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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

Commission File Number 1-10741

PROVENA FOODS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	95-2782215 (I.R.S. employer identification number)
5010 Eucalyptus Avenue, Chino, California (Address of principal executive offices)	91710 (ZIP Code)
(909) 627-1082	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the act:

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Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
COMMON STOCK	AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the act: None	

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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.): Yes No

The aggregate market value of Provena Foods Inc. Common Stock held by non-affiliates as of March 22, 2006 was \$3,958,060.

The number of shares of Provena Foods Inc. Common Stock outstanding on March 22, 2006 was 3,565,820.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in any definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are large accelerated filers, accelerated filers, or a non-accelerated filers. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

(Check one): Large accelerated filers Accelerated filers Non-accelerated filers

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Forward-Looking Statements

The discussions throughout this report contain forward-looking statements which express or imply expectations of future performance, developments or occurrences. There can be no assurance that these expectations will be fulfilled, since actual events may differ materially due to uncertainties relating to the Company's performance, the economy, competition, demand, commodities, credit markets, energy supplies and other factors.

Risk Factors

Among the factors that could materially adversely affect the business, financial condition or results of operations of Provena Foods Inc. (the Company) are the following:

Workers' Compensation Claims. Beginning in 2003, the annual cost of being fully insured against workers' compensation claims became prohibitive. To reduce costs, the Company elected to purchase modified workers' compensation insurance under which the insurance company administers the claims and the Company bears the total cost of the claims. Under the modified insurance, each year the Company records as workers' compensation expense an estimate of the future cost of settling claims for that year. The Company remains at risk that the cost of settlement of all claims for any year in which the Company had modified insurance may materially exceed the Company's estimate. See Workers Compensation below.

Inability to Recover Costs of Sales. The Company operates two food divisions, the Swiss meat division and the Royal pasta division, each of which must maintain a level of sales adequate to absorb the fixed costs of large plant investments. Recently there have been increases in the costs of meat and flour, in production labor costs, in workers' compensation costs, in utilities, and in health insurance costs. Both divisions have experienced material reductions in their gross profits resulting both from their inability to increase their selling prices sufficiently to recover these increased costs and from cost increases outpacing selling price increases. The inability to increase selling prices is caused by customer resistance to price increases and intense competition. Since the products of both divisions are ultimately sold to consumers, the divisions' customers resist price increases which if passed on to consumers would reduce consumption of the ultimate products. Each division has a few large customers which account for a substantial portion of its sales. See Dependency on a Limited Number of Large Customers below. The principal constraint on Swiss's pricing is the resistance of its customers, many of which are pizza chains, to price increases. The principal constraint on Royal is intense competition in an industry with excess capacity which has experienced a decrease in demand. Raising prices to increase gross profits risks losing customers, having sales fall to a level inadequate to absorb fixed costs and failing to make substantial sales at the higher prices.

General

The Company is a California-based specialty food processor engaged in the supply of food products to other food processors, distributors and canners. Its primary products are pepperoni and Italian-style sausage sold to frozen pizza processors, pizza restaurant chains and food distributors and dry pasta sold to food processors and canners, private label producers and food distributors. The Company's products are sold throughout the United States but primarily in the Western United States.

The Company's meat processing business is conducted through the Swiss American Sausage Co. Division (Swiss American or Swiss), and its pasta business is conducted through the Royal-Angelus Macaroni Company Division (Royal-Angelus or Royal). The Company acquired its present businesses between 1972 and 1975. The predecessor of Swiss was founded in 1922 and the two predecessors to Royal, Royal Macaroni Company and Angelus Macaroni Mfg. Co., were founded in 1878 and 1946, respectively. The Company was incorporated in 1972 in California with an initial capitalization of approximately \$12,000.

The Company's competitive strategy is to emphasize providing products of predictable quality and consistency at competitive prices as well as prompt and reliable service. The Company attempts to establish, refine and maintain procedures to assure that the Company's products comply with its customers' specifications and are delivered in a manner that will satisfy their delivery and production requirements.

For financial information about each of the Company's two divisions, see the segment data contained in Note 11 of Notes to Financial Statements.

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Swiss American Sausage Co. Meat Division

During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, sales by Swiss accounted for 85.91% and 87.15%, respectively, of the Company's net sales. Swiss's slightly lower proportion of Company sales in 2005 resulted from sales at Swiss increasing proportionately less than sales at Royal. The Company's processed meat products are sold primarily to pizza restaurant chains, pizza processors and food service distributors. Pizza processors produce prepared pizza which is sold primarily as frozen pizza in food markets. Food service distributors supply food to delicatessens, restaurants and other retail businesses offering prepared food. The Company's meat products are sold nationally, but most of its sales are made to customers located in the Western United States. The Company does not have supply agreements with its major customers, many of whom purchase some of their meat products from other suppliers.

Swiss competes with numerous producers of processed meats, many of which are larger and have greater financial resources than the Company. Swiss's competitors include large national meat packers such as Hormel Foods Corporation, as well as smaller regional meat processors. Pizza processors that manufacture their own meat products diminish the market for Swiss's products. The Company competes in the meat processing business by emphasizing predictable quality and consistency.

The meat processing activities of the Company are conducted at its meat plant in Lathrop, California. The meat plant has an estimated theoretical production capacity of 46,000,000 pounds per year. The Company also owns 2 acres of land adjacent to the plant to ensure a capability of expansion. See **Item 2. Properties**.

The meat processing activities of Swiss are typified by its processing of pepperoni, its principal product, which consists of the following steps: (i) the purchase of beef and pork trimmings with a guaranteed lean content; (ii) the blending of the meat into the Company's meat product while carefully controlling the consistency and content of the product; (iii) the addition of spices and preservatives to the product; (iv) the extrusion of the product into sausage casings; (v) the oven cooking of the product in the casings; and (vi) the drying of the cooked product. Throughout the production process, the Company subjects its meat products to quality control inspection for the purposes of satisfying U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations, meeting customer specifications and assuring a consistent quality of the products to the Company's customers.

In addition to pepperoni and sausage, the Company processes moderate amounts of other meat products, including meatballs, breaded meat patties and crumbles. Crumbles are quick-frozen nuggets of a pre-cooked meat product, such as the sausage on a sausage pizza. The crumbles line extrudes the ground and blended ingredients into nuggets which are cooked and quick-frozen in one continuous operation. Breaded meat patties are produced on a line added in 2002, which forms, breads and cooks the patties.

Royal-Angelus Macaroni Company Pasta Division

During the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, sales by Royal-Angelus accounted for 14.09% and 12.85%, respectively, of the Company's net sales. Royal's higher proportion of Company sales in 2005 resulted from sales at Royal increasing proportionately more than sales at Swiss. The Company sells its pasta products primarily to food processors and canners, private label customers, food service distributors, and specialty food distributors.

Royal's food processor and canner customers use the Company's pasta to produce retail products in which pasta is an ingredient, such as pasta salads, soups and entrees. Royal's private label customers are regional and national food suppliers that sell pasta under their own labels, purchased in bulk from the Company or packaged by the Company. Royal's food service distributor customers supply pasta to restaurants, institutional purchasers, and some retail establishments. The Company also sells its pasta products to government agencies, the military, schools and other pasta manufacturers.

The Company's pasta products are produced at its plant in Chino, California. The plant comprises two leased buildings, one occupied 100% by the Company and a second currently occupied 40% by the Company and subleased 60% to a tenant through March 2007. The pasta plant has a theoretical production capacity estimated at 50,000,000 pounds per year.

In the basic pasta production process, durum semolina flour is mixed with water and the mixture is extruded into one of many shapes, cut to the proper length, dried, packaged and shipped to the Company's customers. If required by the particular variety of pasta, a different flour is used or flour is blended with egg powder, vegetable powder or other ingredients before the water is added. No preservatives are used in making pasta.

Royal-Angelus competes with several national and regional pasta manufacturers, many of which have greater financial resources than the Company. The Company competes in the pasta business by emphasizing predictable quality and consistency and by its capability of producing a larger variety of pastas with shorter lead times and production runs than most of its larger competitors.

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Suppliers

The primary ingredients used by the Company in processed meat products are beef, pork, spices and casings and in pasta products are flour, egg powder and vegetable powder. The ingredients are purchased from suppliers at prevailing market prices. The Company has not recently experienced any shortages in the supply of ingredients and generally expects the ingredients to continue to be available for the foreseeable future.

Patents, Trademarks and Licenses

The Company owns no patents. It owns the United States registered trademarks Royal with the crown design, Vegeeroni and Fortune for use on pasta products and licenses from the Del Monte Company until 2009 the United States registered trademark Capo di Monte for use on meat products. Registrations of the trademarks owned by the Company must be and are renewed from time to time. These trademarks are used primarily on products intended for processors and restaurant chains rather than consumers. No substantial portion of the Company's sales is dependent upon any Company trademark.

Commodity Price Fluctuations and Availability

The Company contracts to sell its products at a fixed price for production and delivery in the future (generally four to six months or less). The Company is, therefore, subject to the risk of price fluctuations with respect to its product ingredients from the time the Company contracts with its customers until the time the Company purchases the commodities used to fill the orders. Prices for meat and flour, the Company's major product ingredients, fluctuate widely based upon supply, market speculation, governmental trade and agricultural policies, and other unpredictable factors.

The Company is able to contract at fixed prices for delivery of domestic beef and pork up to 30 days in advance, imported beef and sometimes pork up to 90 days in advance, and flour up to 90 days or more in advance. The Company generally covers its committed sales by purchasing commodities at fixed prices for future delivery, but is subject to the risk of commodity price fluctuations when it contracts for sales beyond the period it can cover or when it orders commodities in anticipation of sales.

Effects of Inflation

It is the Company's general policy, subject to current competitive conditions, to pass on increases in costs of commodities used in production by increasing prices of the products it sells to its customers. However, because the Company agrees on the price of its products to its customers in advance of purchasing the product ingredients, there may be a delay in passing on increasing commodity costs to customers, temporarily decreasing profit margins. Competitive conditions may limit the Company's ability to pass on commodity price increases to its customers, prolonging or increasing the adverse effect on profit margins.

Marketing and Distribution

The Company's processed meat and pasta products have been marketed primarily by the Company's management personnel, food brokers, and two full-time salaried sales people. Because the Company sells most of its processed meat and pasta products to customers who either further process the products before they reach the consumer or sell the products under private labels, the Company does not advertise its products in a manner designed to reach the ultimate consumer.

Dependency on a Limited Number of Large Customers

A substantial portion of the Company's net sales has in recent years resulted from sales to a few customers. See Note 11 of Notes to Financial Statements. The Company does not enter into continuing sales contracts with its customers, and has different major customers from time to time. The following table shows, by division and for the Company, the percentage of sales represented by the Company's largest customers for the year ended December 31, 2005:

Division	Number of Customers	Division Sales %	Company Sales %
Swiss American	3	53%	46%

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Royal-Angelus	3	27%	4%
Totals	6		50%

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The Company fills orders as they are received from its customers, normally within a few weeks or less, and does not have a meaningful backlog of orders for its products. The Company carries significant inventories of its products for only a few major customers, and does not provide extended payment terms to customers.

Food Industry Risks

The business of the Company is subject to the risks inherent in the food industry, including the risk that a food product or ingredient may be banned or its use limited or declared unhealthful, that product tampering or contamination will require a recall or reduce sales of a product, or that a product's acceptability will diminish because of generally perceived health concerns or changes in consumer tastes.

Employees

As of December 31, 2005, the Company employed 248 full-time employees, 181 in production at Swiss in Lathrop, California, 49 in production at Royal-Angelus in Chino, California, 10 in clerical and office functions, 3 in sales activities, and 5 in management activities.

Swiss's plant employees are represented by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 588, AFL-CIO, CLC under a collective bargaining agreement dated April 1, 2002 which expires April 2, 2006. Royal's plant employees are represented by United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1428, AFL-CIO, CLC under a collective bargaining agreement dated October 2, 2002 which expires September 30, 2006. There has been no significant labor unrest at the division's plants and the Company believes it has a satisfactory relationship with its employees.

Health Benefits

The Company provides health insurance benefits to all of its employees and their dependents. Its union and non-union employees are covered by a union-sponsored health insurance plan.

Workers' Compensation

In 2002, the Company's workers' compensation cost was \$710,277, and the Company was fully insured. Since 2002, the Company has purchased modified workers' compensation insurance because the cost to be fully insured was prohibitive. Under the modified workers' compensation insurance, the insurance company administers the claims for a fee and the Company bears the total costs of settling claims. The administrative fee was \$609,012 for 2003, \$704,460 for 2004 and \$661,948 for 2005 and is \$364,386 for 2006. In addition, the insurance company has required a cash deposit or a letter of credit in the amount of the insurance company's estimate of the costs of settling claims, to ensure the Company's payment of the costs. The amount is adjusted from time to time upward or downward as the estimate changes. The Company has deposited \$864,814, \$588,989 of which has been used to pay costs, for 2003 and has a \$1,100,000 (\$1,217,614 at December 31, 2005) letter of credit and cash deposits totalling \$100,000 for 2004, 2005 and 2006. The Company purchased an insurance policy for \$37,476 covering claims in excess of \$1,171,119 for 2006.

Wells Fargo Bank issued the \$1,100,000 letter of credit and charges 1.5% per annum on the amount of the letter of credit. The Company's workers' compensation expense for each year under the modified insurance is the sum of the administrative fee, the costs of settling claims for the year and an estimate of the future costs of settling claims for the year, adjusted for any increase or decrease in the estimated future costs of settling claims for any prior year, but limited to \$1,171,119 for 2006 under the insurance policy.

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Food products purchased, processed and sold by the Company are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations, including the federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Since January 25, 1999, the Company has complied with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Hazardous and Analysis Critical Control Points Program which enables the Company to self-inspect its meat products and production conditions and techniques. As required by law, U.S. Department of Agriculture employees visit the Company's plant to inspect meat products processed by the Company and to review the Company's compliance with the program. The Company is also subject to various federal, state and local regulations regarding workplace health and safety, environmental protection, equal employment opportunity and other matters. The Company maintains quality control departments at both its Lathrop and Chino facilities for purposes of testing product ingredients and finished products to ensure the production of products of predictable quality and consistency, as well as compliance with applicable regulations and standards.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company's meat processing plant is an approximately 85,000 square foot facility located in Lathrop, California, constructed by the Company in 1999. The estimated theoretical production capacity of the meat plant is 46,000,000 pounds per year. The Company purchased an additional 2 acres of land adjacent to the new plant in 1999 to ensure a capability of expansion.

The Company's pasta production plant, owned by the Company until April 2005 when the Company completed a sale and leaseback of the plant, is an approximately 44,000 square foot facility located in Chino, California, occupied by the Company since 1987 and an adjacent approximately 44,000 square foot building purchased by the Company in 1995 and occupied 40% by the Company and subleased 60% to a cold storage manufacturer through March 2007. The Chino plant has a theoretical production capacity estimated at 50,000,000 pounds annually. See Liquidity and Capital Resources under **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company, from time to time, is involved in routine claims and litigation incidental to its business. Management believes that none will have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition or liquidity.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None

PART II**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

The Company's common stock is traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "PZA". The following table sets forth high and low prices as traded on the American Stock Exchange:

	Quarter of Fiscal Year Ended December 31				
	First	Second	Third	Fourth	
2004	High	\$ 1.53	1.54	1.14	1.45
	Low	1.24	1.15	0.40	1.25
2005	High	0.97	1.32	1.13	1.37
	Low	0.75	0.75	0.62	0.92

The closing price on December 31, 2005 was \$1.01.

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Common Stock

The Company's Articles of Incorporation as amended authorize the Company to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value. The Company is not authorized to issue any class or series of shares except shares of common stock. At December 31, 2005 the Company had issued and outstanding 3,546,345 shares held by approximately 165 shareholders of record. In addition, the Company estimates that there are approximately 450 shareholders holding shares in street or nominee names.

Holders of the Company's common stock are entitled to receive such dividends as may be declared by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefor. The Company commenced paying quarterly cash dividends in March 1988 and paid a dividend every quarter through the second quarter of 2001. A covenant under the Company's credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank currently prohibits dividends without the bank's consent. The declaration and timing of future dividends, if any, will depend on the Company's financial condition and results of operations, the bank's consent and other factors deemed relevant by the Board.

All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable and are not subject to redemption. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record and have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Holders of common stock do not have preemptive rights and have no right to convert their shares into any other security. Upon liquidation of the Company, the holders of common stock would share ratably in all assets of the Company after the payment of all liabilities.

Shareholder communications regarding transfers, changes of address, missing dividends, lost certificates or similar matters should be directed to the Company's transfer agent and registrar, Registrar and Transfer Company, 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016-3572, (800) 368-5948, www.rtc.com.

Common Stock Repurchase and Sales

The Company has had a program since January 11, 1988 authorizing the repurchase of shares of its common stock up to the number of shares issued under the Company's 1988 employee stock purchase plan, but the Company has not repurchased any shares under this program since 1995.

In addition, the Company must accept outstanding shares at fair market value in payment of the exercise price of options under the Company's 1987 Incentive Stock Option Plan. The Company has received no shares in payment of the exercise price of options since 1998.

Under the 1988 employee stock purchase plan, in 2005 employees purchased 104,531 newly issued shares at an average price of \$0.87 per share. Employees have purchased a total of 918,091 shares under the plan through December 31, 2005, at an average price of \$2.24 per share. Under the plan, non-union employees employed at least 6 months, other than officers and directors, may authorize weekly payroll deductions which are matched by the Company and used monthly to purchase shares from the Company at the market price. The weekly payroll deduction is from \$5 to \$50 for each participant. Under the plan, employee contributions plus Company matching funds are used monthly to purchase shares at the market price under the plan and accumulate at a rate of about \$90,000 per year.

See Stock Grant Plan under **Item 11. Executive Compensation** for information on the Company's Stock Grant Plan.

No shares were purchased by exercise of Incentive Stock Options in 2005.

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The selected financial data presented below under the headings **Statement of operations data** and **Balance sheet data** as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2005 is derived from the financial statements of the Company, which financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, through December 31, 2003 and by Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation, independent registered public accounting firm, for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations** and the balance sheets as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the statements of operations, shareholder's equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2005, included in a separate section at the end of this report beginning on Page F-1. Financial reports are the responsibility of management, and are based on corporate records maintained by management, which maintains an internal control system, the sophistication of which is considered in relation to the benefits received.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(Amounts in thousands except per share data)				
Statement of operations data:					
Net Sales	\$ 59,150	51,810	43,188	37,977	36,007
Cost of sales	55,611	49,818	39,348	33,571	33,295
Gross profit	3,539	1,992	3,840	4,406	2,712
Distribution, general and administrative expenses	3,709	3,676	3,463	3,239	2,897
Operating income (loss)	(170)	(1,684)	377	1,167	(185)
Interest income (expense), net	(580)	(564)	(618)	(522)	(690)
Other income, net	42	261	258	266	292
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(708)	(1,987)	17	911	(583)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(256)	(757)	(1)	353	(313)
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (452)	(1,230)	18	558	(270)
Earnings (loss) per share:					
Basic	\$ (.13)	(.38)	.01	.18	(.09)
Diluted	\$ (.13)	(.38)	.01	.18	(.09)
Cash dividends paid per share	\$.06
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (1):					
Basic	3,396	3,262	3,184	3,120	3,064
Diluted	3,396	3,262	3,184	3,120	3,064
Balance sheet data (end of period):					
Working capital (deficit)	\$ 3,392	(7,126)	2,115	253	(491)
Property and equipment (net)	13,027	15,972	16,464	15,587	16,129
Total assets	25,420	26,350	25,187	22,021	22,394
Long-term debt and capital lease obligation, including current portion	6,996	9,089	9,715	6,885	6,850
Shareholders' equity	8,169	8,496	9,613	9,515	8,881

(1) The Company sold shares under its employee stock purchase plan in the years as shown:

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2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
104,531	82,108	62,619	57,571	54,507

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The Company is a specialty food processor operating two well-established divisions, the Swiss meat division and the Royal pasta division. Both divisions have their operations in California. Both operate plants that are capital intensive, requiring heavy investments in property and equipment. Both are in competitive industries, often experiencing long periods of intense competition when their industry develops an over-capacity. Both have many competitors that are larger and have greater financial resources than the Company. Both can be affected by contemporary health considerations, such as mad cow disease and the Atkins diet.

Company sales increased 14% in 2005 from 2004 but the Company suffered a substantial net loss of \$451,881 in 2005 after a material net loss of \$1,229,855 in 2004. The losses resulted from a substantial operating loss at Royal and a low operating profit at Swiss in 2005 and operating losses at both divisions in 2004. Swiss's low operating profit in 2005 and operating loss in 2004 resulted from its inability to increase its selling prices sufficiently to compensate for increased costs, in spite of increasing its average selling prices in 2004 and 2005. Royal has been experiencing a long period of operating losses from intense competition, but its operating loss in 2005 was its smallest annual operating loss in five years. There have been indications that the over-capacity and intense competition in the pasta industry might be diminishing. Contributing to the losses of both divisions is the high level of workers' compensation costs since 2002.

Because of the loss in 2004, Comerica Bank, the Company's primary lender, demanded to be replaced in 2005 and was replaced by Wells Fargo Bank in December 2005. The Company has also sold and leased back its pasta buildings in 2005 in order to increase its liquidity. See Liquidity and Capital Resources and Credit Facility below.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth operating data for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2005		2004		2003	
	(Dollars in thousands)					
Net sales	\$ 59,151	100.0%	\$ 51,810	100.0%	\$ 43,188	100.0%
Cost of sales	55,612	94.0	49,818	96.2	39,348	91.1
Gross profit	3,539	6.0	1,992	3.8	3,840	8.9
Distribution, general and administrative expenses	3,709	6.3	3,676	7.1	3,463	8.0
Operating income (loss)	(170)	(0.3)	(1,684)	(3.3)	377	0.9
Interest expense, net	(580)	(1.0)	(564)	(1.1)	(618)	(1.4)
Other income, net	42	0.1	261	0.5	258	0.6
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(708)	(1.2)	(1,987)	(3.8)	17	0.0
Income tax expense (benefit)	(256)	(0.4)	(757)	(1.5)	(1)	(0.0)
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (452)	(0.8)%	\$ (1,230)	(2.4)%	\$ 18	0.0%

Sales in thousands of pounds by division

Swiss American	26,795	25,798	24,461
Royal-Angelus	14,361	12,634	10,898

Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

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In 2005, Company net sales of \$59,151,000 were up 14% from 2004 sales of \$51,810,000. Both divisions contributed to the increase in sales. The Company recorded a net loss of \$452,000 for 2005 compared to a net loss of \$1,230,000 for 2004. The reduction in the net loss from 2004 to 2005 resulted from Swiss improving from an operating loss to a small operating profit in 2005 and a reduction in Royal's operating loss from 2004 to 2005.

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The meat division's sales were up about 13% in dollars and 4% in pounds and it operated at a \$115,012 profit for 2005 compared to a \$1,120,000 loss for 2004. Swiss's sales for the 4th quarter of 2005 were up 15% in both dollars and pounds from the 4th quarter of 2004. Swiss's sales in dollars and in pounds have increased each year since its meat plant was completed in 1999. Its disappointing profit of \$115,000 in 2005 and material loss of \$1,120,000 in 2004 compared to operating profits of \$680,000 in 2003 and \$1,547,000 in 2002 were caused primarily by increased plant labor, health insurance, utility and meat costs. Swiss's margins increased from 3.6% to 5.5% for the year and from 4.0% to 8.1% for the 4th quarter, primarily due to selling prices starting to catch up to meat costs.

The pasta division's sales increased about 25% in dollars and 14% in pounds and it operated at a \$468,000 loss in 2005 compared to a \$738,000 loss in 2004. The pasta division's sales for the 4th quarter of 2005 were up 11% in dollars and 10% in pounds from the same quarter of 2004. The greater increases in sales in dollars than in pounds reflect the production of a higher proportion of premium packaged goods. Royal's margins for the year and 4th quarter of 2005 were 9.0% and 9.8%, respectively, compared to 5.8% and 15.7% a year ago. Royal margins were up for the year because of an increased proportion of sales of premium packaged products and improved plant utilization on higher sales, but were down slightly for the 4th quarter because the Company made a contribution to the SEP-IRA plan for 2005 but not for 2004. Royal's loss in 2005 was its smallest annual operating loss in 5 years, but its return to profitability is hampered by high plant labor, flour, health insurance, utility and workers' compensation costs. Royal's second long-goods line produces high quality goods faster and more efficiently than Royal's original line and contributed to the improvement of Royal's operating results in 2005.

The Company's gross profit for 2005 was \$3,539,000 or 6.0% of net sales compared to \$1,992,000 or 3.8% of net sales in 2004. Gross profit increased in dollars and as a percent of net sales primarily because of higher selling prices at Swiss without a commensurate increase in ingredient costs. Gross profit increased at both divisions because of Swiss's higher selling prices and because of Royal's increased sales of value-added products and improved plant utilization. Distribution, general and administrative expenses for 2005 were up about 1% from 2004 on a 14% increase in sales. Distribution expenses were down about \$51,000, or 3%, due to lower freight and lower salesman payroll for fewer salesmen, partially offset by higher pension expense reflecting the SEP-IRA contribution made for 2005 but not 2004. General and administrative expenses were up about \$83,000, or 4%, primarily due to increased clerical payroll for an additional person, increased health insurance costs and the SEP-IRA contribution.

Net interest expense increased in 2005 from 2004 because of higher interest rates on the Company's borrowings, partially offset by the repayment of term loans and reduced borrowings under the line of credit. Other income, net, decreased in 2005 from 2004 because of consulting and financing fees relating the refinancing of the Company's credit facility. The income tax benefit decreased because of the smaller loss before income taxes for 2005.

Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

In 2004, Company net sales of \$51,810,000 were up 20% from 2003 sales of \$43,188,000. Both divisions contributed to the increase in sales. The Company recorded a net loss of \$1,230,000 for 2004 compared to net income of \$18,000 for 2003. The net loss resulted from a decline at Swiss from an operating profit to an operating loss and an increased operating loss at Royal, caused by increased costs, primarily meat costs at Swiss.

The meat division's sales were up about 20% in dollars and 5% in pounds and it operated at a \$1,120,000 loss for 2004 compared to a \$680,000 profit for 2003. Swiss's sales for the 4th quarter of 2004 were up 2% in dollars but down 12% in pounds from the 4th quarter of 2003. The percentages in dollars increased despite a smaller increase or a decrease in the percentage in pounds because of higher selling prices reflecting higher meat costs.

Swiss's sales in dollars and in pounds have increased each year since its meat plant was completed in 1999. Its loss in 2004 compared to a profit 2003 was caused primarily by increased plant labor, health insurance, utility and meat costs. Swiss's margins decreased from 8.8% to 3.6% for the year and 7.0% to 4.0% for the 4th quarter. The principal causes of Swiss's decreased margins were increased plant labor, health insurance, utility and meat costs, the continuing high level of workers' compensation cost increase and the inability to increase selling prices to recover the increased costs.

The pasta division's sales increased about 17% in dollars and 16% in pounds and it operated at a \$738,000 loss in 2004 compared to a \$512,000 loss in 2003. The pasta division's sales for the 4th quarter of 2004 were up 27% in dollars and 15% in pounds from the same quarter of 2003. The higher increases in sales in dollars than in pounds reflect the production of a higher proportion of premium packaged goods. Royal's margins for the year and 4th quarter of 2004 were 5.8% and 15.7%, respectively, compared to 9.6% and 12.6% a year ago. Royal margins were down for the year because of increased plant labor, flour, health insurance and utility costs and because of depreciation in 2004 of its second long-goods line acquired in 2003, but

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were up for the 4th quarter because of the elimination of contributions to the SEP-IRA plan for 2004 and improved plant utilization on higher sales. Royal's losses also reflect the increase in Royal's workers' compensation expense of about \$100,000 per year continuing from 2003. Royal's second long-goods line produces high quality goods faster and more efficiently than Royal's original line and should contribute to the improvement of Royal's operating results if Royal can obtain sales that fully utilize the line.

The Company's gross profit for 2004 was \$1,992,000 or 3.8% of net sales compared to \$3,840,000 or 8.9% of net sales in 2003. Gross profit decreased in dollars and as a percent of net sales primarily because of higher production and ingredient costs at Swiss. Gross profit decreased at both divisions, despite increased sales, because of the inability to increase selling prices to recover increasing costs of sales, at Swiss because of customer resistance to price increases and at Royal because of intense competition in an industry with excess capacity experiencing a decrease in demand. Distribution, general and administrative expenses for 2004 were up about 6% from 2003 on a 20% increase in sales. Distribution expenses were up about \$66,000, or 4%, due to increased freight costs at Swiss and an additional sales person at Royal. General and administrative expenses were up about \$147,000 primarily due accrual of a cash bonus under the Company's Stock Grant Plan, fees of an outside consultant required by Comerica Bank and increased bank charges, partially offset by the elimination of the contribution to the SEP-IRA plan.

Net interest expense decreased in 2004 from 2003 because unamortized bond fees were expensed in 2003. Otherwise net interest expense would have increased because of increased bond principal, the equipment loan for the second long-goods line, increased borrowings under the line of credit and higher interest rates. Other income increased slightly in 2004 from 2003 because of increases in waste sales at Swiss and rental income exceeded insurance proceeds received in 2003. The income tax benefit increased because of the loss before income taxes.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has generally satisfied its normal working capital requirements with funds derived from operations and borrowings under a bank line of credit. Comerica Bank provided the Company with a line of credit as part of a credit facility it provided, but because of the loss in 2004, Comerica Bank demanded to be replaced in 2005 and on December 1, 2005 Comerica's credit facility was replaced with a credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank. See Credit Facility below.

The Company purchased a second long-goods line for the pasta plant in 2003 and financed part of the cost on October 28, 2003 by an \$866,750 five-year term equipment loan from General Electric Capital Corporation bearing interest at 3.65% over a Federal Reserve rate - 3.65% + 4.2% = 7.87% at December 31, 2005 - and payable in equal monthly payments of principal plus interest. The second line became operational in the 1st quarter of 2004 and is more modern and expected to produce high quality goods faster and more efficiently than Royal's other line. With the second long-goods line, the plant has adequate production capacity to meet the foreseeable demand for its products. The two pasta buildings provide ample capacity for possible future expansion.

In 1999, the Company completed the construction of a 85,000 square foot meat plant on a 5.3 acre parcel of land in Lathrop, California, and purchased an adjacent 2 acres for possible future expansion, for a total cost of about \$13,225,000. The meat plant has adequate production capacity to meet the foreseeable demand for its products.

Additions to property and equipment were about \$89,000 in 2005 and are expected to be about \$400,000 in 2006.

In 2005, cash decreased about \$118,000. Net cash used by operating activities was about \$39,000 consisting primarily of depreciation and amortization, decreases in inventories, income taxes receivable and deferred tax asset and increases in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred income, partially offset by the net loss, increases in accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets and a decrease in deferred tax liability. The increase in other assets resulted primarily from a deferred tax asset. The deferred income and deferred tax asset resulted from the gain on the sale of the two pasta buildings, which must be amortized over 10 years because a sale and leaseback was involved, but is fully taxable. Accounts receivable increased proportionately less than increased sales and inventories decreased slightly because of improved inventory management. Investing activities provided \$4,475,000 of cash from the sale of the pasta buildings and financing activities used \$4,555,000 of cash for the repayment of debt.

In 2004, cash increased about \$37,000. Net cash used by operating activities was about \$1,847,000 consisting of the net loss, deferred income taxes, increases in accounts receivable, inventories and income taxes receivable, partially offset by

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depreciation and amortization, decreases in prepaid expenses and other assets and an increase in accrued liabilities. Accounts receivable and inventories increased from December 31, 2003 because of increased sales. Investing activities used about \$411,000 for additions to property and equipment, primarily the second long-goods line. Financing activities provided about \$2,296,000, primarily from borrowings under the bank line of credit, reduced by repayments of long-term debt.

No quarterly dividends were paid in 2003, 2004 or 2005. The declaration and timing of future dividends, if any, will depend on the Company's financial condition and results of operations, compliance with the provisions of its loan agreements, cash flow adequate to satisfy the Company's obligations and working capital requirements and other factors deemed relevant by the Board.

The Company adopted an employee stock purchase plan in 1988 to provide employees with the incentive of participation in the performance of the Company and to retain their services. Under the plan, employees other than officers and directors may authorize weekly payroll deductions which are matched by the Company and used monthly to purchase shares from the Company at the market price. The weekly payroll deduction is from \$5 to \$50 for each participant. The matching funds are an expense incurred by the Company, but the plan results in net cash flow to the Company because amounts equal to twice the matching funds are used to purchase shares from the Company. Cash flow to the Company from the plan was \$91,109 in 2005. Under the plan, employee contributions plus Company matching funds are used monthly to purchase shares at the market price under the plan and accumulate at a rate of about \$90,000 per year.

On April 13, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its two pasta buildings for a gross price of \$6,113,776 and the leaseback of the buildings for ten years, with two 5 year options to renew, at \$39,543 per month, increasing annually by 3% compounded. The following table shows the payments due under the ten year lease in the specified periods:

	Year Ending December 31,					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Thereafter
Lease Obligation	\$ 485,190	499,746	514,743	530,184	546,087	2,523,772

The net proceeds from the sale of the two pasta buildings of \$5,554,246 (after applying \$23,726 to pro-rated rent and \$120,000 to a security deposit under the lease) were applied to Comerica Bank's credit facility: \$1,649,316 to retire a real estate and two equipment loans, \$1,217,244 to reduce the balance of the line of credit, \$2,682,785 to deposit with the bank cash collateral to secure liabilities under the credit facility, primarily the Company's liabilities with respect to the outstanding letters of credit and \$4,901 to accrued interest.

The Company believes that improvements in the Company's cash flow and operating results are crucial to the Company's financial stability and is aggressively pursuing these objectives. To improve cash flow, the Company is directing its efforts toward minimizing inventories, accounts receivable and capital expenditures. To improve operating results which also improve cash flow, Swiss has implemented price increases at the risk of losing sales and Royal has pursued both high volume sales to utilize its excess capacity and sales of value-added products to improve its margins. The Company is attempting to minimize the number of its employees in spite of increasing sales and is reducing the number of its workers' compensation claims through injury prevention programs, which should reduce future workers' compensation costs. The Company has made some progress in achieving these goals with the improvement in its operating results from 2004 to 2005.

Credit Facility

On December 1, 2005, the Company obtained a new \$13,439,427 credit facility from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association replacing the Company's Comerica Bank credit facility. The new credit facility generally provided: a line of credit of up to \$6,000,000 and letters of credit of \$6,221,813 to support the Company's \$6,145,000 of outstanding variable rate demand bonds and \$1,217,614 to support the Company's workers compensation insurance reimbursement obligations.

The line of credit has a term ending December 30, 2008 and bears interest at a variable annual rate of 0.5% over the bank's base rate, increasing by 0.5% if the Company's profit for 2006 is less than \$220,000 and increasing by 3% if the Company is in default, with a minimum interest of \$16,000 per month. In addition, there is a 0.25% per annum fee on the unused portion of the maximum amount of the line of credit. The maximum amount of the line of credit is \$5,500,000 (increasing to \$6,000,000 over 10 quarters if a 1.1:1 debt service coverage is maintained), reduced by two cumulative reserves, a real estate reserve of up to \$8,000 per month and a bond letter of credit reserve of up to \$544,000 per year, but limited to 85% of eligible accounts receivable plus 49% of eligible inventories, with limits of \$2,700,000 for inventories, \$1,300,000 for work-in-process inventories and \$150,000 for pasta inventories. At December 31, 2005, the base rate was 7.25%, the Company had \$672,834 of borrowings outstanding under the line of credit and the maximum amount of the line of credit was \$5,118,000, which was within the accounts receivable and inventory limits.

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The \$1,217,614 letter of credit issued to support the Company's workers' compensation insurance reimbursement obligations has been reduced to \$1,100,000, bears a fee of 1.5% per annum of the amount of the letter of credit, and expires 18 months from the date of issuance, but no later than December 30, 2008 (see Workers' Compensation under **Item 1, Business**).

On December 30, 2003, the Company borrowed \$6,300,000 by the issuance of variable rate demand bonds under an indenture initially supported by a \$6,378,750 letter of credit issued by Comerica and currently supported by the \$6,221,813 letter of credit issued by Wells Fargo. The bonds are demand obligations remarketed upon repayment and bear a variable rate of interest payable monthly and set weekly at a market rate 4.41% per annum at December 31, 2005. The Company must make monthly interest payments on the bonds and the following annual principal payments on February 1 of each year: \$170,000 for 2006, \$180,000 for 2007, \$190,000 for 2008, \$205,000 for 2009 and \$220,000 for 2010. The principal payments after the next 5 years are subject to agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo. The Company pays a 1.5% per annum fee on the amount of the letter of credit, increasing to 3.5% if the Company is in default under the credit facility, and fees of the bond indenture trustee estimated at 0.5% of the bond principal per year. Bonds may be issued under the indenture for 30 years. The \$6,221,813 letter of credit expires December 30, 2008 and Wells Fargo is not obligated to renew it. If an agreement to renew a letter of credit is not reached prior to expiration, the Company is obligated to pay all outstanding bonds.

All parts of the credit facility are secured by substantially all of the Company's assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, equipment and fixtures and the Company's meat plant, none of which is otherwise encumbered. In addition, the workers' compensation letter of credit is secured by a cash deposit in the face amount thereof. The credit facility prohibits, without the bank's consent, dividends, mergers, acquisitions, sales of assets, guaranties, lending, borrowing, and granting security interests, and contains financial covenants requiring a minimum tangible net worth of \$7,500,000 through September 30, 2006 and \$7,600,000 thereafter, a maximum cumulative annual net loss of \$200,000 through June 30, 2006 and \$250,000 through December 31, 2006 and debt service coverage ratios not less than 0.15 to 1 for the 2nd quarter of 2006, 0.20 to 1 for the 3rd quarter of 2006, 0.28 to 1 for the 4th quarter of 2006 and 1.00 to 1 for the 1st quarter of 2007. The Company was in compliance with all of the financial covenants at December 31, 2005.

Under the terms of the credit facility, the Company is required to continue to use the business consulting services of Kibel Green Inc., originally engaged at Comerica's request, until the Company has 4 consecutive profitable quarters. Kibel Green received a \$100,795.70 finders fee in connection with the closing of the credit facility. In addition, the Company is paying the bank a \$135,000 origination fee in three annual installments beginning with the closing and a facility fee of \$25,000 per year the 1st and 2nd year after the closing.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Securities and Exchange Commission defines a critical accounting policy as one which is both important to the portrayal of the registrant's financial condition and results of operations and requires management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Critical for the Company are determining the allowance for doubtful accounts, valuing inventory and determining whether there is impairment of long-lived assets.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. The Company sells to its customers on credit and grants credit to those who are deemed credit worthy based on the Company's analysis of their credit history. The Company's standard payment terms are net 30 days. The Company reviews its accounts receivable balances and the collectibility of those balances on a periodic basis. Based on the Company's analysis of the length of time that the balances have been outstanding, the pattern of customer payments, its understanding of the general business conditions of its customers and its communications with its customers, the Company estimates the recoverability of those balances. When recoverability is uncertain and the unrecoverable amounts can be reasonably estimated, the Company records bad debt expense and increases the allowance for doubtful accounts by the amounts estimated to be unrecoverable. If the data the Company uses to assist in the calculation of the allowance for doubtful accounts does not reflect its future ability to collect outstanding receivables, additional provisions for doubtful accounts may be needed and the Company's future results of operations could be materially affected. At December 31, 2005, the Company had no allowance for doubtful accounts based on the factors stated above. Additionally, based on the Company's analysis, there is no indication that a material amount of receivables is uncollectible.

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Inventory. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market, where market is generally the fair value less the cost to sell. The Company reviews the carrying value of its inventory on a periodic basis by determining the market value for the items in inventory and comparing the market value to the carrying value. In instances where the market value is lower than the carrying value, the Company writes down the inventory accordingly. If circumstances change (e.g. unexpected shifts in market demand) there could be a material impact on the net realizable value of the inventory.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, long-lived assets such as property and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated fair value. The Company determines fair value using estimates of undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of would be separately presented in the balance sheet and reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated. The assets and liabilities of a disposed group classified as held for sale would be presented separately in the appropriate asset and liability sections of the balance sheet.

The Company's evaluation of the recoverability of property and equipment includes estimates of future cash flows that are expected to arise as a direct result of the use and eventual disposition of the assets. A significant part of the estimation process involves estimating future operating cash flows and the fair value of the property and equipment at the eventual disposition date. The Company has recently incurred operating losses and the return to profitability may depend in part on factors outside the Company's control. Future property and equipment impairment charges may result if actual cash flows, or changes in estimates of cash flows, from the use and eventual disposition of the property and equipment vary from the estimates used to support the value of the assets at each reporting date.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amounts of property and equipment, determining the allowance for doubtful accounts and valuing inventory and deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

New Accounting Standards

New accounting standards and interpretations are adopted by the Company as they become effective. In the opinion of management, recently released standards and interpretations not effective at December 31, 2005, will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

The variable rate demand bonds, the bank line of credit, and the equipment loans bear variable rates of interest (see Liquidity and Capital Resources under **Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations** and see Note 4 of Notes to Financial Statements) which tend to follow market interest rates and change the Company's interest expense in the same direction as changes in interest rates. A 1% per annum change in the rate borne by the variable rate demand bonds would change annual interest expense by almost \$60,000. Assuming an average bank line of credit balance of \$1,500,000, a 1% per annum change in the rate borne by those borrowings would change annual interest expense by \$15,000. The Company believes that the carrying values of the amounts owed under the variable rate demand bonds, the bank line of credit and the equipment loans approximate the fair values, due to the associated variable rates.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The Financial Statements and Supplementary Data are submitted in a separate section at the end of this report beginning with the Index to Financial Statements and Schedule on Page F-1.

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ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures. The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act and are also effective to insure that this information is accumulated and communicated to management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, also conducted an evaluation of the Company's internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the Company's fourth fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that there have been no such changes during the Company's fourth fiscal quarter.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The name, age, principal position for the past five years and other relevant information for each of the current directors and executive officers of the Company is as follows:

Theodore L. Arena, age 63, has been the General Manager of the Company's Swiss American Sausage Co. meat division since 1976, the President and a director of the Company since 1985, the Chief Executive Officer since 1998 and Chairman of the Board since 2004.

Ronald A. Provera, age 68, has been the secretary of the Company since 1972, was a director from 1972 to 2004 and was the General Manager of Sav-On Food Co., the Company's distribution business, from its formation in 1960 until its liquidation in 1991. He is currently providing sales support to the Company's Royal-Angelus Macaroni Company pasta division.

Santo Zito, age 69, has been the Company's plant engineer since 1976, and a vice president and director of the Company since 1972. He is currently the General Manager of the pasta division. He is a member of the option committee.

Thomas J. Mulroney, age 61, has been the Company's chief accountant since 1976, the Chief Financial Officer since 1987, a vice president since 1991, and was a director from 1992 to 2004.

Joseph W. Wolbers, age 76, has been a director of the Company since 1990. He retired in 1989 as a vice president of First Interstate Bank where he had been employed since 1950. He is a member of the audit committee.

John M. Boukather, age 69, is a management consultant. He was the Director of Operations of PW Supermarkets from 1993 to 1994, Vice President, Retail Sales, of Certified Grocers of California, Ltd. from 1992 to 1993 and president of Pantry Food Markets from 1983 to 1987. He has been a director of the Company since 1987. He is a member of the audit committee.

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William A. West, Jr., age 68, is a Registered Representative of Stiteler Investments, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona. He was the Treasurer of the State of Arizona from 1991 to 1999 and an Arizona State Senator from 1983 to 1989. He is the father of Santo Zito's son-in-law.

Louis A. Arena, chairman of the audit committee, a director of the Company since 1972 and general manager of the pasta division from 1975 until his retirement in 1989, died on January 6, 2006.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance. Based on copies of filed forms and written representations, the Company believes that all officers, directors and 10% shareholders have timely filed all Forms 3, 4 and 5 required for 2004 and (except as previously disclosed) prior years by Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act.

Code of Ethics. The Company adopted a code of ethics applicable to all directors, officers and employees in 1989, a copy of which was Exhibit 14.1 to the Company's 2003 Form 10-K Annual Report and a Code of Conduct and Ethics applicable to all directors, officers and employees in 2004 which was Exhibit 14.2 to the Company's June 30, 2004 Form 10-Q Quarterly Report.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002, all compensation of all executive officers of the Company serving at December 31, 2004.

Name and Position	Year	Annual Salary	SEP-IRA Contributions	Cash Bonus
Theodore L. Arena, Chief Executive Officer	2005	\$ 128,095	26,714	50,000
	2004	128,115		
	2003	129,628	25,076	37,542
Ronald A. Provera, Secretary	2005	125,630	18,845	
	2004	128,737		
	2003	130,536	19,500	
Santo Zito, Vice President	2005	131,609	20,012	
	2004	131,263		
	2003	133,415	19,528	
Thomas J. Mulrone, Chief Financial Officer	2005	125,401	18,810	
	2004	125,403		
	2003	127,807	19,171	

See [Incentive Stock Option Plan](#) below for information on Incentive Stock Options. See [Simplified Employee Pension Plan](#) below for information on SEP-IRA Contributions. The cash bonuses were paid in anticipation of the adoption of a Stock Grant Plan. See [Stock Grant Plan](#) below for information on the Stock Grant Plan.

Except as authorized by the approval of the Stock Grant Plan, the Company does not currently pay bonuses or deferred compensation to executive officers. The Company does not provide executive officers with automobiles, employment contracts or golden parachute arrangements.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Company has no formal compensation committee, but the compensation of every officer is determined by the Board based on the recommendation of a majority of the directors who are independent. The chief executive officer is not present during deliberations regarding his compensation.

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Simplified Employee Pension Plan

In 1988, the Company adopted a Simplified Employee Pension-Individual Retirement Accounts (SEP-IRA) plan and executed SEP-IRA Agreements with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. (now Morgan Stanley), covering all employees at least 18 years old who have worked at least six months and earned at least \$300 during the year, except certain union employees. Union plant employees at both divisions do not participate in the SEP-IRA plan under the terms of their current collective bargaining agreements.

The Company makes contributions under the plan in the discretion of the Board, allocated in proportion to compensation, to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) established by each eligible employee.

Contributions, up to 15% of eligible compensation, are deductible by the Company and not taxable to the employee. An employee may withdraw SEP-IRA funds from the employee's IRA. Withdrawals are taxable as ordinary income, and withdrawals before age 59½ may be subject to tax penalties.

For 2005, the Company contributed \$426,812 to IRAs under the plan, but made no contribution for 2004.

Incentive Stock Option Plan

In April 1987, the Company adopted an Incentive Stock Option Plan under Section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Under the plan, as amended in 1988, for a period of 10 years from the date of adoption, an Option Committee appointed by the Board of Directors was authorized in its discretion to grant to key management employees options to purchase up to an aggregate of 261,704 shares of common stock of the Company. The purchase price of shares covered by an option could not be less than the market value of the shares on the date of grant and the term of an option could not exceed 10 years.

Options may no longer be granted under the plan. No options were exercised in 2005. At December 31, 2005, outstanding options to purchase shares at \$2-9/16 per share were held 91,458 by Theodore L. Arena and 15,653 by Thomas J. Mulroney. All outstanding options are exercisable at a price which exceeds the 2005 year end stock market closing price of \$1.01 per share.

Stock Grant Plan

In 2002, the Board of Directors of the Company conditionally authorized the adoption of a Stock Grant Plan to grant shares of the Company's common stock to two executive officers of the Company, 180,000 shares to Theodore L. Arena and 100,000 shares to Thomas J. Mulroney and to pay them cash bonuses over three years beginning in 2002 to cover the income taxes they incur from receipt of the grants. In October 2003, the Board of Directors revised the Plan to limit the stock grant to 150,000 shares to Mr. Arena and to provide for only cash bonuses to Mr. Mulroney.

On February 26, 2004, the Company granted and issued the 150,000 shares to Mr. Arena when the market price of the Company's shares was \$1.36 per share. The shares have full voting power and participate in dividends, but only 1/6 of the shares vested immediately and the balance will vest ratably over the next five years, contingent on Mr. Arena's continued employment with the Company. The shares have been listed on the American Stock Exchange but have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, relying on the exemption under Section 4(2) of the act for transactions not involving any public offering. The \$204,000 market value of the 150,000 shares on the date of grant is taxable income to Mr. Arena and an income tax deduction to the Company in 2004 and will be compensation expense recognized by the Company ratably over the vesting period. Mr. Arena was paid \$57,900 in 2002, \$37,542 in 2003 and \$50,000 in 2005 as cash bonuses to cover the income taxes he incurs from receipt of the shares.

Compensation of Directors

Directors who are not officers or employees are paid a fee of \$1,500 for each board meeting, shareholders' meeting or board committee meeting attended in person and \$250 for each meeting other than a shareholders' meeting attended by telephonic conference call.

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The following table sets forth, for each officer, director and 5% shareholder of the Company and for all officers and directors as a group (8 persons), the number and percent of outstanding shares of common stock of the Company owned on December 31, 2005.

Name or Category(1)	Shares Beneficially Owned			
	Without Options(6)		Options Exercised(7)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
John D. Determan (2)	335,327	9.5%	335,327	9.2%
Theodore L. Arena	298,990	8.4%	390,448	10.7%
Ronald A. Provera (3)	322,330	9.1%	322,330	8.8%
Santo Zito	397,530	11.2%	397,530	10.9%
Thomas J. Mulroney (4)	28,338	.8%	43,991	1.2%
Louis A. Arena (5)	263,030	7.4%	263,030	7.2%
John M. Boukather	3,173	.1%	3,173	.1%
Joseph W. Wolbers	12,250	.3%	12,250	.3%
William A. West, Jr.	50,300	1.4%	50,300	1.4%
Officers and Directors	1,375,941	38.8%	1,483,052	40.4%
Shares Outstanding	3,546,345	100%	3,653,456	100%

(1) The address for each person is c/o Provena Foods Inc., 5010 Eucalyptus Avenue, Chino, California 91710.

(2) Shares not included in the shares of all officers and directors as a group.

(3) Includes 320,930 shares held by the family trust of Ronald A. Provera and his wife, Madelyn M. Provera.

(4) Includes 3,800 shares owned by Marsha Mulroney, wife of Thomas J. Mulroney.

(5) Louis A. Arena, a shareholder and director of the Company from its inception and chairman of the audit committee, died January 6, 2006.

(6) Excludes options under the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan to Theodore L. Arena to purchase 91,458 shares, to Thomas J. Mulroney to purchase 15,653 shares and to all officers and directors as a group to purchase 107,111 shares.

(7) The options of Messrs. Arena, Mulroney and the group are deemed exercised.

No other person is known to the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Company.

Management Stock Transactions

No purchases or sales of the Company's common stock by officers or directors were reported during the year 2005, except 10,000 shares purchased by Santo Zito, Vice President and General Manager and director.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

There are no transactions with related parties required to be disclosed under the above caption in this report.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation is the Company's independent auditors and is expected to continue in this capacity for the current year. Representatives of Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation have indicated that they intend to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have an opportunity to address the shareholders and respond to appropriate questions.

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The aggregate fees billed for services rendered by Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation to the Company for 2005 are as follows:

Audit Fees. Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation's audit and quarterly review fees for 2005 were \$114,000.

Audit-Related Fees. No audit-related fees were billed by Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation for 2005.

Tax Fees. No fees for tax advice were billed by Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation for 2005.

All Other Fees. No other fees were billed by Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation for 2005 for products or services.

The policies and procedures of the Audit Committee with respect to the engagement of the Company's independent auditors to render audit or non-audit services are that the services are not performed until the Audit Committee has discussed with the auditors the services to be rendered, received estimates of the fees for the services and approved the engagement.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

Financial Statements and Schedules

The Financial Statements and Schedule filed with this report are in a separate section at the end of this report beginning with the Index to Financial Statements and Schedule on page F-1.

Exhibits

- 3.7 Bylaws of the Company, as in effect on January 16, 1989 (1), (3)
- 3.8 Amended and restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company as filed with the California Secretary of State on June 17, 1987 (2)
- 3.9 Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of the Company re Liability of Directors and Indemnification as filed with the California Secretary of State on January 17, 1989 (6)
- 3.10 Amendment to Bylaws of the Company re Liability of Directors and Indemnification effective January 17, 1989 (6)
- 3.11 Amendment to Bylaws of the Company re Annual Meeting in April (7)
- 3.12 Amendment to Bylaws of the Company re relocating Principal Executive Office to Chino, California (8)
- 3.13 Amendment to Bylaws of the Company re President as Chief Executive Officer (10)
- 4.3 Form of Certificate evidencing common stock (8)
- 10.2 1987 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended to date (1)
- 10.20 1988 Stock Purchase Plan of the Company (4)
- 10.22 Dean Witter Simplified Employee Pension Plan Employer Agreement dated August 8, 1988 (5)
- 10.23 Wells Fargo Bank Simplified Employee Pension Plan Adoption Agreement dated July 18, 1988 (5)
- 10.54 Collective Bargaining Agreement dated April 1, 2002 between Swiss and United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 588, AFL-CIO, CLC (12)
- 10.55 Collective Bargaining Agreement dated October 2, 2002 between Royal and United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1428, AFL-CIO, CLC (12)
- 10.58 Promissory Note for \$866,750 dated October 28, 2003 between the Company and General Electric Capital Corporation (13)
- 10.60 Indenture of Trust dated December 1, 2003 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (13)

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- 10.61 Series 2003A Supplement dated December 1, 2003 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (13)
- 10.62 Offering and Remarketing Agreement dated December 1, 2003 between the Company and RBC Dain Rauscher, Inc. (13)
- 10.64 Notice of Restricted Stock Award and Restricted Stock Agreement dated February 26, 2004 between the Company and Theodore L. Arena (13)
- 10.67 Standard Industrial/Commercial Single-Tenant Lease - Net dated March 11, 2005 between the Company and Eucalyptus Avenue, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company and the John M. Meindl and Suzanne S. Meindl Trust Dated September 29, 1997 (15)
- 10.68 Standard Sublease dated March 18, 2005 between the Company and R-Cold, Inc. (15)
- 10.69 Credit and Security Agreement dated November 30, 2005 between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank National Association (16)
- 10.70 Reimbursement Agreement dated November 30, 2005 between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank National Association (16)

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14.1	1989 Ethics Policy (13)
14.2	2004 Code of Conduct and Ethics (14)
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm - Cacciamatta Accountancy Corporation
31	Section 302 Certifications
32	Section 906 Certifications

- (1) Exhibit to Form S-1 Registration Statement filed May 11, 1987
- (2) Exhibit to Amendment No. 2 to Form S-1 Registration Statement filed June 17, 1987
- (3) Exhibit to Amendment No. 3 to Form S-1 Registration Statement filed July 29, 1987
- (4) Exhibit to 1987 Form 10-K Annual Report (5) Exhibit to 1988 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (6) Exhibit to 1989 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (7) Exhibit to 1990 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (8) Exhibit to 1991 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (9) Exhibit to 1995 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (10) Exhibit to 1998 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (11) Exhibit to 1999 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (12) Exhibit to 2002 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (13) Exhibit to 2003 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (14) Exhibit to June 30, 2004 Form 10-Q Quarterly Report
- (15) Exhibit to 2004 Form 10-K Annual Report
- (16) Exhibit to December 1, 2005 Form 8-K

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 9, 2006

PROVENA FOODS INC.

By /s/ Theodore L. Arena
Theodore L. Arena
Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
Theodore L. Arena	Chairman of the Board, President (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	March 9, 2006
Ronald A. Provera	Vice President, Sales, and Secretary	March 9, 2006
Santo Zito	Vice President and Director	March 9, 2006
Thomas J. Mulroney	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 9, 2006
Joseph W. Wolbers	Director	March 9, 2006
John M. Boukather	Director	March 9, 2006
William A. West, Jr.	Director	March 9, 2006

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Provena Foods Inc.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Provena Foods Inc. (the Company) as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company has determined that it is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes, on a test basis, examination of evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ CACCIAMATTA ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

Irvine, California

February 16, 2006

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Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Balance Sheets**

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,057	\$ 120,446
Cash, restricted	1,221,328	
Accounts receivable	4,269,656	4,224,481
Inventories	4,829,134	5,001,454
Prepaid expenses	252,569	55,585
Income taxes receivable		294,680
Deferred tax assets	383,602	457,534
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total current assets	10,958,346	10,154,180
Property and equipment, net	13,026,653	15,972,363
Deferred tax assets	901,648	
Other assets	533,053	223,559
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$ 25,419,700	\$ 26,350,102
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Liabilities and Shareholders Equity		
Current liabilities		
Line of credit	\$ 672,834	\$ 3,225,000
Current portion of long-term debt	343,642	8,716,562
Current portion of capital lease obligation	50,000	58,000
Deferred income	365,724	
Income taxes payable	456,174	
Accounts payable	3,359,258	3,299,310
Accrued liabilities	2,319,071	1,981,764
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total current liabilities	7,566,703	17,280,636
Long-term debt, net of current portion	6,316,850	
Capital lease obligation, net of current portion	285,205	314,935
Deferred income	3,081,830	
Deferred tax liabilities		258,647
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities	17,250,588	17,854,218
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders equity		
Common stock, no par value; authorized 10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 3,546,345 and 3,441,814 shares at December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively	5,512,926	5,421,817
Retained earnings	2,792,186	3,244,067
Deferred compensation	(136,000)	(170,000)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total shareholders equity	8,169,112	8,495,884
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

\$ 25,419,700	\$ 26,350,102
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Statements of Operations**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Net sales	\$ 59,150,757	\$ 51,809,941	\$ 43,188,367
Cost of sales	55,611,275	49,817,990	39,347,880
Gross profit	3,539,482	1,991,951	3,840,487
Operating expenses			
Distribution	1,623,898	1,674,425	1,608,802
General and administrative	2,085,095	2,001,602	1,855,180
	3,708,993	3,676,027	3,463,982
Operating income (loss)	(169,511)	(1,684,076)	376,505
Other income (expense)			
Interest	(580,066)	(563,688)	(618,263)
Other, net	42,051	261,237	258,487
	(538,015)	(302,451)	(359,776)
Earnings (loss) before income tax (benefit)	(707,526)	(1,986,527)	16,729
Income tax (benefit)	(255,645)	(756,672)	(1,504)
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (451,881)	\$ (1,229,855)	\$ 18,233
Net earnings (loss) per common share - Basic and Diluted	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.38)	\$ 0.01
Weighted average shares outstanding - Basic and Diluted	3,396,459	3,262,055	3,183,842

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Statements of Shareholders Equity****Years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, and 2003**

	<u>Common stock</u>		<u>Retained earnings</u>	<u>Deferred compensation</u>	<u>Total shareholders equity</u>
	<u>Shares issued</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
Balance at December 31, 2002	3,147,087	\$ 5,059,234	\$ 4,455,689	\$	\$ 9,514,923
Sale of common stock	62,619	79,785			79,785
Net earnings			18,233		18,233
Balance at December 31, 2003	3,209,706	5,139,019	4,473,922		9,612,941
Common stock grant	150,000	204,000		(170,000)	34,000
Sale of common stock	82,108	78,798			78,798
Net loss			(1,229,855)		(1,229,855)
Balance at December 31, 2004	3,441,814	5,421,817	3,244,067	(170,000)	8,495,884
Deferred compensation				34,000	34,000
Sale of common stock	104,531	91,109			91,109
Net loss			(451,881)		(451,881)
Balance at December 31, 2005	3,546,345	\$ 5,512,926	\$ 2,792,186	\$ (136,000)	\$ 8,169,112

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Statements of Cash Flows**

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (451,881)	\$ (1,229,855)	\$ 18,233
Adjustments			
Depreciation and amortization	906,316	902,888	828,519
Provision for doubtful receivables	9,915	30,537	15,163
Recognized gain from sale of building	(209,681)		
Write off of deferred financing fees			153,852
Common stock grant - vested	34,000	34,000	
Changes in assets and liabilities			
Accounts receivable	(55,090)	(252,541)	(1,230,438)
Inventories	172,320	(978,336)	(1,094,158)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(506,478)	173,333	(115,966)
Income taxes	(335,510)	(652,250)	(29,934)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	397,255	124,806	2,739,648
Net cash from operating activities	(38,834)	(1,847,418)	1,284,919
Cash flows from investing activities			
Increase in restricted cash	(1,221,328)		
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	5,785,673		
Additions to property and equipment	(89,044)	(411,075)	(1,693,971)
Net cash from investing activities	4,475,301	(411,075)	(1,693,971)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt			7,139,711
Payments on long-term debt	(2,056,069)	(563,869)	(4,258,448)
Proceeds (payments) under line of credit	(2,552,166)	2,842,283	(2,540,012)
Proceeds from sale of common stock	91,109	78,798	79,785
Payment of deferred financing fees			(227,800)
Payments on capital lease	(37,730)	(61,367)	(51,523)
Net cash from financing activities	(4,554,856)	2,295,845	141,713
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(118,389)	37,352	(267,339)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	120,446	83,094	350,433
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 2,057	\$ 120,446	\$ 83,094
Supplemental disclosures			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 580,066	\$ 563,688	\$ 617,870
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 400,800	\$ (81,222)	\$ 60,600

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Common stock grant - non vested	\$ 136,000	\$ 170,000	\$
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Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2005****(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***(a) Description of Business*

Provena Foods Inc. (the Company) is a California-based specialty food processor. The Company's meat processing business is conducted through its Swiss American Sausage Division (the Swiss American Division), and the Company's pasta business is conducted through its Royal-Angelus Macaroni Division (the Royal-Angelus Division).

(b) Inventories

Inventories, principally food products, are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market.

(c) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Equipment acquired under capital lease is recorded at the present value of future minimum lease payments and amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset. Assets acquired prior to 1981 and subsequent to 1986 are depreciated on the straight-line method. For assets acquired during the period from 1981 through 1986, accelerated methods of depreciation are used. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and improvements	31.5 to 39 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 10 years
Delivery equipment	5 years
Office equipment	7 years

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Company considers investments with maturities of three months or less at date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

(e) Earnings (Loss) per Common Share

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Earnings (loss) per common share is calculated under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 128, *Earnings per Share*. SFAS No. 128 requires the Company to report both basic earnings (loss) per share, which is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding, and diluted earnings (loss) per share, which is based on the weighted average number of common shares plus all potential dilutive common shares outstanding. The Company has no potential dilutive common shares outstanding during the period covered by the accompanying financial statements.

(f) Income Taxes

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

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(g) *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(h) *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities are measured at cost which approximates their fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The carrying amount of the Company's borrowings under the line of credit and long-term debt approximates their fair value because the interest rate on the instruments fluctuate with market interest rates or represents borrowing rates available with similar terms.

(i) *Impairment of Long-Lived Assets*

The Company assesses the recoverability of long-lived assets by comparing the carrying amount of an asset to future net cash flows expected to be generated by that asset. If such assets are considered impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amounts of the assets exceed the fair value of the assets.

(j) *Stock-Based Compensation*

The Company has elected to adopt the disclosure provisions only of SFAS 123 and continues to measure compensation cost related to stock and stock options issued to employees using the intrinsic method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25,

Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations. Stock based compensation issued to persons other than employees is reflected in the financial statements at fair value.

The Company did not grant stock options in fiscal years 2005, 2004, and 2003.

(k) *Comprehensive Income (Loss)*

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The Company has adopted SFAS No. 130, *Reporting Comprehensive Income*, which establishes rules for the reporting and display of comprehensive income (loss) and its components. The Company does not have any components of other comprehensive income (loss), and accordingly, the Company's comprehensive income (loss) is the same as its net earnings (loss).

(l) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized when the following criteria have been met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; the seller's price is fixed or determinable; and collectibility is reasonably assured. Generally, the revenue recognition criteria are met upon shipment of goods to customers.

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(m) Segment Information

The Company operates two reportable segments under criteria established in SFAS No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*.

(n) Deferred Financing Fees

The Company defers certain fees relating to the obtaining of new financings and amortizes those deferred fees to interest expense over the life of the financing.

(o) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2004 the FASB issued SFAS No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*, which is an amendment to SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. This new standard eliminates the ability to account for share-based compensation transactions using Accounting Principles Board, or APB, Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and generally requires such transactions to be accounted for using a fair-value-based method and the resulting cost recognized in our financial statements. This new standard is effective for awards that are granted, modified or settled in cash in interim and annual periods beginning after June 15, 2005. In addition, this statement will apply to unvested options granted prior to the effective date. The adoption of SFAS No. 123R in the first fiscal quarter of 2006 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* which changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 is effective in fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2005. The adoption of SFAS No. 154 is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

(p) Reclassifications

Certain amounts in prior years' financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2005 presentation.

(2) Allowance for doubtful receivables

<u>Fiscal year</u>	Balance at beginning of	Provision, net of recoveries	Deductions uncollectible	Balance at end of year
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	<u>year</u>		<u>accounts</u>	
2005	\$	9,915	9,915	
2004	\$	30,537	30,537	
2003	\$	15,163	15,163	

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Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2005****(3) Inventories**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Raw materials	\$ 2,018,445	1,743,685
Work in process	1,710,595	1,340,801
Finished goods	1,100,094	1,916,968
	<u>\$ 4,829,134</u>	<u>5,001,454</u>

(4) Property and Equipment

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>
Land	\$ 744,818	1,296,803
Buildings and improvements	10,742,421	13,468,112
Machinery and equipment	8,641,393	8,557,575
Delivery equipment	3,500	3,500
Office equipment	214,029	208,803
	<u>20,346,161</u>	<u>23,534,793</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(7,319,508)	(7,562,430)
	<u>\$ 13,026,653</u>	<u>15,972,363</u>

(5) Credit Facility with Comerica Bank and Wells Fargo Business Credit

The net proceeds from the April 2005 sale of the two pasta buildings of \$5,554,246 were applied to Comerica Bank's credit facility as follows: \$1,649,316 to retire a real estate and two equipment loans, \$1,217,244 to reduce the balance of the line of credit, \$2,682,785 to deposit with the bank cash collateral to secure liabilities under the credit facility, primarily the Company's liabilities with respect to the outstanding letters of credit, and \$4,901 to accrued interest.

On December 1, 2005 the Company obtained a new \$13,439,427 credit facility from Wells Fargo Business Credit replacing the Company's Comerica Bank credit facility. The new credit facility generally provides: a line of credit of up to \$6,000,000 and letters of credit of \$6,221,813 to support the Company's \$6,145,000 of outstanding variable rate bonds and \$1,217,614 to support the Company's workers' compensation insurance reimbursement obligations.

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The line of credit has a term ending December 30, 2008 and bears interest at a variable annual rate of 0.5% over the bank's base rate, increasing by 0.5% if the Company's profit for 2006 is less than \$220,000 and increasing by 3% if the Company is in default, with a minimum interest of \$16,000 per month. In addition, there is a .25% per annum fee on the unused portion of the maximum amount of the line of credit. The maximum amount of the line of credit is \$5,500,000 (increasing to \$6,000,000 over 10 quarters if a 1.1:1 debt service coverage is maintained), reduced by two cumulative reserves, a real estate reserve of up to \$8,000 per month and a bond letter of credit reserve of up to \$544,000 per year, but limited to 85% of eligible accounts receivable plus 49% of eligible inventories, with limits of \$2,700,000 for inventories, \$1,300,000 for work-in-process inventories, and \$150,000 for pasta inventories. At December 31, 2005, the base interest rate was 7.25%, the Company had \$672,834 of borrowings outstanding under the line of credit and the maximum amount of the line of credit was \$5,118,000, which was within the accounts receivable and inventory limits.

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A \$1,217,614 letter of credit issued to support the Company's workers' compensation insurance reimbursement obligations has been reduced to \$1,100,000 as of December 31, 2005, bears a fee of 1.5% per annum of the amount of the letter of credit, and expires 18 months from the date of issuance, no later than December 30, 2008. The Company is required to maintain a restricted cash account securing the letter of credit. At December 31, 2005, the restricted cash balance totaled \$1,221,328.

As part of the credit facility, on December 30, 2003, the Company borrowed \$6,300,000 by the issuance of variable rate demand bonds under an indenture supported by a letter of credit now valued at \$6,221,813 issued by Wells Fargo that expires December 30, 2008, and carries an annual commitment fee of 1.5%.

Long term debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Equipment loan at federal reserve rate (4.2% at December 31, 2005) plus 3.65%, secured by related equipment, monthly principal and interest payments of \$16,222, maturing November 1, 2008.	\$ 515,492	683,603
Equipment loans at variable interest rates at prime (5.25% at December 31, 2004) and prime plus 0.75%, secured by all Company assets.		526,235
Real estate loan at 9.1%, secured by all Company assets, monthly principal and interest payments of \$10,830.		1,206,724
Variable/Fixed Rate Demand Bond Series 2003A at a variable rate (4.41% at December 31, 2005), secured by an irrevocable letter of credit, monthly principal payments ranging from \$12,900 to \$45,800.		
Variable rate interest payments due monthly, maturing January 1, 2034.	6,145,000	6,300,000
	<u>6,660,492</u>	<u>8,716,562</u>
Less current portion	343,642	8,716,562
	<u>\$ 6,316,850</u>	

As of December 31, 2005, the aggregate annual maturities of long-term debt for the next five years were: 2006 - \$343,642; 2007 - \$361,913; 2008 - \$364,347; 2009 - \$205,000 and 2010 - \$220,000.

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	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Accrued profit sharing	\$ 427,509	
Accrued retirement	388,297	371,353
Accrued compensation		64,844
Other	1,503,265	1,545,567
	<u>\$ 2,319,071</u>	<u>1,981,764</u>

(7) Shareholders Equity

The Company sold shares to employees under its stock purchase plan in 2005, 2004, and 2003.

On February 26, 2004, the Company issued 150,000 shares to an executive officer at the market price of \$1.36 per share. One-sixth of the shares vested at the grant date and the remaining shares vest ratably over the next five years, contingent on the continued employment of the executive officer.

(8) Income Taxes

Income tax (benefit) for fiscal 2005, 2004, and 2003 follows:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Current:			
Federal	\$ 790,079	(327,000)	13,999
State	40,637	800	800
Deferred:			
Federal	(1,034,834)	(345,982)	(3,337)
State	(51,527)	(84,490)	(12,966)
	<u>\$ (255,645)</u>	<u>(756,672)</u>	<u>(1,504)</u>

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Sources and tax effects of temporary differences between financial statement carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Inventory	\$ 151,833	178,097
Net operating loss		235,597
State tax credit carryforwards		44,330
Accruals not currently deductible	217,701	188,188
Sales/leaseback book/tax difference	1,372,948	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total deferred tax assets	\$ 1,742,482	646,212
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Gain on destroyed equipment	\$ (179,614)	(324,016)
Property and equipment	(277,618)	(123,309)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total deferred tax liabilities	\$ (457,232)	(447,325)
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The following table provides a reconciliation of the deferred tax assets and liabilities presented in the table above to the accompanying balance sheets at December 31, 2005 and 2004:

	2005	2005	2005
	Current	Noncurrent	Total
Deferred tax assets:			
Inventory	\$ 151,833		151,833
Sales/leaseback book/tax difference	147,753	1,225,195	1,372,948
Accruals not currently deductible	217,701		217,701
Total deferred tax assets	517,287	1,225,195	1,742,482
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Gain on destroyed equipment	(133,685)	(143,933)	(277,618)
Property and equipment		(179,614)	(179,614)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(133,685)	(323,547)	(457,232)
Net deferred tax asset	\$ 383,602	901,648	1,285,250
	2004	2004	2004
	Current	Noncurrent	Total
Deferred tax assets:			
Inventory	\$ 178,097		178,097
Net operating loss	137,643	97,954	235,597
State tax credit carryforwards		44,330	44,330
Accruals not currently deductible	188,188		188,188
Total deferred tax assets	503,928	142,284	646,212
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Gain on destroyed equipment	(46,394)	(277,622)	(324,016)
Property and equipment		(123,309)	(123,309)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(46,394)	(400,931)	(447,325)
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ 457,534	(258,647)	198,887

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Management's assessment is that it is more likely than not that the results of future operations will generate sufficient taxable income to realize the deferred tax assets. Management's conclusion is based principally on the deferred gain of approximately \$3,657,000 generated by the April 2005 sale of the Company's two pasta buildings. The deferred gain is amortized ratably to income over a ten year period for financial statement reporting purposes.

As of December 31, 2005, the Company had no net operating loss carryforward.

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Actual income tax (benefit) differs from expected (benefit), computed by applying the U.S. federal tax rate of 34% to earnings (loss) from operations before income taxes, as follows:

	2005		2004		2003	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Computed expected income taxes	\$ (240,558)	(34.0)	\$ (675,419)	(34.0)	\$ 5,688	34.0
State income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit	(60,140)	(8.5)	(67,754)	(3.4)	970	5.8
State manufacturing investment credit			(3,603)	(0.2)	(13,358)	(79.9)
Non deductible expenses	2,365	0.3	(2,700)	(0.1)	5,237	31.3
Other	42,688	6.0	(7,196)	(0.4)	(41)	(0.2)
	<u>\$ (255,645)</u>	<u>(36.2)</u>	<u>\$ (756,672)</u>	<u>(38.1)</u>	<u>\$ (1,504)</u>	<u>(9.0)</u>

(9) Employee Benefit Plans

In 1988, the Company adopted a Simplified Employee Pension Individual Retirement Account (SEP IRA) plan covering all full-time, nonunion employees. The Company makes contributions under the plan at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Company's contributions to the SEP IRA for 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$ 428,000, \$0, and \$406,000, respectively.

In 1988, the Company adopted a stock purchase plan, enabling substantially all nonunion employees except officers and directors to purchase shares of the Company's common stock through periodic payroll deductions. Employees may contribute up to \$50 per week and all contributions are 100% matched by the Company; the combined funds are used in the subsequent month to purchase whole shares of common stock at current market prices. Stock purchases under this plan result in net cash flow to the Company as the contributions and employer-matching contributions are used to acquire newly issued common shares from the Company. The Company matching contributions to the stock purchase plan for 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$43,680, \$36,846, and \$42,981, respectively.

(10) Incentive Stock Option Plan

Under a stock option plan (the Plan) adopted in 1987, the Company has awarded options to certain of its key employees to purchase common stock at prices which approximate the fair market value of the stock at the date of grant. The Plan provides for a maximum grant of 261,704 shares. All stock options have a maximum ten-year term and become fully exercisable in accordance with a predetermined vesting schedule that varies by employee. Options may no longer be granted under this Plan. There was no stock option activity in fiscal 2005, 2004 and 2003.

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At December 31, 2005, all 107,111 options outstanding were granted and vested prior to 2003, are exercisable at a weighted average price of \$2.56, and expire in 2007.

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Table of Contents**PROVENA FOODS INC.****Notes to Financial Statements****December 31, 2005****(11) Earnings (Loss) Per Share**

The following table illustrates the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Numerator:			
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share net earnings (loss)	\$ (451,881)	(1,229,855)	18,233
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings (loss) per share weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period	3,396,459	3,262,055	3,183,482
Incremental common shares attributable to exercise of outstanding options			
Denominator for diluted earnings (loss) per share	<u>3,396,459</u>	<u>3,262,055</u>	<u>3,183,482</u>
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (0.13)	(0.38)	0.01

In 2005, 2004, and 2003, all 107,111 stock options outstanding were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share due to their antidilutive effect.

(12) Commitments and Contingencies

On April 13, 2005 the company completed the sale of two pasta buildings and the leaseback of the buildings for 10 years, with two 5 year options to renew, at \$39,543 per month, increasing annually by 3% compounded. The \$3,657,235 deferred gain on the sale of the buildings is being amortized to income over the ten year fixed term of the leaseback at the rate of \$30,477 per month. The Company subleases a portion of one of the pasta buildings to unrelated parties under non-cancelable operating leases. Sublease rental income, included in other income, totaled approximately \$148,770, \$147,590, and \$136,000, in 2005, 2004, and 2003, respectively.

The following table shows the minimum annual payments due under the ten year buildings leases:

Year Ending December 31					
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>
\$485,190	\$499,746	\$514,743	\$530,184	\$546,087	\$2,523,772

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In 2001, the Company entered into a capital lease for certain production equipment totaling \$566,828, which is included in property and equipment in the accompanying balance sheets. The lease has a remaining term of seven years, as amended, and requires minimum payments based on certain production volumes. Estimated future minimum lease payments on the capital lease at December 31, 2005 are as follows:

2006	\$ 54,111
2007	54,111
2008	54,111
2009	54,111
2010	54,111
2011	54,111
2012	54,111
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Total estimated minimum lease payments	378,777
Less amount representing interest	43,572
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Present value of estimated lease payments	335,205
Less current portion	50,000
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Long-term portion	<u>\$ 285,205</u>

As of December 31, 2005 approximately 64% of the Company's employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement which expires in April, 2006 and approximately 14% are covered by another collective bargaining agreement which expires in September, 2006.

The Company is subject to legal proceedings and claims which arise in the ordinary course of business. Although occasional adverse decisions or settlements may occur, the Company believes the final disposition of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations, or liquidity.

(13) Major Customers

The Company had major customers during fiscal 2005, 2004, and 2003 as follows (\$ in thousands):

2005	2004	2003	Accounts receivable balance at December 31
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<u>Customer</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
A	\$ 16,750	28	\$ 14,330	28	\$ 9,813	23	\$ 643	909
B	5,301	9	5,408	10	5,399	13	0	0
C	4,904	8	3,902	8	3,897	9	385	445

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The Company's reportable business segments are strategic business units that offer distinctive products that are marketed through different channels. The Company has two reportable segments; the meat processing division (Swiss American) and the pasta division (Royal-Angelus). Swiss American produces meat products that are sold primarily to pizza restaurant chains, pizza processors, and food service distributors. Royal-Angelus produces pasta that is sold primarily to food processors, private label customers, food service distributors, and specialty food distributors. The following table presents financial information about the Company's business segments as of December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003, and for the years then ended:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Net sales to unaffiliated customers:			
Swiss American	\$ 50,817,556	45,150,639	37,483,300
Royal-Angelus	8,333,201	6,659,302	5,705,067
Total sales	\$ 59,150,757	51,809,941	43,188,367
Operating income (loss):			
Swiss American	\$ 115,021	(1,119,739)	679,703
Royal-Angelus	(468,078)	(737,857)	(512,370)
Corporate	183,546	173,520	209,172
Operating income (loss)	\$ (169,511)	(1,684,076)	376,505
Identifiable assets:			
Swiss American	\$ 19,728,983	20,570,546	19,901,183
Royal-Angelus	2,865,973	4,956,193	4,908,453
Corporate	2,824,744	823,363	377,823
Total assets	\$ 25,419,700	26,350,102	25,187,459
Capital expenditures:			
Swiss American	\$ 59,274	273,308	520,884
Royal-Angelus	25,603	133,527	1,165,642
Corporate	4,167	4,240	7,445
Total capital expenditures	\$ 89,044	411,075	1,693,971
Depreciation and amortization:			
Swiss American	\$ 663,052	647,665	618,299
Royal-Angelus	240,308	252,294	208,083
Corporate	2,956	2,929	2,137

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Total depreciation and amortization	\$ 906,316	902,888	828,519
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The following summarizes certain quarterly financial information for fiscal 2005, 2004, and 2003:

Fiscal 2005	Quarter				Total
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Net sales	\$ 15,144,637	14,016,535	13,965,713	16,023,872	59,150,757
Operating income(loss)	(136,983)	(193,486)	(333,438)	494,396	(169,511)
Net earnings(loss)	(162,676)	(146,615)	(211,060)	68,470	(451,881)
Net earnings (loss)					
per common share	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.06)	0.02	(0.13)
Fiscal 2004					
Net sales	\$ 12,318,552	11,802,338	13,708,284	13,980,767	51,809,941
Operating income (loss)	(539,122)	(368,221)	(395,824)	(380,909)	(1,684,076)
Net earnings(loss)	(360,697)	(298,762)	(545,091)	(25,305)	(1,229,855)
Net earnings (loss)					
per common share	(0.11)	(0.09)	(0.16)	(0.01)	(0.38)
Fiscal 2003					
Net sales	\$ 9,082,341	9,228,643	11,636,275	13,241,108	43,188,367
Operating income (loss)	132,894	64,333	46,717	132,561	376,505
Net earnings(loss)	66,632	7,883	(13,560)	(42,722)	18,233
Net earnings (loss)					
per common share	0.02	0.00	(0.00)	(0.01)	0.01