730,853	\$ 37,670	\$(9,702) \$758,821
Cost of products sold			503,863	35,243	(8,989) 530,117
Gross profit		_	226,990	2,427	(713) 228,704
Marketing and selling expenses		_	52,666	1,213		53,879
Administrative expenses			34,552	1,887		36,439
Research and development expenses			4,392	172		4,564
Tradename impairment charges			11,200			11,200
Intercompany royalties			(106)	(73)	179	
Intercompany management fees				642	(642) —
Intercompany technical service fees				250	(250) —
Other expense (income), net	_	256	3,681	417		4,354
Equity in (earnings) loss of investees	(52,353)	(57,978)	3,176		107,155	
	(52,353)	(57,722)	109,561	4,508	106,442	110,436
Earnings before interest and taxes	52,353	57,722	117,429	(2,081)	(107,155) 118,268
Intercompany interest (income) expense	_	(26,919)	25,745	1,174		_
Interest expense	_	35,945	517	11		36,473
Interest income			12	15		27
Earnings before income taxes	52,353	48,696	91,179	(3,251)	(107,155) 81,822
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		(3,657)	33,201	(75)		29,469
Net earnings	52,353	52,353	57,978	(3,176)	(107,155) 52,353
Less: Net loss attributable to						
non-controlling interest						
Net earnings attributable to Pinnacle						
Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries common	\$52,353	\$ 52,353	\$57,978	\$ (3,176)	\$(107,155) \$ 52,353
stockholders						
Total comprehensive earnings	52,918	52,918	56,677	(4,704)	(104,891) 52,918
Less: Comprehensive loss attributable to					, ·	
non-controlling interest			_		—	
Comprehensive earnings attributable to	\$52,918	\$ 52,918	¢ 56 677	¢ (4 704)	¢ (104 001) ¢ 52 019
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	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	Pinnacle Foods Finance LL	.C	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguarantor Subsidiaries	Elimination	s	Consolidated Total
Net sales	\$—	\$ —		\$633,063	\$ 28,260	\$(25,036))	\$ 636,287
Cost of products sold		7		460,515	23,694	(24,784)	459,432
Gross profit		(7)	172,548	4,566	(252)	176,855
Marketing and selling expenses				42,683	1,472	_		44,155
Administrative expenses				24,932	1,535			26,467
Research and development expenses				3,103	144	_		3,247
Intercompany royalties	_				3	(3)	
Intercompany technical service fees					249	(249)	
Other expense (income), net		1,568		3,593	32			5,193
Equity in (earnings) loss of investees	(48,098)	(52,034)	(721)		100,853		
	(48,098)	(50,466)	73,590	3,435	100,601		79,062
Earnings before interest and taxes	48,098	50,459		98,958	1,131	(100,853)	97,793
Intercompany interest (income) expense	_	(17,172)	16,913	259			
Interest expense		21,852		454	9			22,315
Interest income					7			7
Earnings before income taxes	48,098	45,779		81,591	870	(100,853)	75,485
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	_	(2,319)	29,557	149			27,387
Net earnings	\$48,098	\$ 48,098		\$52,034	\$ 721	\$(100,853))	\$ 48,098
Total comprehensive earnings (loss)	\$39,091	\$ 39,091		\$51,050	\$ (424)	\$(89,717)	\$ 39,091

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Condensed Consolidating Statement of For the nine months ended September	-	s and Compre	hensive Earni	ngs		
	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Nonguaranto Subsidiaries	r Elimination	s Consolidated Total
Net sales	\$—	\$ —	\$2,217,492	\$ 120,473	\$(68,508) \$2,269,457
Cost of products sold			1,577,814	109,224	(66,044) 1,620,994
Gross profit		—	639,678	11,249	(2,464) 648,463
Marketing and selling expenses		_	169,559	4,254		173,813
Administrative expenses			119,625	6,405		126,030
Research and development expenses			13,295	552		13,847
Tradename impairment charges			11,200			11,200
Intercompany royalties			(410)	410		
Intercompany management fees	_		_	1,716	(1,716) —
Intercompany technical service fees				748	(748) —
Other expense (income), net		(1,027)	17,716	549		17,238
Equity in (earnings) loss of investees	(122,973)	(136,635)	4,841		254,767	—
	(122,973)	(137,662)	335,826	14,634	252,303	342,128
Earnings before interest and taxes	122,973	137,662	303,852	(3,385)	(254,767) 306,335
Intercompany interest (income)		(78,611)	77,327	1,284		
expense		(78,011)	11,321	1,204		
Interest expense		102,072	1,496	33		103,601
Interest income			83	48		131
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	122,973	114,201	225,112		(254,767) 202,865
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		(8,772)	88,477	187		79,892
Net earnings (loss)	122,973	122,973	136,635	(4,841)	(254,767) 122,973
Less: Net earnings attributable to						
non-controlling interest						
Net earnings (loss) attributable to						
Pinnacle Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries	\$122,973	\$ 122,973	\$136,635	\$ (4,841)	\$(254,767) \$122,973
common stockholders						
Total comprehensive earnings	119,989	119,989	141,015	(1,070)	(259,934) 119,989
Less: Comprehensive earnings			_	_	_	
attributable to non-controlling interest						
Comprehensive earnings attributable	+		.	* // * = =	* /* **	
to Pinnacle Foods, Inc. and	\$119,989	\$ 119,989	\$141,015	\$ (1,070)	\$(259,934))\$119,989
Subsidiaries						

Pinnacle Foods Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Earnings
For the nine months ended September 27, 2015

	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	Pinnacle Foods Finance LL0	Guarantor C Subsidiaries	Nonguaranto Subsidiaries	^r Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Net sales	\$—	\$ —	\$1,920,698	\$ 88,825	\$(76,209)	\$1,933,314
Cost of products sold	_	23	1,417,751	73,303	(75,444)	1,415,633
Gross profit		(23) 502,947	15,522	(765)	517,681
Marketing and selling expenses		_	129,294	7,568		136,862
Administrative expenses	_	3	77,180	4,735		81,918
Research and development expenses	_		9,493	395		9,888
Intercompany royalties	_			17	(17)	
Intercompany technical service fees	_			748	(748)	
Other expense (income), net	—	2,879	9,989	68		12,936
Equity in (earnings) loss of investees	(133,313)	(143,486) (1,058)		277,857	
	(133,313)	(140,604) 224,898	13,531	277,092	241,604
Earnings before interest and taxes	133,313	140,581	278,049	1,991	(277,857)	276,077
Intercompany interest (income) expense	_	(51,531) 50,742	789		
Interest expense	_	64,781	1,317	32		66,130
Interest income	_		147	25		172
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	133,313	127,331	226,137	1,195	(277,857)	210,119
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	_	(5,982) 82,651	137		76,806
Net earnings (loss)	\$133,313	\$ 133,313	\$143,486	\$ 1,058	\$(277,857)	\$133,313
Total comprehensive earnings (loss)	\$117,145	\$ 117,145	\$141,561	\$ (1,349)	\$(257,357)	\$117,145

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cas For the nine months ended September 25, 2	2016 Pinnacle Foods	Pinnacle Foods		Nonguarant s Subsidiaries		^{1S} Consolidated
	Inc.	Finance LL	Cuosidiane	5 Substatuties	Reclassific	ations
Cash flows from operating activities Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities Cash flows from investing activities	\$(10,767)	\$ 4,004	\$230,643	\$ 16,062	\$ —	\$ 239,942
Business acquisition activity			(0.95.265)			(0.95.265)
· ·	_	24.071	(985,365)		(20.952)	(985,365)
Intercompany accounts receivable/payable	_	24,071	6,782		(30,853)	
Intercompany loans	<u> </u>	(880,122)			880,122	
Investment in Subsidiary Capital expenditures	65,516	49,564	(73,421)	(3,202)	(115,08)0	
Net cash (used in) provided by investing			(73,421)	(3,202)		(76,623)
activities	65,516	(806,487)	(1,052,004)	(3,202)	734,189	(1,061,988)
Cash flows from financing activities						
Net proceeds from issuance of common						
stock	24,914					24,914
Excess tax benefits on stock-based						
compensation	10,767					10,767
Taxes paid related to net share settlement o	f					
equity awards	¹ (1,087)					(1,087)
Dividends paid	(89,343)					(89,343)
Proceeds from notes offering	() 	350,000				350,000
Proceeds from bank term loans		547,250				547,250
Repayments of long-term obligations			(3,458))		(10,145)
Proceeds from short-term borrowing			2,182			2,182
Repayments of short-term borrowing			(2.100))		(3,180)
Intercompany accounts receivable/payable				(6,782)	30,853	
Return of capital		(65,516)	(49,564)) —	115,080	_
Intercompany loans			880,122		(880,12)2	_
Repayment of capital lease obligations			(2,611)) (10)		(2,621)
Debt acquisition costs		(22,564)				(22,564)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing	(54,749)	802,483	799,420	(6 702)	(73/ 180	806,173
activities	(34,749)	002,403	799,420	(6,792)	(734,18)9	800,175
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash				252		252
Net change in cash and cash equivalents			(21,941)	6,320		(15,621)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of			177,669	2,880		180,549
period						
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$—	\$ —	\$155,728	\$ 9,200	\$ —	\$ 164,928

Table of Contents PINNACLE FOODS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (thousands, except share and per share amounts and where noted in millions)

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows For the nine months ended September 27, 2015

For the nine months ended September 27, 201		1Ding a la					Flimination		
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	Inc.	Finance LL	Subsidiar	ies	Subsidiari	es	Reclassifica	Total	
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Net cash provided by (used in) operating	.	¢ (5 0)	••••	-	()		.	* • 1 • • • •	
activities	\$ —	\$ (5,277)	\$225,386)	\$ (9,289)	\$ —	\$210,820)
Cash flows from investing activities									
Payments for business acquisitions		—	1,102					1,102	
Intercompany accounts receivable/payable			(24,754)			24,754		
Intercompany loans			(7,209)			7,209		
Investment in subsidiaries	82,104	↓	_				(82,104)		
Capital expenditures			(81,954)	(2,779)		(84,733)
Sale of plant assets			730					730	
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	82,104	↓	(112,085)	(2,779)	(50,141)	(82,901)
Cash flows from financing activities									
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	1,038				_		_	1,038	
Excess tax benefits on stock-based compensation	1,345	—	—		—		_	1,345	
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	(2,40)1							(2,401)
Dividends paid	(82,08	6—						(82,086)
Repayments of long-term obligations		(3,934)	(2,708)				(6,642)
Proceeds from short-term borrowing			2,135					2,135	
Repayments of short-term borrowing			(3,386)				(3,386)
Intercompany accounts receivable/payable		9,211			15,543		(24,754)		
Proceeds from Intercompany loans					7,209		(7,209)		
Parent investment			(82,104)			82,104		
Repayment of capital lease obligations			(2,645)				(2,645)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing	(82.10	45,277	(88,708)	22,752		50,141	(92,642)
activities	(0_,;;0	,_,	(00,700	,			-	x	,
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		—			(732)	—	(732)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents			24,593		9,952		—	34,545	
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of period	_		32,942		5,535			38,477	
Cash and cash equivalents - end of period	\$ —	\$ —	\$57,535		\$ 15,487		\$ —	\$73,022	

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains "forward-looking statements." These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than our financial statements, including the Notes thereto, and statements of historical facts included elsewhere in this Report on Form 10-Q, including statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues or performance, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions, business trends and other information referred to under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" are forward-looking statements. When used in this report, the words "estimates," "expects," "contemplates", "anticipates," "projects," "plans," "intends," "believes," "forear "should" and variations of such words or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are not historical facts, and are based upon our current expectations, beliefs and projections, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control. Our expectations, beliefs and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, there can be no assurance that management's expectations, beliefs and projections will result or be achieved and actual results may vary materially from what is expressed in or indicated by the forward-looking statements.

There are a number of risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this report. Such risks, uncertainties and other important factors include, among others, the risks, uncertainties and factors set forth in our Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 25, 2016 under the section entitled "Risk Factors," the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this report and the following risks, uncertainties and factors:

competition;

our ability to predict, identify, interpret and respond to changes in consumer preferences;

the loss of any of our major customers;

our reliance on a single source provider for the manufacturing, co-packing and distribution of many of our products; fluctuations in the price and supply of food ingredients, packaging materials and freight;

volatility in commodity prices and our failure to mitigate the risks related to commodity price fluctuation and foreign exchange risk through the use of derivative instruments;

costs and timeliness of integrating future acquisitions or our failure to realize anticipated cost savings, revenue enhancements or other synergies therefrom;

litigation or claims regarding our intellectual property rights or termination of our material licenses;

our ability to drive revenue growth in our key product categories or to add products that are in faster growing and more profitable categories;

potential product liability claims;

seasonality;

the funding of our defined benefit pension plan;

changes in our collective bargaining agreements or shifts in union policy;

changes in the cost of compliance with laws and regulations, including environmental, worker health and workplace safety laws and regulations;

- our failure to comply with U.S Food & Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture or Federal
- Trade Commission regulations and the impact of governmental budget cuts;

disruptions in our information technology systems;

future impairments of our goodwill and intangible assets;

difficulty in the hiring or the retention of key management personnel; and

changes in tax statutes, tax rates, or case laws which impact tax positions we have taken.

You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this report in the context of these risks and uncertainties. We caution you that the risks, uncertainties and other factors referenced above may not contain all of the risks,

uncertainties and other factors that are important to you. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results, benefits or developments that we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in

the consequences or affect us or our business in the way expected. All forward-looking statements in this report apply only as of the date made and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included in this report. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

ITEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF 2: OPERATIONS

(dollars in millions, except where noted)

You should read the following discussion of our results of operations and financial condition together with the audited consolidated financial statements appearing in our annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 25, 2016 and the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in this quarterly report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements and involves numerous risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those described in the "Risk Factors" section of our Form 10-K, and the section entitled "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" in this report. Actual results may differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Overview

We are a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of high quality, branded food products in North America. The business is comprised of four segments: Birds Eye Frozen, Duncan Hines Grocery, Boulder Brands and Specialty Foods. The Company's United States retail frozen vegetables (Birds Eye), frozen complete bagged meals (Birds Eye Voila!), frozen seafood (Van de Kamp's and Mrs. Paul's), plant-based protein frozen products (gardein), full-calorie single-serve frozen dinners and entrées (Hungry-Man), frozen breakfast (Aunt Jemima), frozen and refrigerated bagels (Lender's), and frozen pizza for one (Celeste) are reported in the Birds Eye Frozen segment. The Company's baking mixes and frostings (Duncan Hines), shelf-stable pickles (Vlasic), liquid and dry-mix salad dressings (Wish-Bone and Western), table syrups (Mrs. Butterworth's and Log Cabin), canned meat (Armour, Nalley and Brooks), pie and pastry fillings (Duncan Hines Comstock and Wilderness), barbecue sauces (Open Pit) and Canadian operations other than gardein are reported in the Duncan Hines Grocery segment. The Boulder Brands segment is comprised of health and wellness brands including gluten-free products (Udi's and Glutino), natural frozen meal offerings (EVOL), refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads (Smart Balance), and plant-based refrigerated and shelf-stable spreads (Earth Balance). The Specialty Foods segment consists of snack products (Tim's Cascade and Snyder of Berlin) and the Company's food service and private label businesses, other than Boulder Brands and gardein.

Segment performance is evaluated by the Company's Chief Operating Decision Maker and is based on earnings before interest and taxes. Transfers between segments and geographic areas are recorded at cost plus markup or at market. Identifiable assets are those assets, including goodwill, which are identified with the operations in each segment or geographic region. Corporate assets consist of prepaid and deferred tax assets. Unallocated corporate expenses consist of corporate overhead such as executive management and finance and legal functions.

Business Drivers and Measures

In operating our business and monitoring its performance, we pay attention to trends in the food manufacturing industry and a number of performance measures and operational factors. The industry experiences volatility in overall commodity prices from time to time, which has historically been managed by increasing retail prices. However, over the past several years, significant macroeconomic weakness and ongoing pressures on the consumer have resulted in shifting consumer buying patterns for grocery products. As a result, industry volumes have come under pressure, hampering the ability of the industry to pass along higher input costs. Industry Trends

Growth in our industry is driven primarily by population growth, changes in product selling prices and changes in consumption between out-of-home and in-home eating. In the current economic environment, consumers are looking for value alternatives, which have caused an increase in the percentage of products sold on promotion and a shift from

traditional retail grocery to mass merchandisers, club stores and dollar store channels. We believe we are well positioned in grocery and non-traditional channels, maintaining strong customer relationships across key retailers in each segment.

In order to maintain and grow our business, we must successfully react to, and offer products that respond to, evolving consumer needs, such as changing health trends, the focus on convenience and the growth of smaller households. Incremental growth in the industry is principally driven by product and packaging innovation.

Revenue Factors

Our net sales are driven principally by the following factors:

Gross sales, which change as a function of changes in volume and list price; and

the costs that we deduct from gross sales to arrive at net sales, which consist of:

Cash discounts, returns and other allowances.

Trade marketing expenses, which include the cost of temporary price reductions ("on sale" prices), promotional displays and advertising space in store circulars.

New product introductory (slotting) expenses, which are the costs of having certain retailers stock a new product, including amounts retailers charge for updating their warehousing systems, allocating shelf space and in-store systems set-up, among other things.

Consumer coupon redemption expenses, which are costs from the redemption of coupons we circulate as part of our marketing efforts.

Cost Factors

Costs recorded in Cost of products sold in the consolidated statement of operations include:

Raw materials, such as vegetables and fruits, proteins, grains and oils, sugars, seafood and other agricultural products, among others, are available from numerous independent suppliers but are subject to price fluctuations due to a number of factors, including changes in crop size, federal and state agricultural programs, export demand, weather conditions and insects, among others.

Packaging costs. Our broad array of products entails significant costs for packaging and is subject to fluctuations in the price of steel, aluminum, glass jars, plastic bottles, corrugated fiberboard, and various poly-films.

Conversion costs, which include all costs necessary to convert raw materials into finished product. Key components of this cost include direct labor, and plant overhead such as salaries, benefits, utilities and depreciation.

Freight and distribution. We use a combination of common carriers and inter-modal rail to transport our products from our manufacturing facilities to distribution centers and to deliver products to our customers from both those centers and directly from our manufacturing plants. Our freight and distribution costs are influenced by fuel costs as well as capacity within the industry.

Costs recorded in marketing and selling expenses in the consolidated statement of operations include: Advertising and other marketing expenses. These expenses represent advertising and other consumer and

trade-oriented marketing programs.

Brokerage commissions and other overhead expenses.

Costs recorded in administrative and research and development expenses in the consolidated statement of operations include:

Administrative expenses. These expenses consist of personnel and facility charges and also include third party professional and other services. Our lean, nimble structure and efficient internal processes have enabled us to consistently hold our overhead costs (i.e., selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding one-time items affecting comparability) to approximately 9% of net sales on an annual basis.

Research and Development. These expenses consist of personnel and facility charges and include expenditures on new products and the improvement and maintenance of existing products and processes.

Working Capital

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Our working capital is primarily driven by accounts receivable and inventories, which fluctuate throughout the year due to seasonality in both sales and production. See "Seasonality" below. We will continue to focus on reducing our working capital requirements while simultaneously maintaining our customer service levels and fulfilling our production requirements. We have historically relied on internally generated cash flows and temporary borrowings under our revolving credit facility to satisfy our working capital requirements.

Other Factors

Other factors that have influenced our results of operations and may do so in the future include:

Interest Expense. Our IPO and debt refinancings have improved our debt profile and significantly reduced our leverage. However, as a result of our previous acquisitions and the recent Boulder transaction, we still have significant indebtedness. Although we expect to continue to reduce our leverage over time, we expect interest expense to continue to be a significant component of our expenses.

Cash Taxes. We had significant tax-deductible intangible asset amortization and federal and state NOLs, which resulted in minimal federal and state cash taxes through 2015. Continued amortization and utilization of our remaining NOLs will generate modest annual cash savings for 2016 and thereafter.

Acquisitions and Consolidations. We believe we have the expertise to identify and integrate value-enhancing acquisitions to grow our business and we have done so successfully in the past. On November 14, 2014, we acquired Garden Protein for \$156.5 million, the rapidly growing manufacturer of the plant-based protein brand gardein. On August 20, 2015 we acquired a manufacturing facility in Hagerstown, Maryland for approximately \$8.0 million. The site will be used to expand production capabilities for the gardein brand and provide an East coast footprint to supplement the existing Richmond, British Columbia manufacturing location. We expect to invest approximately \$31.0 million for the gardein capacity expansion in 2016. We also expect to incur approximately \$6.0 million of additional charges to integrate the location in 2016, of which \$2.5 million was incurred through the first nine months of 2016. As previously mentioned, on January 15, 2016, the Company acquired Boulder Brands for a cost of \$1,001.4 million (which included \$16.1 million of cash acquired), which included the repayment of debt. Total acquisition and financing costs of \$32.9 million have been incurred, of which \$2.1 million was incurred in the fourth quarter of 2015, with the remainder in the first quarter of 2016. Included in this total is \$24.4 million of debt acquisition costs, including original issue discount. During 2016, we expect one-time costs associated with the integration of Boulder to approximate \$30.0 million, of which \$27.9 million was incurred in the first nine months of 2016. In October 2016, we voluntarily ceased production at our private label gluten free bakery operation, which is based in the United Kingdom. For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, net sales were \$8.4 million and the business

the United Kingdom. For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, net sales were \$8.4 million and the business incurred a loss before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization of \$3.6 million. As part of the transaction, we may incur certain restructuring charges, to be determined in the fourth quarter of 2016. We do not expect these charges to be significant.

Impairment of Goodwill, Tradenames and Long-Lived Assets. We test our goodwill and intangible assets annually or more frequently (if necessary) for impairment and have recorded impairment charges in the current year. Upon completion of the annual testing in the third quarter of 2016, the Company recorded tradename

• impairments of \$7.3 million on Celeste, \$3.0 million on Aunt Jemima and \$0.9 million on Snyder of Berlin. Celeste and Aunt Jemima are reported in our Birds Eye Frozen segment and Snyder of Berlin is reported in the Specialty Foods segment. These charges were the result of the Company's reassessment of the long-term sales projections for the brands during our annual planning cycle which occurs during the third quarter each year.

Seasonality

Our sales and cash flows are affected by seasonal cyclicality. Sales of frozen foods, including frozen vegetables and frozen complete bagged meals, tend to be marginally higher during the winter months. Seafood sales peak during Lent, in advance of the Easter holiday. Sales of pickles, relishes, barbecue sauces, potato chips and salad dressings tend to be higher in the spring and summer months, and demand for Duncan Hines products, Birds Eye vegetables and our pie and pastry fruit fillings tend to be higher around the Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays. Since many of the raw materials we process under the Birds Eye, Vlasic, Duncan Hines Comstock and Wilderness brands are agricultural crops, production of these products is predominantly seasonal, occurring during and immediately following the purchase of such crops. We also increase our Duncan Hines inventories in advance of the peak fall selling season. As a result, our inventory levels tend to be higher during August, September, and October, and thus we require more working capital during these months.

Inflation

To the extent possible, we strive to offset the effects of inflation with cost reduction and productivity programs. We expect to spend approximately \$2.3 billion annually on Cost of products sold, therefore each 1% change in our weighted average cost of inputs would increase our Cost of products sold by approximately \$23 million. If we experience significant inflation, price increases may be necessary in order to preserve our margins and returns. However, over the past several years, significant macroeconomic weakness and ongoing pressures on the consumer have resulted in shifting consumer buying patterns for grocery products. As a result, industry volumes have come under pressure, hampering our ability to pass along higher input costs. Severe increases in inflation could have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Results of Operations:

Consolidated Statements of Operations

The following tables set forth our statem	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
I be tollow/ing tables set forth our statem	nent of operations data ex	chressed in dollars and a	s a percentage of net sales

C	Three months ended				Nine months ended							
	Septem	ber 25	5,	Septem	ber 27	7,	Septembe	er 25,		September 27,		
	2016			2015			2016			2015		
Net sales	\$758.8	100.0)%	\$636.3	100.0)%	\$2,269.5	100.0)%	\$1,933.3	100.0)%
Cost of products sold	530.1	69.9	%	459.4	72.2	%	1,621.0	71.4	%	1,415.6	73.2	%
Gross profit	228.7	30.1	%	176.9	27.8	%	648.5	28.6	%	517.7	26.8	%
Marketing and selling expenses	\$53.9	7.1	%	\$44.2	6.9	%	\$173.8	7.7	%	\$136.9	7.1	%
Administrative expenses	36.4	4.8	%	26.5	4.2	%	126.0	5.6	%	81.9	4.2	%
Research and development expenses	4.6	0.6	%	3.2	0.5	%	13.8	0.6	%	9.9	0.5	%
Tradename impairment charges	11.2	1.5	%			%	11.2	0.5	%			%
Other expense (income), net	4.4	0.6	%	5.2	0.8	%	17.2	0.8	%	12.9	0.7	%
	\$110.4	14.5	%	\$79.1	12.4	%	\$342.1	15.1	%	\$241.6	12.5	%
Earnings before interest and taxes	\$118.3	15.6	%	\$97.8	15.4	%	\$306.3	13.5	%	\$276.1	14.3	%

	Septemb	-	-	r Ső ptember 27,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net sales				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$308.9	\$ 296.7	\$924.1	\$ 883.5
Duncan Hines Grocery	249.5	257.4	763.2	796.6
North America Retail	558.5	554.1	1,687.3	1,680.0
Boulder Brands	120.9	_	344.4	_
Specialty Foods	79.4	82.2	237.8	253.3
Total	\$758.8	\$ 636.3	\$2,269.5	\$ 1,933.3
Earnings (loss) before interest and taxes				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$54.2	\$ 52.0	\$156.2	\$ 133.2
Duncan Hines Grocery	48.1	44.2	143.0	138.5
Boulder Brands	16.1		11.9	
Specialty Foods	6.3	7.8	19.6	23.1
Unallocated corporate expense	(6.5)	(6.2)	(24.3)	(18.7)
Total	\$118.3	\$ 97.8	\$306.3	\$ 276.1
Depreciation and amortization				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$11.0	\$ 12.0	\$33.1	\$ 33.4
Duncan Hines Grocery	7.1	7.8	22.3	22.9
Boulder Brands	4.7		12.4	
Specialty Foods	4.2	4.5	11.0	11.2
Total	\$27.1	\$ 24.3	\$78.7	\$ 67.4
4.4				

Three months ended September 25, 2016 compared to the three months ended September 27, 2015 Net sales

Net sales for the three months ended September 25, 2016 increased \$122.5 million, or 19.3%, versus year-ago to \$758.8 million, reflecting a 19.0% increase from the benefit of the Boulder acquisition, higher net price realization of 0.2%, and an increase of 0.1% from volume/mix.

Net sales in our North America Retail business for the three months ended September 25, 2016 increased \$4.4 million, or 0.8%, versus year-ago to \$558.5 million, reflecting a 0.5% increase from volume/mix and higher net price realization of 0.3%. Our North American Retail business continued to outpace the performance of our composite categories, with market share growth of 0.6 percentage points in the quarter. Birds Eye Frozen Segment:

Net sales in the three months ended September 25, 2016 increased \$12.2 million, or 4.1%, versus year-ago to \$308.9 million, reflecting a 3.8% increase from volume/mix and higher net price realization of 0.3%. The increase is primarily attributable to continued growth in the Birds Eye franchise, our gardein plant-based protein products and higher sales of Hungry-Man products. Recently-introduced innovation behind the Birds Eye Flavor Full, Birds Eye Protein Blends and Birds Eye Disney-themed platforms, along with the new Birds Eye Veggie Made Rice side dishes, just-launched Birds Eye Signature Skillets premium meals and the continued retail expansion of Birds Eye Voila! fueled the performance of the franchise. These increases were partially offset by lower sales of our Aunt Jemima breakfast products, Celeste pizza and Lenders frozen bagels.

Duncan Hines Grocery Segment:

Net sales in the three months ended September 25, 2016 were \$249.5 million, a decline of \$7.8 million, or 3.0% versus year-ago, reflecting a 3.3% decrease from volume/mix, partially offset by higher net price realization of 0.3%. The period benefited from higher sales of Wish-Bone products, driven by our new Wish-Bone EVOO and Wish-Bone Ristorante Italiano product lines and increased sales of our Armour canned meats. More than offsetting this increase were lower net sales of our Vlasic pickles, Duncan Hines baking products and lower sales from our syrup business all driven by a highly competitive environment and category weakness.

Boulder Brands Segment:

Net sales in the three months ended September 25, 2016 were \$120.9 million. Retail consumption has advanced versus year ago for the Glutino, Udi's, Earth Balance and EVOL brands, offset by a decline for Smart Balance. Specialty Foods Segment:

Net sales in the three months ended September 25, 2016 were \$79.4 million, a decline of \$2.8 million, or 3.4% versus year-ago, reflecting a 2.4% decrease from volume/mix and lower net price realization of 1.0%. This decrease was primarily driven by lower sales of private label canned meat. Gross profit

Gross profit for the three months ended September 25, 2016 was \$228.7 million, or 30.1% of net sales, compared to \$176.9 million, or 27.8% of net sales, in the comparable prior year period reflecting strong productivity, favorable product mix, including the benefit of Boulder and the impact of items affecting comparability, primarily higher mark to market gains on financial instruments. Partially offsetting these positive drivers were inflation and other items. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted gross profit advanced 24.2% to \$229.1 million and Adjusted gross profit percentage increased approximately 120 basis points to 30.2%.

The following table outlines the factors resulting in the year on year change in gross profit and gross margin percentage in the three months ended September 25, 2016.

	\$ (in	Gross
	millions)	margin
	mmons)	%
Productivity	\$ 19.0	2.5 %
Favorable product mix (including Boulder)	12.7	1.2
Higher mark to market gains on financial instruments	6.1	0.8
Higher net price realization, including slotting	0.8	0.1
Inflation	(11.0)	(1.4)
Higher depreciation expense	(0.3)	
Other (a)	(5.7)	(0.9)
Subtotal	\$ 21.6	2.3 %
Higher sales volume (including Boulder Brands)	30.2	
Total	\$ 51.8	

(a) Consists primarily of investment in new Birds-Eye stand-up packaging and higher product obsolescence.

Marketing and selling expenses

Marketing and selling expenses increased 22.0% to \$53.9 million, or 7.1% of net sales, for the three months ended September 25, 2016, compared to \$44.2 million, or 6.9% of net sales for the prior year period. The increase was primarily driven by the addition of Boulder.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses were \$36.4 million, or 4.8% of net sales, for the three months ended September 25, 2016, compared to \$26.5 million, or 4.2% of net sales, for the comparable prior year period. The increase was primarily driven by the addition of Boulder.

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses were \$4.6 million, or 0.6% of net sales, for the three months ended September 25, 2016 compared to \$3.2 million, or 0.5% of net sales, for the prior year period primarily reflecting higher expenses as a result of the Boulder acquisition.

Other income and expense

	Three months ended				
	Septem Seeptember 2				
	2016	2015			
Other expense (income), net consists of:					
Amortization of intangibles/other assets	\$4.3	\$ 3.4			
Foreign exchange gains	0.3	2.1			
Royalty income and other	(0.2)	(0.3)			
Total other expense (income), net	\$4.4	\$ 5.2			

Foreign exchange gains. Represents foreign exchange gains from intra-entity loans resulting from the November 2014 Garden Protein acquisition that are anticipated to be settled in the foreseeable future.

Tradename impairment charges

In the third quarter of 2016, the Company recorded tradename impairments of \$7.3 million on Celeste, \$3.0 million on Aunt Jemima and \$0.9 million on Snyder of Berlin. See Note 9 for further details.

Earnings before interest and taxes

Earnings before interest and taxes increased \$20.5 million, or 20.9%, to \$118.3 million, reflecting the growth in gross profit, partially offset by higher marketing and selling, and administrative expenses primarily due to the inclusion of Boulder Brands. Also impacting the comparison was items affecting comparability, which were charges of \$16.3 million and \$10.2 million in the three months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015, respectively. The variance in these items primarily resulted from tradename impairment charges, higher restructuring and integration costs resulting from the Boulder acquisition partially offset by higher unrealized mark to market gains on financial instruments. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes increased \$26.6 million to \$134.6 million, or 24.6%.

Birds Eye Frozen Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the three months ended September 25, 2016 increased 4.3%, or \$2.2 million, versus year-ago to \$54.2 million for the three months ended September 25, 2016, reflecting the benefits of net sales growth, productivity savings and favorable mix, partially offset by input cost inflation, investment in new Birds-Eye stand-up packaging and higher items affecting comparability, most notably \$10.3 million of Tradename impairment charges. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes advanced 13.5% to \$65.0 million.

Duncan Hines Grocery Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the three months ended September 25, 2016 were \$48.1 million, an increase of 8.8%, or \$3.9 million, as compared to the year-ago period reflecting productivity savings and items affecting comparability more than offset by lower volumes, unfavorable product mix and input cost inflation. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes decreased 2.5% to \$47.5 million.

Boulder Brands Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the three months ended September 25, 2016 were \$16.1 million, reflecting significant restructuring expenses. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes for the Boulder Brands segment totaled \$21.3 million.

Specialty Foods Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the three months ended September 25, 2016 were \$6.3 million, a decline of 18.8%, or \$1.5 million, as compared to the year-ago period, largely reflecting the decline in net sales and a \$0.9 million Tradename impairment charge. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes decreased 12.1%, to \$7.1 million.

Unallocated corporate expense:

Unallocated corporate expense for the three months ended September 25, 2016 was \$6.5 million, an increase of \$0.3 million, as compared to the year-ago period.

Interest expense, net

Net interest expense increased 63.4%, or \$14.1 million, to \$36.4 million in the three months ended September 25, 2016, compared to \$22.3 million in the three months ended September 27, 2015. The increase was largely driven by additional debt issued to finance the Boulder acquisition and, to a lesser extent, the impact of higher interest expense for floating rate debt. Also impacting the comparison were \$0.6 million of charges associated with the re-pricing of Term Loan I during the quarter and higher interest rate swap losses described below.

We utilize interest rate swap agreements to reduce the potential exposure to interest rate movements and to achieve a desired proportion of variable versus fixed rate debt. Any gains or losses realized on the interest rate swap agreements,

excluding the AOCL portion, are recorded as an adjustment to interest expense. Included in net interest expense was \$2.6 million and \$1.1 million for the third quarters of 2016 and 2015, respectively, recorded from losses on interest rate swap agreements.

Provision for income taxes

The effective tax rate was 36.0% for the three months ended September 25, 2016 compared to 36.3% for the three months ended September 27, 2015.

For the three months ended September 25, 2016 and the three months ended September 27, 2015 our rate reflects the benefit of the domestic production activities deduction and tax credits and the effect of enacted state tax legislation. For the three months ended September 25, 2016 our effective tax rate benefits from a decrease in our liability for uncertain tax positions.

The Company is a loss corporation as defined by Section 382 of the Code. Section 382 places an annual limitation on our ability to use our NOL carryovers and other attributes to reduce future taxable income. As of September 25, 2016, we have federal NOL carryovers of \$439.4 million subject to an annual limitation of \$17.1 million. As a result, \$237.2 million of the carryovers exceed the estimated available Section 382 limitation. The Company has reduced its deferred tax assets for this limitation.

We have significant tax-deductible intangible asset amortization and federal and state NOLs, which resulted in minimal federal and state cash taxes through 2015. We expect continued amortization and utilization of our NOLs will generate modest annual cash tax savings in 2016 and thereafter.

Nine months ended September 25, 2016 compared to the nine months ended September 27, 2015 Net sales

Net sales for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 increased \$336.1 million, or 17.4%, versus year-ago to \$2.27 billion, reflecting a 17.8% increase from the benefit of the Boulder acquisition and higher net price realization of 0.5% partially offset by a 0.8% decrease from volume/mix. Also impacting the comparison was unfavorable foreign currency translation of 0.1%.

Net sales in our North American retail business for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 increased 0.4% versus year-ago to \$1.69 billion, reflecting higher net price realization of 0.6%, offset by a 0.1% decrease from volume/mix. Also impacting the comparison was unfavorable foreign currency translation of 0.1%. We continued to outpace the performance of our composite categories, with market share growth in the nine months of 0.7 percentage points. Birds Eye Frozen Segment:

Net sales in the nine months ended September 25, 2016 increased 4.6% versus year-ago to \$924.1 million, reflecting a 3.6% increase from volume/mix and higher net price realization of 1.0%. The increase is primarily attributable to continued strong sales from the Birds Eye franchise, our gardein plant-based protein products and our Hungry-Man frozen entrées. Products launched in 2015 such as Birds Eye Steamfresh Flavor Full, Birds Eye Protein Blends and Birds Eye Disney-themed side dishes for kids, continue to fuel the growth of Birds Eye vegetables, while distribution gains and the expansion of Family Size offerings and premium tier varieties drove the growth of Birds Eye Voila!. Partially offsetting these positive drivers were lower sales of our Seafood business, driven by category weakness, and lower sales of our Aunt-Jemima, Lender's and Celeste products.

Duncan Hines Grocery Segment:

Net sales in the nine months ended September 25, 2016 were \$763.2 million, a decline of 4.2%, reflecting higher net price realization of 0.3% more than offset by a 4.2% decrease from volume/mix and unfavorable foreign currency translation of 0.3%. The period benefited from higher sales of our Armour canned meats. This increase was more than offset by lower sales of our Duncan Hines baking products due to category weakness and lower sales of Wish-Bone products, reflecting a highly competitive category environment and new product introductory expenses from the launch of our two new product lines, Wish-Bone EVOO and Wish-Bone Ristorante Italiano dressing. Also impacting the period was lower sales of our syrup business driven by a highly competitive environment and lower net sales from our Canadian operations, including the unfavorable impact from foreign exchange. Boulder Brands Segment:

Net sales in the nine months ended September 25, 2016 were \$344.4 million, representing the January 15, 2016 to September 25, 2016 time period in which Boulder Brands was consolidated.

Specialty Foods Segment:

Net sales in the nine months ended September 25, 2016 decreased 6.1% versus year-ago to \$237.8 million, reflecting a 5.7% decline from volume/mix and lower net pricing of 0.4%. This decline was primarily driven by decreased sales of private label canned meat.

Gross profit

Gross profit for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 was \$648.5 million, or 28.6% of net sales, compared to \$517.7 million, or 26.8% of net sales, in the comparable prior year period reflecting strong productivity, favorable product mix, the benefits of higher net price realization and the impact of items affecting comparability, partially offset by the impacts of input cost inflation, higher depreciation and other items. Excluding these and other items affecting comparability, Adjusted gross profit advanced 24.2% to \$653.3 million and Adjusted gross profit percentage increased 160 basis points to 28.8%.

The following table outlines the factors resulting in the year on year change in gross profit and gross margin percentage in the nine months ended September 25, 2016.

	\$ (in millions))	Gros marg %	
Productivity	\$ 50.0		2.1	%
Favorable product mix (Including Boulder)	26.4		0.9	
Higher net price realization, net of slotting	9.0		0.3	
Higher mark-to-market gains on financial instruments	9.0		0.3	
Inflation	(25.0)	(1.1)
Effects of adjustments related to the application of				
purchase accounting (a)	(10.4)	(0.4)
Higher depreciation expense (b)	(2.5)	(0.1)
Other (c)	(8.7)	(0.2))
Subtotal	\$47.8		1.8	%
Higher sales volume	83.0			
Total	\$130.8			

(a) Represents expense related to the write-up to fair market value of inventories acquired as a result of the Boulder acquisition.

(b) The increase primarily relates to the insourcing of the manufacturing of Wish-Bone into our St. Elmo, Illinois location.

(c) Consists primarily of investment in new Birds-Eye stand-up packaging, higher product obsolescence, and the unfavorable impact of currency.

Marketing and selling expenses

Marketing and selling expenses were \$173.8 million, or 7.7% of net sales, for the nine months ended September 25, 2016, compared to \$136.9 million, or 7.1% of net sales, for the comparable prior year period. The increase primarily reflected the impact of the Boulder acquisition and an increase in marketing investment, including new product introductions.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses were \$126.0 million, or 5.6% of net sales, for the nine months ended September 25, 2016, compared to \$81.9 million, or 4.2% of net sales, for the comparable prior year period. The increase was primarily driven by the addition of Boulder, which included \$17.3 million of restructuring costs in the current period.

Research and development expenses:

Research and development expenses were \$13.8 million, or 0.6% of net sales, for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 compared to \$9.9 million, or 0.5% of net sales, for the comparable prior year period. The increase primarily reflected higher expenses as a result of the Boulder acquisition and innovation related expenses.

Other income and expense

	Nine months ended		
	Septembarp25mber 27		
	2016	2015	
Other expense (income), net consists of:			
Amortization of intangibles/other assets	\$12.7	\$ 10.2	
Foreign exchange losses	(1.0)	3.7	
Boulder acquisition costs	6.8		
Royalty income and other	(1.2)	(0.9)	
Total other expense (income), net	\$17.2	\$ 12.9	

Foreign exchange losses. Represents foreign exchange losses from intra-entity loans resulting from the Garden Protein acquisition that are anticipated to be settled in the foreseeable future.

Tradename impairment charges

In the third quarter of 2016, the Company recorded tradename impairments of \$7.3 million on Celeste, \$3.0 million on Aunt Jemima and \$0.9 million on Snyder of Berlin. See Note 9 for further details.

Earnings before interest and taxes

Earnings before interest and taxes for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 increased \$30.3 million, or 11.0%, versus year-ago to \$306.3 million, primarily resulting from increased gross profit, partially offset by the impact of items affecting comparability, most notably acquisition related expenses and tradename impairment charges, and higher marketing and selling and administrative expenses due to the consolidation of the Boulder acquisition. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes increased \$65.7 million to \$356.1 million, or 22.6%.

Birds Eye Frozen Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 were \$156.2 million, an increase of \$23.0 million, or 17.3%, as compared to the year-ago period largely reflecting increased gross profit driven by the benefit of net sales growth and productivity savings, partially offset by input cost inflation. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes increased \$23.2 million to \$163.8 million, or 16.5%.

Duncan Hines Grocery Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 were \$143.0 million, an increase of \$4.5 million, or 3.3%, as compared to the year-ago period, largely reflecting lower volume, higher new product introductory expenses, higher depreciation expenses and input cost inflation, partially offset by productivity savings and the impact of items affecting comparability. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes declined \$6.2 million to \$139.2 million, or 4.2%.

Boulder Brands Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes was \$11.9 million, reflecting significant acquisition related expenses. Excluding items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes for the Boulder Brands segment totaled \$50.8 million.

Specialty Foods Segment:

Earnings before interest and taxes for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 were \$19.6 million, a decline of \$3.5 million, or 15.2%, versus year-ago largely reflecting the decline in net sales and unfavorable product mix. Excluding

items affecting comparability, Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes decreased \$3.3 million to \$19.9 million or 14.3%.

Unallocated corporate expense:

Unallocated corporate expense for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 was \$24.3 million, as compared to \$18.7 million in the year ago period. The increase primarily reflected the impact of the Boulder acquisition costs partially offset by lower equity based compensation expense driven by the change in CEO.

Interest expense, net

Net interest expense increased 56.9%, or \$37.5 million, to \$103.5 million in the nine months ended September 25, 2016 from \$66.0 million in the nine months ended September 27, 2015. The increase was largely driven by additional debt issued to finance the Boulder acquisition and, to a lesser extent, the impact of higher interest expense for floating rate debt. Also impacting the comparison were \$0.6 million of charges associated with the re-pricing of Term Loan I during the period and higher interest rate swap losses described below.

We utilize interest rate swap agreements to reduce the potential exposure to interest rate movements and to achieve a desired proportion of variable versus fixed rate debt. Any gains or losses realized on the interest rate swap agreements, excluding the AOCL portion, are recorded as an adjustment to interest expense. Included in net interest expense was \$6.3 million and \$2.5 million for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015, respectively, recorded from losses on interest rate swap agreements.

Provision for income taxes

The effective tax rate was 39.4% for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 compared to 36.6% for the nine months ended September 27, 2015.

In connection with our acquisition of Boulder, our effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 increased by 3.7% due to the tax effect of certain non-deductible acquisition costs and compensation payments, a charge for an increase in our non-current state deferred income tax liability balance and a charge related to the tax effect of foreign operations, principally attributable to a valuation allowance on our foreign tax credit carryforward. Our income tax rate for the nine months September 27, 2015 reflects a deferred tax benefit of 0.9% for changes related to our state tax profile.

The Company is a loss corporation as defined by Section 382 of the Code. Section 382 places an annual limitation on our ability to use our NOL carryovers and other attributes to reduce future taxable income. As of September 26, 2016, we have NOL carryovers of \$439.4 million subject to an annual limitation of \$17.1 million. As a result, \$237.2 million of the carryovers exceed the estimated available Section 382 limitation. The Company has reduced its deferred tax assets for this limitation.

On January 15, 2016 we acquired Boulder which is a loss corporation. As of the acquisition date, Boulder had approximately \$50.8 million of federal NOL carryovers subject to the Section 382 provisions. The annual limitation is approximately \$26.5 million subject to increase for recognized built in gains during the recognition period. Based on our analysis, we anticipate we will be able to utilize the acquired NOL balance in our 2016 tax year without limitation. We have significant tax-deductible intangible asset amortization and federal and state NOLs, which resulted in minimal federal and state cash taxes through 2015. We expect continued amortization and utilization of our NOLs will generate modest annual cash tax savings in 2016 and thereafter.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Historical

Our cash flows are seasonal. Typically we are a net user of cash in the third quarter of the calendar year (i.e., the quarter ending in September) and a net generator of cash over the balance of the year.

Our principal liquidity requirements have been, and we expect will be, for working capital and general corporate purposes, including capital expenditures, debt service and our quarterly dividend program. Currently, the quarterly payment is \$0.285 per share, or approximately \$34 million per quarter. Capital expenditures are expected to be approximately \$110 to \$120 million in 2016, including Boulder. We have historically satisfied our liquidity

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requirements with internally generated cash flows and availability under our revolving credit facility. We expect that our ability to generate cash from our operations and ability to borrow from our credit facilities should be sufficient to support working capital needs, planned growth, capital expenditures, debt service and dividends for the next 12 months and for the foreseeable future. We have cash in foreign accounts, primarily related to the operations of our Canadian businesses. Tax liabilities related to bringing these funds back into the United States would not be significant and have been accrued.

Statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 compared to the nine months ended September 27, 2015 For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, net cash flow decreased \$15.6 million compared to an increase in net cash flow of \$34.5 million for the nine months ended September 27, 2015.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$239.9 million for the nine months ended September 25, 2016, and was the result of net earnings, excluding non-cash charges and credits, of \$237.3 million and an increase in working capital of \$2.6 million. The increase in working capital was primarily the result of a \$40.7 million increase in accounts receivable primarily due to an increase in days sales outstanding, a \$31.9 million increase in inventories during the harvest season and a \$1.7 million decrease in accrued trade marketing expense. These were partially offset by a \$31.6 million increase in accounts payable resulting from seasonality and timing of disbursements, a \$29.8 million increase in accrued liabilities, primarily attributable to higher interest and restructuring accruals and a \$15.6 million decrease in other current assets primarily from lower prepaid tax balances.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$210.8 million for the nine months ended September 27, 2015, and was the result of net earnings, excluding non-cash charges and credits, of \$270.4 million and an increase in working capital of \$59.5 million. The increase in working capital was primarily the result of a \$90.3 million increase in inventories resulting from favorable agricultural crop yields and innovation related inventory build, and a \$19.4 million increase in accounts receivable driven by the timing of sales. The aging profile of accounts receivable has not changed significantly from December 2014. This was partially offset by a \$32.7 million increase in accounts payable resulting from seasonal timing, a \$14.2 million increase in accrued liabilities, primarily attributable to consumer coupons and higher interest accruals and a \$2.3 million decrease in accrued trade marketing expense. All other working capital accounts generated a net \$0.9 million cash inflow.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$1,062.0 million, for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 and included \$985.4 million for the acquisition of Boulder as well as \$76.6 million for capital expenditures.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$82.9 million, for the nine months ended September 27, 2015 and included \$84.7 million for capital expenditures as well as \$1.1 million of cash inflows from a Garden Protein acquisition post closing working capital adjustment. Capital expenditures during the first nine months of 2015 included approximately \$21.8 million of costs related to our acquisition integration projects. Investing activities also included \$0.7 million of proceeds from the sale of assets.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 25, 2016 was \$806.2 million and consisted of \$547.3 million of net proceeds from our new Tranche I Term Loans, \$350.0 million from our notes offering and \$34.6 million of net cash inflows related to our equity based compensation plans which were partially offset by \$89.3 million of dividends paid, \$22.6 million of debt acquisition costs, \$10.1 million of debt repayments, \$3.7 million of net cash outflows for capital leases and notes payable activity.

Net cash used by financing activities for the nine months ended September 27, 2015 was \$92.6 million and consisted of \$82.1 million of dividends paid, \$6.6 million of debt repayments and \$3.9 million of net capital leases and notes payable activity.

Debt

For more information on our debt, see Note 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements "Debt and Interest Expense".

Covenant Compliance

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The following is a discussion of the financial covenants contained in our debt agreements. See section below for detailed calculation.

Amended Credit Agreement

Our Amended Credit Agreement contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to:

incur additional indebtedness and make guarantees;

create liens on assets;

engage in mergers or consolidations;

sell assets; pay dividends and distributions or repurchase our capital stock; make investments, loans and advances, including acquisitions; and engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

The Amended Credit Agreement also contains certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default.

5.875% Senior Notes and 4.875% Senior Notes

In April 2013, we issued the 4.875% Senior Notes. In January 2016, we issued the 5.875% Senior Notes. We refer to the 4.875% Notes and the 5.875% Notes as the "Senior Notes". The Senior Notes are general senior unsecured obligations, effectively subordinated to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness, and guaranteed on a full, unconditional, joint and several basis by the Company and Pinnacle Foods Finance's wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries that guarantee our other indebtedness. The indentures governing the Senior Notes limits our (and our restricted subsidiaries') ability to, subject to certain exceptions:

incur additional debt or issue certain preferred shares;

pay dividends on or make other distributions in respect of our capital stock or make other restricted payments;

make certain investments;

sell certain assets;

create liens on certain assets to secure debt;

consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets;

enter into certain transactions with our affiliates; and

designate our subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries.

Subject to certain exceptions, the indenture governing the Senior Notes permits us and our restricted subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness, including secured indebtedness.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Pinnacle uses the following non-GAAP financial measures as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in its financial communications. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered as supplements to the GAAP reported measures, should not be considered replacements for, or superior to, the GAAP measures and may not be comparable to similarly named measures used by other companies.

Adjusted gross profit

Adjusted gross profit as a % of sales
Adjusted EBITDA
Adjusted Earnings before Interest and Taxes (Adjusted EBIT)
Covenant Compliance EBITDA

Adjusted gross profit

Pinnacle defines Adjusted gross profit as gross profit before accelerated depreciation related to restructuring activities, certain non-cash items, acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges and other adjustments. The Company believes that the presentation of Adjusted gross profit is useful to investors in the evaluation of the operating performance of companies in similar industries. The Company believes this measure is useful to investors because it increases transparency and assists investors in understanding the underlying performance of the Company and in the analysis of ongoing operating trends. In addition, Adjusted gross profit is one of the components used to evaluate the performance of Company's management. Such targets include, but are not limited to, measurement of sales efficiency,

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productivity measures and recognition of acquisition synergies.

Adjusted EBITDA

Pinnacle defines Adjusted EBITDA as earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), further adjusted to exclude certain non-cash items, non-recurring items and certain other adjustment items permitted in calculating Covenant Compliance EBITDA under the Senior Secured Credit Facility and the indentures governing the Senior Notes. Adjusted EBITDA does not include adjustments for equity-based compensation and certain other adjustments related to acquisitions, both of which are permitted in calculating Covenant Compliance EBITDA.

Management uses Adjusted EBITDA as a key metric in the evaluation of underlying Company performance, in making financial, operating and planning decisions and, in part, in the determination of cash bonuses for its executive officers and employees. The Company believes this measure is useful to investors because it increases transparency and assists investors in understanding the underlying performance of the Company and in the analysis of ongoing operating trends. Additionally, Pinnacle believes the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA provides investors with useful information, as it is an important component in determining our ability to service debt and meet any payment obligations. In addition, Pinnacle believes that Adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by analysts, investors and other interested parties in their evaluation of companies, many of which present an Adjusted EBITDA measure when reporting their results. The Company has historically reported Adjusted EBITDA to analysts and investors and believes that its continued inclusion provides consistency in financial reporting and enables analysts and investors to perform meaningful comparisons of past, present and future operating results.

Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to operating or net earnings (loss), determined in accordance with GAAP, as an indicator of the Company's operating performance, as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities, determined in accordance with GAAP, as an indicator of cash flows, or as a measure of liquidity.

Adjusted Earnings before Interest and Taxes (Adjusted EBIT)

Adjusted earnings before interest and taxes is provided because Pinnacle believes it is useful information in understanding our EBIT results by improving the comparability of year-to-year results. Additionally, Adjusted EBIT provides transparent and useful information to management, investors, analysts and other parties in evaluating and assessing the Company and its segments, primary operating results from period to period after removing the impact of unusual, non-operational or restructuring-related activities that affect comparability. Adjusted EBIT is one of the measures management uses for planning and budgeting, monitoring and evaluating financial and operating results and in the analysis of ongoing operating trends.

Covenant Compliance EBITDA

Covenant Compliance EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization, further adjusted to exclude non-cash items, extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring items and other adjustment items permitted in calculating Covenant Compliance EBITDA under the Amended Credit Agreement and the indenture governing the Senior Notes. We believe that the inclusion of supplementary adjustments to EBITDA applied in presenting Covenant Compliance EBITDA is appropriate to provide additional information to investors to demonstrate compliance with our financial covenants.

EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Covenant Compliance EBITDA do not represent net earnings or (loss) or cash flow from operations as those terms are defined by GAAP and do not necessarily indicate whether cash flows will be sufficient to fund cash needs. In particular, the definitions of Covenant Compliance EBITDA in the Senior Secured Credit Facility and the indentures allow Pinnacle to add back certain non-cash, extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring charges that are deducted in calculating net earnings or loss. However, these are expenses that may recur, vary greatly and are difficult to predict. While EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Covenant Compliance EBITDA and similar measures are frequently used as measures of operations and the ability to meet debt service requirements, they are not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to the potential inconsistencies in the method of calculation.

Pursuant to the terms of the Amended Credit Agreement, Pinnacle Foods Finance is required to maintain a ratio of Net First Lien Secured Debt to Covenant Compliance EBITDA of no greater than 5.75 to 1.00. Net First Lien Secured Debt is defined as Pinnacle Foods Finance's aggregate consolidated secured indebtedness secured on a first lien basis, less the aggregate amount of all unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

In addition, under the Amended Credit Agreement and the indenture governing the Senior Notes, our ability to engage in activities such as incurring additional indebtedness, making investments and paying dividends is tied to the Senior Secured Leverage Ratio (which is currently the same as the ratio of Net First Lien Secured Debt to Covenant

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Compliance EBITDA described above), in the case of the Amended Credit Agreement, or to the ratio of Covenant Compliance EBITDA to fixed charges for the most recently concluded four consecutive fiscal quarters, in the case of the Senior Notes. We believe that these covenants are material terms of these agreements and that information about the covenants is material to an investor's understanding our financial performance. As of September 25, 2016, we were in compliance with all covenants and other obligations under the Amended Credit Agreement and the indentures governing the Senior Notes.

Our ability to meet the covenants specified above in future periods will depend on events beyond our control, and we cannot assure you that we will meet those ratios. A breach of any of these covenants in the future could result in a default under, or an inability to undertake certain activities in compliance with, the Amended Credit Agreement and the indentures governing the Senior Notes, at which time the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement to be immediately due and payable. Any such acceleration would also result in a default under the indentures governing the Senior Notes.

The following table provides a reconciliation from our net earnings to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Covenant Compliance EBITDA for the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015, and the fiscal year ended December 27, 2015. The terms and related calculations are defined in the Amended Credit Agreement and the indentures governing the Senior Notes.

(thousands of dollars)	Three months ended		Nine months ended		Fiscal Year Ended
	September	Steptember 2	7,Septembe	rSEptember 2	7,December 27,
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2015
Net earnings	\$52,353	\$ 48,098	\$122,973	\$ 133,313	\$ 212,508
Interest expense, net	36,446	22,308	103,470	65,958	88,315
Income tax expense	29,469	27,387	79,892	76,806	123,879
Depreciation and amortization expense	27,077	24,263	78,749	67,420	89,660
EBITDA	\$145,345	\$ 122,056	\$385,084	\$ 343,497	\$ 514,362
Non-cash items (a)	9,732	6,494	11,338	5,029	4,315
Acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges (b)	6,568	2,578	38,455	8,235	12,926
Adjusted EBITDA	\$161,645	\$ 131,128	\$434,877	\$ 356,761	\$ 531,603
Wish-Bone, Garden Protein and Boulder acquisition adjustments (1)	(3,929)	20,134	24,126	37,855	60,533
Non-cash equity-based compensation charges (2) Covenant Compliance EBITDA Last twelve months Covenant Compliance EBITDA	4,252 \$161,968	3,427 \$ 154,689	9,383 \$468,386 \$669,539	9,922 \$ 404,538	13,555 \$ 605,691

For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and fiscal 2015, represents proforma additional EBITDA from Boulder for the period prior to the acquisition and net cost savings projected to be realized from acquisition synergies from the Boulder, Garden Protein and Wish-Bone acquisitions, calculated consistent with the definition

- (1) synergies from the Bounder, Garden Frotein and Wish-Bone acquisitions, calculated consistent with the definition of Covenant Compliance EBITDA. For the three and nine months ended September 27, 2015, represents the net cost savings projected to be realized from acquisition synergies from both the Garden Protein and Wish-Bone acquisitions, calculated consistent with the definition of Covenant Compliance EBITDA. Represents non-cash compensation charges related to the granting of equity awards that occur in the normal course
- (2) of business. Awards that were issued as a result of the termination of the Hillshire merger agreement are being treated as an adjustment in the determination of Adjusted EBITDA. See Non-cash items below for details.
- (a)Non-cash items are comprised of the following:

(thousands of dollars)	Three months ended		Nine mor	ths ended	Fiscal Year Ended	
	Septemb	e S25 tember 2	7,Septembe	erSEptember	r 27December 27	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2015	
Unrealized (gains) losses resulting from hedging activities (1)	\$(1,724)	\$ 4,392	\$(9,217)	\$ (218) \$ (1,983)
Effects of adjustments related to the application of purchase accounting (2)	—	—	10,382	—	—	
Tradename impairment charges (3)	11,200		11,200			
Non-cash compensation charges (4)	—		—	1,567	1,567	
Foreign exchange (gains) losses (5)	256	2,102	(1,027)	3,680	4,731	
Total non-cash items	\$9,732	\$ 6,494	\$11,338	\$ 5,029	\$ 4,315	

⁽¹⁾Represents non-cash gains resulting from mark-to-market adjustments of obligations under derivative contracts.

(2) For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents expense related to the write-up to fair market value of inventories acquired as a result of the Boulder acquisition.

- (3) For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents tradename impairment on Celeste (\$7.3 million), Aunt Jemima (\$3.0 million) and Snyder of Berlin (\$0.9 million).
- (4) For the nine months ended September 27, 2015 and fiscal 2015, represents non-cash employee incentives and retention charges resulting from the termination of the Hillshire merger agreement.

(5) Represents foreign exchange (gains) losses resulting from intra-entity loans that are anticipated to be settled in the foreseeable future.

(b) Acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges are comprised of the following:

(thousands of dollars)	Three	months ended	Fiscal Year Ended		
	Septen	nbæplomber 2	27\$eptemb	eseptember 2	27December 27,
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2015
Expenses in connection with an acquisition or other non-recurring merger costs (1)	\$—	\$ —	\$6,781	\$ 1,128	\$ 2,735
Restructuring charges, integration costs and other business optimization expenses (2)	6,568	2,353	31,674	6,882	9,504
Employee severance (3) Total acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges	 \$6,568	225 \$ \$ 2,578	 \$38,455	225 \$ 8,235	687 \$ 12,926

For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents Boulder acquisition costs. For the nine months ended September 27, 2015, represents expenses related to the secondary offerings of common stock. For

(1) fiscal 2015, represents Boulder acquisition costs and expenses related to the secondary offerings of common stock.

For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, primarily represents restructuring charges and (2) integration costs of the Boulder and Garden Protein acquisitions. For the three and nine months September 27,

2015 and fiscal 2015, primarily represents integration costs of the Garden Protein and Wish-Bone acquisitions.

(3)Represents severance costs not related to business acquisitions paid, or to be paid, to terminated employees.

Our covenant requirements and actual ratios for the twelve months ended September 25, 2016 are as follows:

	Covenant Requirement	Actual Ratio
Amended Credit Agreement		
Net First Lien Leverage Ratio (1)	5.75 to 1.00	3.49
Total Leverage Ratio (2)	Not applicabl	e4.55
Senior Notes (3)		
Minimum Covenant Compliance EBITDA to fixed charges ratio required to incur	2.00 to 1.00	5 71
additional debt pursuant to ratio provisions (4)	2.00 to 1.00	5.71

Pursuant to the terms of the Amended Credit Agreement, Pinnacle Foods Finance is required to maintain a ratio of (1) (1) Net First Lien Secured Debt to Covenant Compliance EBITDA of no greater than 5.75 to 1.00. Net First Lien Secured Debt is defined as Pinnacle Foods Finance's aggregate consolidated secured indebtedness secured on a

⁽¹⁾Secured Debt is defined as Pinnacle Foods Finance's aggregate consolidated secured indebtedness secured on a first lien priority basis, less the aggregate amount of all unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

The Total Leverage Ratio is not a financial covenant but is used to determine the applicable margin rate under the Amended Credit Agreement. As of September 25, 2016, our total net leverage ratio was greater

(2) than 4.25:1.0, which results in an additional 25 basis point margin on existing Term Loans G and H under the Amended Credit Agreement. The Total Leverage Ratio is calculated by dividing consolidated total debt less the aggregate amount of all unrestricted cash and cash equivalents by Covenant Compliance EBITDA.

(3)

Our ability to incur additional debt and make certain restricted payments under the indentures governing the Senior Notes, subject to specified exceptions, is tied to a Covenant Compliance EBITDA to fixed charges ratio of at least 2.00 to 1.00.

Fixed charges is defined in the indenture governing the Senior Notes as (i) consolidated interest expense (excluding (4)specified items) plus consolidated capitalized interest less consolidated interest income, plus (ii) cash dividends and distributions paid on preferred stock or disqualified stock.

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures (Unaudited) Adjusted gross profit and Adjusted gross profit as a % of sales (thousands)

	Three mont	hs ended	Nine month	Fiscal Year Ended	
	September	25September 27	7, September	2 5 September 27	, December 27,
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2015
Gross profit	\$228,704	\$176,855	\$648,463	\$517,681	\$740,506
Accelerated depreciation expense (a)		1,131		1,131	1,131
Non-cash items (b)	(1,724)	4,392	1,165	736	(1,029)
Acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges (c)	2,102	2,011	3,711	6,307	9,217
Adjusted gross profit	\$229,082	\$ 184,389	\$653,339	\$ 525,855	\$749,825
Adjusted gross profit as a % of sales	30.2 %	5 29.0 %	28.8 %	27.2 %	28.2 %

(a)Reflects accelerated depreciation related to in-sourcing of Wish-Bone production.

(b)Non-cash items are comprised of the following:

(thousands of dollars)	Three months ended	Nine months ended	Fiscal Year Ended
	1 1 ·	27\$eptembes25tember	
Unrealized gains resulting from hedging activities (1)	2016 2015 \$(1,724) \$ 4,392	2016 2015 \$(9,217) \$ (218	2015) \$ (1,983)
Effects of adjustments related to the application of purchase accounting (2)	— — —	10,382 —	
Non-cash compensation charges (3) Non-cash items	 \$(1,724) \$ 4,392	— 954 \$1,165 \$ 736	954 \$ (1,029)
Non-cash noms	$\varphi(1, 12+) = 4,392$	\$1,105 \$ 750	φ(1,029)

⁽¹⁾Represents non-cash gains and losses resulting from mark-to-market obligations under derivative contracts.

(c) Acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges are comprised of the following:

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	(thousands of dollars)	Three months ended Nine months ender		onths ended	Fiscal Year		
	(unousands of domais)	Three months ended Tyme months ended				Ended	
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		2016	2015	2016	2015	2015	
	Expenses in connection with an acquisition or other non-recurring merger costs (1)	\$—	\$ —	\$—	\$ 130	\$ 130	
other non-recurring merger costs (1)	other non-recurring merger costs (1)	2,102	2,011	\$3,711	\$ 6,177	8,625	

⁽²⁾ For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents expense related to the write-up to fair market value of inventories acquired as a result of the Boulder acquisition.

⁽³⁾ Represents non-cash employee incentives and retention charges resulting from the termination of the Hillshire merger agreement

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Restructuring charges, integration costs and other business			
optimization expenses (2)			
Employee severance and recruiting (3)			462
Total acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges	\$2,102 \$ 2,011	\$3,711 \$ 6,307	\$ 9,217

For the nine months ended September 27, 2015 and for fiscal 2015, represents expenses incurred related to the terminated agreement with Hillshire.

For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, primarily represents integration costs of the Garden (2)Protein and Boulder acquisition. For the nine months ended September 27, 2015 and for fiscal 2015, primarily represents integration costs of the Garden Protein and Wish-Bone acquisitions.

(3) Represents severance costs paid or accrued to terminated employees.

Pinnacle Foods Inc. and Subsidiaries Reconciliation of Non-GAAP measures (Unaudited) Adjusted EBIT (1) (thousands)

		nths ended 25 Steptember 27 2015	Nine mont September 2016	hs ended • Steptember 27, 2015
Net earnings attributable to Pinnacle Foods Inc. and Subsidiaries common stockholders (as reported)	\$52,353	\$ 48,098	\$122,973	\$ 133,313
Interest expense, net	36,446	22,308	103,470	65,958
Provision for income taxes	29,469	27,387	79,892	76,806
Net loss attributable to non-controlling interest			_	_
Earnings before interest and taxes (as reported)	118,268	97,793	306,335	276,077
Accelerated depreciation expense (2)		1,131	—	1,131
Non-cash items				
Unrealized (gains)/losses resulting from hedging (3)	(1,724)	4,392	(9,217)	(218)
Purchase accounting adjustments (4)			10,382	—
Tradename impairment charges (5)	11,200		11,200	—
Non-cash compensation charges (6)			—	1,567
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses (7)	256	2,102	(1,027)	3,680
Acquisition, merger and other restructuring charges				
Acquisition or other non recurring expenses (8)			6,781	1,128
Restructuring and integration costs (9)	6,568	2,353	31,674	6,882
Employee severance (10)		225	_	225
Adjusted EBIT	\$134,568	\$ 107,996	\$356,128	\$ 290,472

(1) Excludes Boulder, Wish-Bone and Gardein anticipated synergies which are included in calculating Covenant compliance.

(2)Reflects accelerated depreciation related to in-sourcing of Wish-Bone production.

(3) Represents non-cash gains and losses resulting from mark-to-market obligations under derivative contracts.

For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents expense related to the write-up to fair value of (4) inventories acquired as a result of the Boulder acquisition.

- For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents tradename impairment on Celeste (5) (\$7.3 million), Aunt Jemima (\$3.0 million) and Snyder of Berlin (\$0.9 million).
- (6) For the nine months ended September 27, 2015, represents non-cash employee incentives and retention charges resulting from the termination of the Hillshire merger agreement.
- (7) Represents foreign exchange (gains) losses resulting from intra-entity loans that are anticipated to be settled in the foreseeable future.
- (8) For the nine months ended September 25, 2016, represents Boulder acquisition costs. For the nine months ended September 27, 2015, represents expenses related to the secondary offerings of common stock.
- For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016, primarily represents restructuring charges and
- (9) integration costs of the Boulder and Garden Protein acquisitions. For the three and nine months September 27, 2015, primarily represents integration costs of the Garden Protein and Wish-Bone acquisitions.
- (10) Represents severance costs not related to business acquisitions paid, or to be paid, to terminated employees.

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Reconciliation from Reported to Adjusted Segment Amounts (unaudited) For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015 (thousands)

(mousands)			Nine months ended September September	
	25, 2016	27, 2015	25, 2016	27, 2015
Earnings before interest & taxes - Reported				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$54,188	\$51,953	\$156,223	\$133,208
Duncan Hines Grocery	48,127	44,223	142,987	138,471
Boulder Brands	16,082		11,884	
Specialty Foods	6,322	7,788	19,575	23,087
Unallocated corporate expenses			,	(18,689)
Total	\$118,268	\$97,793	\$306,335	\$276,077
Adjustments (Non GAAP - See separate table)				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$10,832	\$5,350	\$7,536	\$7,305
Duncan Hines Grocery		4,529		6,919
Boulder Brands	5,250		38,867	
Specialty Foods	812	324	368	171
Unallocated corporate expenses	—		6,782	
Total	\$16,300	\$10,203	\$49,793	\$14,395
Earnings before interest & taxes - Adjusted (Non GAAP - See separate discussion and tables)				
Birds Eye Frozen	\$65,020	\$57,303	\$163,759	\$140,513
Duncan Hines Grocery	47,533	48,752	139,227	145,390
Boulder Brands	21,332		50,751	
Specialty Foods	7,134	8,112	19,943	23,258
Unallocated corporate expenses	(6,451)	(6,171)	(17,552)	(18,689)
Total	\$134,568	\$107,996	\$356,128	\$290,472

Pinnacle Foods Inc. Reconciliation from Reported to Adjusted Segment Amounts Supplemental Schedule of Adjustments Detail (unaudited) For the three and nine months ended September 25, 2016 and September 27, 2015 (millions)

	Adjustments to Earnings BeforeInterest and TaxesThree monthsNine monthsendedendedSeptemberSeptember25,27, 201520162016
Birds Eye Frozen Restructuring and acquisition integration charges Gardein acquisition related charges Employee severance Unrealized mark-to-market (gain)/loss Hillshire merger termination-related employee compensation expense Tradename impairment charges Other Total Birds Eye Frozen	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Duncan Hines Grocery Restructuring and acquisition integration charges Employee severance Unrealized mark-to-market (gain)/loss Hillshire merger termination-related employee compensation expense Other Total Duncan Hines Grocery	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Boulder Brands Restructuring and acquisition integration charges Expense related to the write-up to fair market value of inventories acquired Unrealized mark-to-market (gain)/loss Total Boulder Brands	5.5 $ 528.7$ $-- 10.4 -(0.2)$ $ (0.2)$ -5.3 $ 38.9$ $-$
Specialty Foods Unrealized mark-to-market (gain)/loss Hillshire merger termination-related employee compensation expense Tradename impairment charges Total Specialty Foods	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Unallocated Corporate Expenses Boulder acquisition related charges Total Unallocated Corporate Expenses	\$

Contractual Commitments

Our contractual commitments consist mainly of payments related to long-term debt and related interest, operating and capital lease payments, certain take-or-pay arrangements entered into as part of the normal course of business and pension obligations. Refer to the "Contractual Commitments" section of the Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 25, 2016, as well as the same section in our Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on April 28, 2016, for details on our contractual obligations and commitments.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 25, 2016, we did not have any off-balance sheet obligations.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

We have disclosed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2016, those accounting policies that we consider to be significant in determining our results of operations and financial condition. Other than the below disclosure, there have been no material changes to those policies that we consider to be significant since the filing of the 10-K. We believe that the accounting principles utilized in preparing our unaudited consolidated financial statements conform in all material respects to GAAP.

Revenue recognition

Through the first six months of 2016, Boulder Brands recognized revenue upon the receipt and acceptance of product by the customer. The earnings process is complete once the customer order has been placed and approved and the product shipped has been received by the customer. For the base Pinnacle business, revenue from product sales is recognized upon shipment to the customers as terms are free on board ("FOB") shipping point, at which point title and risk of loss is transferred. In the third quarter of 2016, the Company aligned Boulder's revenue recognition policy with the base Pinnacle business.

ITEM 3: QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Risk Management Strategy

We are exposed to certain risks arising from both our business operations and economic conditions. We principally manage our exposures to a wide variety of business and operational risks through management of our core business activities. We manage economic risks, including interest rate, liquidity, and credit risk primarily by managing the amount, sources, and duration of our debt funding and the use of derivative financial instruments. The primary risks managed by using derivative instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange risk and commodity price risk. Specifically, we enter into derivative financial instruments to manage exposures that arise from business activities that result in the receipt or payment of future known and uncertain cash amounts, the value of which are determined by interest rates, foreign exchange rates or commodity prices. Please refer to Note 12 of the Consolidated Financial Instruments" for additional details regarding our derivatives and refer to Note 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements "Debt and Interest Expense" for additional details regarding our debt instruments. There were no significant changes in our exposures to market risk since December 27, 2015. See "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" included in our Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2016.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in our reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. Any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 25, 2016. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures are effective at a level of reasonable assurance.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended September 25, 2016 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II

ITEM 1: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

No material legal proceedings are currently pending.

ITEM 1A: RISK FACTORS

Our risk factors are summarized under the "Risk Factors" section of our Form 10-K filed on February 25, 2016. There have been no material changes to our risk factors since the filing of the Form 10-K.

ITEM 2: UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS None

ITEM 3: DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES None

ITEM 4: MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES None

ITEM 5: OTHER INFORMATION

Rule 10b5-1 Plans

Our policy governing transactions in our securities by our directors, officers and employees permits such persons to adopt stock trading plans pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Certain members of management have and may from time to time establish such stock trading plans. We do not undertake any obligation to disclose, or to update or revise any disclosure regarding, any such plans and specifically do not undertake to disclose the adoption, amendment, termination or explanation of any such plans.

ITEM 6: EXHIBITS

See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page hereto, which Exhibit Index is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

PINNACLE FOODS INC.

By: /s/ Craig Steeneck
 Name: Craig Steeneck
 Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer, Principal Accounting Officer and Authorized Officer)
 Date: October 27, 2016

PINNACLE FOODS INC. Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Filed Herewith	Incorporated by Reference from Form	Exhibi	it Filing Date
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Pinnacle Foods Inc.		8-K	3.1	4/3/13
3.2	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Pinnacle Foods Inc.		8-K	3.1	2/16/2016
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate for Common Stock		S-1/A	4.1	3/7/2013
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer	Х			
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Х			
	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C.				
32.1**	Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the	Х			
	Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
32.2**	Certification of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuan to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (A)	t X			
101.1	The following materials are formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings, (iii) the Consolidated Balance Sheets (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (v) the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, and (vii) document and entity information.				

**This certification will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.