

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form 10-Q  
November 15, 2012  
Table of Contents

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended October 6, 2012

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from            to

Commission file number 1-4455

**Dole Food Company, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

**Delaware** **99-0035300**  
 (State or other jurisdiction of **(I.R.S. Employer**  
 incorporation or organization) **Identification No.)**  
**One Dole Drive, Westlake Village, California 91362**  
 (Address of principal executive offices and zip code)  
**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**  
**(818) 879-6600**

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data file required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
 Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company   
 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Shares Outstanding at November 9, 2012
Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value	88,822,882

**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**INDEX**

	<b>Page Number</b>
<b>PART I</b>	
<b>Financial Information</b>	
Item 1. <u>Financial Statements (Unaudited)</u>	
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations Quarters and Three Quarters Ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income Quarters and Three Quarters Ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011</u>	4
<u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets October 6, 2012 and December 31, 2011</u>	5
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Three Quarters Ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011</u>	6
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Shareholders Equity Three Quarters Ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011</u>	8
<u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	9
Item 2. <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	47
Item 3. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	57
Item 4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	57
<b>PART II</b>	
<b>Other Information</b>	
Item 1. <u>Legal Proceedings</u>	58
Item 6. <u>Exhibits</u>	58
<u>Signatures</u>	59
<u>Exhibit Index</u>	60
Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act	
Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act	
Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act	
Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act	

**Table of Contents****PART I.****FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(Unaudited)**

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Revenues, net	\$ 1,957,111	\$ 2,086,032	\$ 5,302,176	\$ 5,687,861
Cost of products sold	(1,781,259)	(1,910,314)	(4,722,340)	(5,047,176)
Gross margin	175,852	175,718	579,836	640,685
Selling, marketing and general and administrative expenses	(162,645)	(160,902)	(425,039)	(415,865)
Charges for restructuring and long-term receivables (Notes 5 and 7)	(793)	(7,877)	(4,062)	(16,579)
Gain on asset sales (Note 9)	5,759	3,326	11,916	3,337
Operating income	18,173	10,265	162,651	211,578
Other income (expense), net (Note 4)	(4,840)	(18,956)	(3,324)	(53,970)
Interest income	1,531	1,318	4,145	3,802
Interest expense	(39,953)	(41,402)	(101,546)	(111,709)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity earnings	(25,089)	(48,775)	61,926	49,701
Income taxes	8,055	(123)	230	(18,781)
Earnings from equity method investments	3,404	1,937	6,929	6,627
Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of income taxes	(13,630)	(46,961)	69,085	37,547
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(234)	(43)	(266)	188
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes				339
Net income (loss)	(13,864)	(47,004)	68,819	38,074
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,456)	(1,634)	(3,643)	(3,906)
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders of Dole Food Company, Inc.	\$ (15,320)	\$ (48,638)	\$ 65,176	\$ 34,168
Earnings per share Basic (Note 17):				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.54)	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.43
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders of Dole Food Company, Inc.	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.56)	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.39
Earnings per share Diluted (Note 17):				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.54)	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.43
Net income (loss) attributable to shareholders of Dole Food Company, Inc.	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.56)	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.39

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements



**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)****(Unaudited)**

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Net income (loss)	\$ (13,864)	\$ (47,004)	\$ 68,819	\$ 38,074
Net foreign currency translation adjustment	10,534	(11,909)	7,405	(4,383)
Unrealized hedging gains (losses), net of income tax expense (benefit) of \$554, (\$1,202), \$1,206 and (\$1,841)	1,055	(35,026)	26,116	(49,223)
Reclassification of realized (gains) losses to net income, net of income tax expense (benefit) of (\$491), \$382, (\$1,025) and \$1,062	(1,089)	11,557	45	25,280
Comprehensive income (loss)	(3,364)	(82,382)	102,385	9,748
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,456)	(1,610)	(3,646)	(3,905)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to shareholders of Dole Food Company, Inc.	\$ (4,820)	\$ (83,992)	\$ 98,739	\$ 5,843

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Unaudited)**

	<b>October 6, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 82,044	\$ 122,348
Restricted cash		6,230
Receivables, net of allowances of \$35,540 and \$32,237, respectively	706,322	685,094
Inventories	844,795	829,517
Prepaid expenses and other assets	72,072	65,331
Deferred income tax assets	28,687	26,184
Assets held-for-sale (Note 9)	21,488	75,641
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,755,408</b>	<b>1,810,345</b>
Investments	106,150	99,469
Actively marketed land (Note 9)	74,814	74,814
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,224,143 and \$1,150,304, respectively	897,810	910,729
Goodwill	413,966	418,113
Intangible assets, net	735,226	732,013
Other assets, net	251,865	225,839
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,235,239</b>	<b>\$ 4,271,322</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 428,236	\$ 452,049
Liabilities related to assets held-for-sale (Note 9)		49,117
Accrued liabilities	524,166	541,730
Current portion of long-term debt, net	162,851	10,756
Notes payable	55,161	27,969
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,170,414</b>	<b>1,081,621</b>
Long-term debt, net	1,472,045	1,641,112
Deferred income tax liabilities	193,308	181,677
Other long-term liabilities	471,252	548,491
Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)		
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock \$0.001 par value; 10,000 shares authorized, none issued or outstanding		
Common stock \$0.001 par value; 300,000 shares authorized, 88,961 shares issued and outstanding as of October 6, 2012 and December 31, 2011	89	89
Additional paid-in capital	795,950	786,355
Retained earnings	174,618	109,442
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(69,819)	(103,382)
Equity attributable to shareholders of Dole Food Company, Inc.	900,838	792,504
Equity attributable to noncontrolling interests	27,382	25,917
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>928,220</b>	<b>818,421</b>

Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

Total liabilities and equity	\$ 4,235,239	\$ 4,271,322
------------------------------	--------------	--------------

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements



**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Quarters Ended</b>	
	<b>October 6, 2012</b>	<b>October 8, 2011</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net income	\$ 68,819	\$ 38,074
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	80,225	79,064
Share-based compensation expense	9,448	6,891
Net losses on financial instruments	8,290	27,369
Asset write-offs and net (gains) losses on sales of assets	(6,454)	6,202
Earnings from equity method investments	(6,929)	(6,627)
Amortization of debt discounts and debt issuance costs	8,403	8,569
Write-off of debt issuance costs and refinancing fees		12,759
Loss on early retirement of debt	433	13,453
Provision for deferred income taxes	20,603	(51)
Pension and other postretirement benefit plan expense	17,526	17,933
Other	521	15
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(12,265)	(7,707)
Inventories	(17,407)	(86,765)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(19,326)	(9,224)
Income taxes	(39,932)	907
Accounts payable	(12,023)	(2,874)
Accrued liabilities	(12,923)	(34,053)
Other long-term liabilities	(43,096)	(24,653)
Cash flow provided by operating activities	43,913	39,282
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Cash received from sales of assets and businesses, net of cash disposed	36,921	23,365
Cash received from sale of investments		1,051
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(15,816)	
Capital expenditures	(61,336)	(55,801)
Restricted cash and deposits	6,230	45,425
Investment in non-consolidated subsidiary		(2,038)
Other	(919)	(579)
Cash flow provided by (used in) investing activities	(34,920)	11,423
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Short-term debt borrowings (repayments), net	19,364	(7,196)
Long-term debt borrowings	771,096	1,056,350
Long-term debt repayments	(795,169)	(1,051,128)
Payment of debt issuance costs		(13,007)
Premium of early retirement of notes		(10,238)
Net proceeds from common stock option exercises	147	312
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(1,467)	(2,800)
Settlement of long-term Japanese yen hedge forwards	(42,843)	(3,290)
Cash flow used in financing activities	(48,872)	(30,997)

Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash	(425)	731
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(40,304)	20,439
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	122,348	170,147
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 82,044	\$ 190,586

**Table of Contents**

***Supplemental cash flow information***

At October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011, accounts payable included approximately \$5.6 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, for capital expenditures.

During the first quarter of 2011, Dole effectively extinguished its cross currency swap liability by entering into a series of Japanese yen forward contracts ( long-term Japanese yen hedges ) that mature over a four year period. Refer to Note 14 Derivative Financial Instruments for additional information.

In connection with the first quarter 2012 sale of a non-core German subsidiary ( German subsidiary ), Dole has \$21.4 million of notes receivable, of which \$1.3 million is included in receivables and \$20.1 million is included in other assets. Related to the sale, Dole has deferred income of \$21.4 million of which approximately \$1.3 million is included in accrued liabilities and approximately \$20.1 million is included in other long-term liabilities. Of the notes receivable for which deferred income was recorded, approximately \$2.0 million has been collected during the three quarters ended October 6, 2012, and was recognized as gain on sale of assets. Refer to Note 9 Assets Held-For-Sale and Actively Marketed Land for additional information.

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY****(Unaudited)**

	Equity Attributable to Shareholders of Dole Food Company, Inc. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)								
	Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Pension & Other Postretirement Benefits	Cumulative Translation Adjustment	Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Hedges	Equity Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance at January 1, 2011	88,611	\$ 89	\$ 776,918	\$ 71,083	\$ (71,836)	\$ 42,067	\$ (26,152)	\$ 24,615	\$ 816,784
Net income				34,168				3,906	38,074
Share-based compensation			6,891						6,891
Exercise of stock options	27		312						312
Issuance of restricted stock	6								
Cancellation of restricted stock	(40)								
Dividends paid								(2,800)	(2,800)
Net foreign currency translation adjustment						(4,382)		(1)	(4,383)
Unrealized hedging gains (losses), net of income tax expense(benefit)of (\$1,841)							(49,223)		(49,223)
Reclassification of realized losses to net income, net of income tax expense (benefit) of \$1,062							25,280		25,280
Balance at October 8, 2011	88,604	\$ 89	\$ 784,121	\$ 105,251	\$ (71,836)	\$ 37,685	\$ (50,095)	\$ 25,720	\$ 830,935
Balance at December 31, 2011	88,952	\$ 89	\$ 786,355	\$ 109,442	\$ (94,708)	\$ 30,346	\$ (39,020)	\$ 25,917	\$ 818,421
Net income				65,176				3,643	68,819
Share-based compensation			9,448						9,448
Exercise of stock options	15		147						147
Cancellation of restricted stock	(6)								
Dividends paid								(1,467)	(1,467)
Disposal of noncontrolling interest								(714)	(714)
Net foreign currency translation adjustment						7,402		3	7,405
Unrealized hedging gains (losses), net of income tax expense(benefit)of \$1,206							26,116		26,116
Reclassification of realized losses to net income, net of income tax expense (benefit) of (\$1,025)							45		45
Balance at October 6, 2012	88,961	\$ 89	\$ 795,950	\$ 174,618	\$ (94,708)	\$ 37,748	\$ (12,859)	\$ 27,382	\$ 928,220

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements



**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Dole Food Company, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries ( Dole or the Company ) include all adjustments necessary, which are of a normal recurring nature, to present fairly Dole s financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Dole operates under a 52/53-week year. The quarters ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011 are sixteen weeks in duration. For a summary of significant accounting policies and additional information relating to Dole s financial statements, refer to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of Dole s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Interim results are subject to seasonal variations and are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for a full year. Dole s operations are sensitive to a number of factors including weather-related phenomena and their effects on industry volumes, prices, product quality and costs. Operations are also sensitive to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates in both sourcing and selling locations as well as economic crises and security risks.

In March 2003, Dole completed a going-private merger transaction. As a result of the transaction, Dole became wholly-owned by David H. Murdock, Dole s Chairman. In October 2009, Dole completed a \$446 million initial public offering of its common stock and received proceeds of \$415 million. As of October 6, 2012, Dole s chairman, David H. Murdock, and his affiliates beneficially owned 56,674,244 common shares, or approximately 63.7% of Dole s outstanding common shares. On November 1, 2012, Mr. Murdock delivered 23,317,270 shares of Dole Food Company, Inc. common stock for distribution to the holders of the Dole Food \$0.875 Trust Issued Automatic Common Exchange Securities ( MACES ). The remaining 682,730 shares of the 24,000,000 shares of Dole common stock pledged to secure this delivery obligation were released to Mr. Murdock and 2,185,994 shares of Dole common stock distributed to Mr. Murdock in exchange for the MACES he held. As a result, as of November 9, 2012, Mr. David H. Murdock and his affiliates beneficially owned 35,542,968 shares, or approximately 40% of Dole s outstanding common shares.

**NOTE 2 PROPOSED SALE OF PACKAGED FOODS AND ASIA FRESH PRODUCE BUSINESSES**

On September 17, 2012, Dole signed a definitive agreement (the Agreement ) with ITOCHU Corporation ( ITOCHU ) for the sale of Dole s worldwide packaged foods and Asia fresh produce businesses (collectively, Dole Asia ) for \$1.685 billion in cash. The operations of Dole Asia consist of Dole s Packaged Foods reportable operating segment and Asia Fresh, which is a component of Dole s Fresh Fruit reportable operating segment. Additional consideration of \$29 million may be received if the acquirer chooses to exercise its option not to assume certain U.S. pension liabilities of Dole Asia. Dole will use substantially all the proceeds from the transaction and Dole s intended new capital structure to pay down our existing indebtedness and to provide funding for transaction-related taxes, costs and expenses. In the event of a termination of the Agreement, under certain very limited circumstances, Dole would be obligated to pay ITOCHU a termination fee of \$50.4 million as provided in the Agreement. In addition, the transaction is subject to Dole stockholder approval and customary regulatory approvals in multiple countries. Dole will report the Dole Asia operations as assets and liabilities held-for-sale and discontinued operations in the condensed consolidated financial statements in the period in which Dole stockholder and regulatory approvals have been received.

**NOTE 3 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

During July 2012, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued a standard which amended how entities test for impairment of indefinite-lived intangible assets. The new guidance permits a company to assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of an indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the annual impairment test. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after September 12, 2012, and is effective for Dole beginning the first quarter of 2013. The adoption of the standard is not expected to have an impact on Dole s results of operations or financial position.

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)****NOTE 4 OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE), NET**

Included in other income (expense), net in Dole's condensed consolidated statements of operations are the following items:

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Unrealized gain (loss) on long-term Japanese yen hedges	\$ 870	\$ 2,413	\$ 271	\$ (20,167)
Unrealized gain (loss) on foreign denominated borrowings	(3,704)	2,236	(583)	(5,911)
Realized gain (loss) on foreign denominated borrowings	1	(4)	(338)	(104)
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss) on vessel obligation	(2,177)	2,590	(2,680)	51
Write-off of debt issuance costs and refinancing fees		(12,739)		(12,759)
Loss on early retirement of notes		(13,453)	(433)	(13,453)
Unrealized loss on cross currency swap				(3,787)
Realized gain on cross currency swap				1,885
Other	170	1	439	275
Other income (expense), net	\$ (4,840)	\$ (18,956)	\$ (3,324)	\$ (53,970)

Refer to Note 14 Derivative Financial Instruments for further discussion regarding Dole's long-term Japanese yen hedges and cross currency swap.

**NOTE 5 CHARGES FOR RESTRUCTURING**

As a result of challenging market conditions in Dole's fresh fruit operations, Dole committed to a restructuring plan during the third quarter of 2010 in its fresh fruit segment in Europe, Latin America and Asia (2010 plan). These restructuring efforts are designed to reduce costs by realigning fruit supply with expected demand. As part of these initiatives, Dole restructured certain farming operations in Latin America and Asia, reorganized its European operations and rationalized vessel charters.

During the third quarter of 2011, Dole committed to further restructure its fresh fruit operations in Europe and Latin America, as well as restructure the fresh vegetables operations in Asia (2011 plan). As part of this plan, Dole consolidated certain operations in Europe to reduce overhead, restructured farming operations in Latin America, and further rationalized vessel charters. In addition, Dole ended certain unprofitable contractual arrangements in Asia.

As a result of these various initiatives, Dole expects to realize cash savings in its financial results. These savings are expected to result from lower production costs including lower labor costs on our farms and in our ports, enhanced farm productivity, lower distribution costs resulting from more efficient utilization of our shipping fleet, the termination of unprofitable contractual arrangements, and lower selling and general and administrative costs as a result of streamlining Dole's organization in Europe.

**2010 Restructuring Plan**

Dole incurred restructuring costs of \$0.2 million and \$0.9 million during the quarter and three quarters ended October 6, 2012, related to the 2010 plan. Dole has incurred cumulative restructuring costs of \$42.2 million since the third quarter of 2010 for this plan. Of these costs, \$20.8 million were paid or will be paid





**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

in cash, with the remaining amounts related to the non-cash write-down of long-lived assets and deferred crop-growing costs of \$13.4 million as well as pension-related settlement charges of \$8 million. Severance charges relating to employee terminations involved approximately 3,580 employees.

Dole expects to incur additional restructuring charges of approximately \$0.4 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 related to the 2010 plan. These additional charges will primarily consist of contract termination costs.

The following table summarizes restructuring charges related to the 2010 plan:

	<b>Charges Incurred in Three Quarters 2011</b>	<b>Charges Incurred in Three Quarters 2012</b>	<b>Cumulative Charges Incurred (In thousands)</b>	<b>Additional Charges to be Incurred</b>	<b>Total Charges</b>
Severance and other employee-related costs	\$ 1,146	\$ 174	\$ 8,792	\$	\$ 8,792
Contract termination and other costs	7,385	92	12,008	381	12,389
Pension-related settlement charges	863		7,982		7,982
Asset write-downs	2,733	586	8,097		8,097
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>12,127</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>36,879</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>37,260</b>
Inventory write-downs recorded in costs of products sold	5,294		5,294		5,294
	<b>\$ 17,421</b>	<b>\$ 852</b>	<b>\$ 42,173</b>	<b>\$ 381</b>	<b>\$ 42,554</b>

A rollforward of activity for Dole's restructuring liabilities related to the 2010 plan, for the year ended January 1, 2011 through October 6, 2012, which are classified in accrued liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets, is summarized as follows:

	<b>Severance and Other Employee- Related Costs</b>	<b>Contract Termination and Other Costs (In thousands)</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>
Balance as of January 1, 2011	\$ 2,092	\$ 3,555	\$ 5,647
Charges / (adjustments) incurred	1,950	7,459	9,409
Cash payments	(3,136)	(7,299)	(10,435)
Non-cash	(821)		(821)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2011</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>3,800</b>
Charges / (adjustments) incurred	174	92	266
Cash payments	(259)	(866)	(1,125)
Non-cash			

## Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

Balance as of October 6, 2012	\$	\$	2,941	\$	2,941
-------------------------------	----	----	-------	----	-------

### ***2011 Restructuring Plan***

Dole incurred restructuring costs of \$0.6 million and \$2.2 million during the quarter and three quarters ended October 6, 2012, related to the 2011 plan. Dole has incurred cumulative restructuring costs of \$12.4 million since the third quarter of 2011 for this plan. Of these costs, \$8.7 million were paid or will be paid

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

in cash, with the remaining amounts related to the non-cash write-down of long-lived assets of \$3.6 million as well as pension-related settlement charges of \$0.1 million. Severance charges relating to employee terminations involved approximately 475 employees.

Dole expects to incur additional restructuring charges of approximately \$1.4 million during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012 related to the 2011 plan. These additional charges will primarily consist of employee severance and contract termination costs. Approximately 60 additional employees are expected to be impacted by these initiatives.

The following table summarizes restructuring charges related to the 2011 plan:

	Charges/ (Adjustments) Incurred in Three Quarters 2011	Charges/ (Adjustments) Incurred in Three Quarters 2012	Cumulative Charges Incurred (In thousands)	Additional Charges to be Incurred	Total Charges
Severance and other employee-related costs	\$ 184	\$ (29)	\$ 413	\$ 1,184	\$ 1,597
Contract termination and other costs	1,005	2,018	8,312	203	8,515
Pension-related settlement charges			86		86
Asset write-downs	3,263	191	3,601		3,601
	\$ 4,452	\$ 2,180	\$ 12,412	\$ 1,387	\$ 13,799

A rollforward of activity for Dole's restructuring liabilities related to the 2011 plan, for the year ended January 1, 2011 through October 6, 2012, which are classified in accrued liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets, is summarized as follows:

	Severance and Other Employee- Related Costs	Contract Termination and Other Costs (In thousands)	Total Costs
Balance as of January 1, 2011	\$	\$	\$
Charges / (adjustments) incurred	442	6,294	6,736
Cash payments	(248)	(1,913)	(2,161)
Non-cash		(146)	(146)
Balance as of December 31, 2011	194	4,235	4,429
Charges / (adjustments) incurred	(29)	2,017	1,988
Cash payments	(165)	(5,073)	(5,238)
Non-cash		(11)	(11)
Balance as of October 6, 2012	\$	\$ 1,168	\$ 1,168

**NOTE 6 INCOME TAXES**

## Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

Dole recorded a tax benefit of \$0.2 million on \$61.9 million of pretax income from continuing operations for the three quarters ended October 6, 2012. Income taxes included an interest benefit of \$3.4 million related to Dole's unrecognized tax benefits. Income tax benefit of \$18.8 million on \$49.7 million of pretax income from continuing operations was recorded for the three quarters ended October 8, 2011 which included an interest

**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

benefit of \$2.9 million related to Dole's unrecognized tax benefits. Dole's effective tax rate varies significantly from period to period due to the level, mix and seasonality of earnings generated in its various U.S. and foreign jurisdictions. For the three quarters ended October 6, 2012, Dole's income tax expense differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate applied to Dole's pretax income primarily due to a decrease in Dole's total amount of unrecognized tax benefits which included \$17 million as a result of the expiration of the statute of limitations in the second quarter of 2012 concerning certain transfer pricing items. Including interest, net of tax benefits, the total amount recorded for this item was \$18.7 million which was partially offset by an increase in Dole's U.S. federal valuation allowance. For the three quarters ended October 8, 2011, Dole's income tax expense differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate applied to Dole's pretax income primarily due to losses in certain jurisdictions for which it is more likely than not that a tax benefit will not be realized.

Dole is required to adjust its effective tax rate for each quarter to be consistent with the estimated annual effective tax rate. Jurisdictions with a projected loss where no tax benefit can be recognized are excluded from the calculation of the estimated annual effective tax rate. These factors could result in a higher or lower effective tax rate during a particular quarter based upon the mix and timing of actual earnings versus annual projections.

Dole recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to its unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income taxes in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Accrued interest and penalties before tax benefits were \$6.9 million and \$10.6 million at October 6, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and are included as a component of other long-term liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The decrease in interest expense of \$3.7 million for the three quarters ended October 6, 2012 includes a reduction of \$0.3 million included in the net assets of a German subsidiary sold during the first quarter.

Dole or one or more of its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various state and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, Dole is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2006.

*Income Tax Audits:* Dole believes its tax positions comply with the applicable tax laws and that it has adequately provided for all tax related matters. Matters raised upon audit may involve substantial amounts and could result in material cash payments if resolved unfavorably. Management considers it unlikely that the resolution of these matters will have a material adverse effect on Dole's results of operations.

*Internal Revenue Service Audit:* On September 4, 2012, the IRS completed its examination of Dole's U.S. federal income tax returns for the years 2006-2008 and issued a Revenue Agent's report (RAR) that includes various proposed adjustments, including with respect to whether certain transactions with foreign affiliates or certain third party borrowings by Dole or its foreign affiliates created or are deemed to have created investments in U.S. property. The net tax deficiency associated with the RAR is \$132 million, plus interest. On November 9, 2012, Dole filed a protest letter challenging the proposed adjustments contained in the RAR and will pursue resolution of these issues with the Appeals Division of the IRS. Dole believes, based in part upon the advice of its tax advisors, that its tax treatment of such transactions was appropriate. Although the timing and ultimate resolution of any issues arising from the IRS examination are uncertain, at this time Dole does not anticipate that the total unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change within the next twelve months nor does Dole believe that any material tax payments will be made related to these matters within the next twelve months.

**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

**NOTE 7 LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES**

At October 6, 2012, Dole's long-term financing receivables consisted of \$15.5 million of grower advances, net of allowances, \$7 million of note receivable related to the sale of the fresh-cut flowers business, \$21.4 million of notes receivable related to the sale of a German subsidiary and net long-term trade receivables of \$2.3 million. These assets have been included in other assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of October 6, 2012.

Dole monitors the collectability of these grower advances through periodic review of financial information received from these growers. At October 6, 2012, these advances had an allowance for credit losses of \$14.9 million, of which approximately \$4.6 million of the net grower advances were 90 days past due. Dole's historical losses on its long-term grower advances have been immaterial and Dole expects this to continue. During the three quarters ended October 6, 2012, the allowance for grower advances increased by \$2.2 million, which resulted in an increase in the provision that was recorded to cost of products sold.

At October 6, 2012, Dole had a \$7 million note receivable from the buyer of the fresh-cut flowers business. This receivable is secured by properties that have an estimated fair value in excess of the note, which was due in January 2011. Two of the three Colombian companies that have granted mortgages in such properties to secure their guaranties of such note are currently under reorganization pursuant to Colombian Law 1116. Dole is currently renegotiating with the buyer the terms of the note, including the timing of payment and the interest rate. Dole believes that the note will be collected, based on its secured creditor position in the reorganization. During the second quarter of 2012, Dole received a cash payment of \$2.9 million from the owner of certain properties. In exchange, Dole released the mortgages on such properties. Subsequent to such cash payment, the party that made the payment gave Dole written notice pursuant to which Dole allocated \$1.3 million to repayment of principal on the note receivable and the remainder to interest.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, Dole entered into an agreement to sell a German subsidiary. The sale was completed during the first quarter of 2012. Net consideration from the sale totaled approximately \$49.6 million. Of this amount, \$20.6 million of cash proceeds, net of cash disposed, was collected and the remaining \$29 million ( \$22 million) was recorded as notes receivable denominated in euros, which mature on various dates through March 2022. During the second and third quarter of 2012, \$0.8 million ( \$0.6 million) and \$6.1 million ( \$5 million), respectively were collected on the notes receivable. Of the remaining \$21.4 million ( \$14.8 million) notes receivable, approximately \$20.1 million was recorded as long-term notes receivable. These notes receivable have annual minimum payment requirements based on the financial performance of the business and are collateralized by the business.

Dole has gross long-term trade receivables of \$19.1 million due from a customer in Eastern Europe, for which it is likely that payment will not be received during the next year. During fiscal 2010 and 2009, Dole recorded provisions for bad debt of \$11.4 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. During the second quarter of 2012, Dole recorded provisions for bad debt of \$1 million, which is included in charges for restructuring and long-term receivables, bringing the total allowance for bad debt to \$16.8 million. The net receivable of \$2.3 million represents management's best estimate of its net realizable value after consideration of collateral securing the receivables.

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)****NOTE 8 INVENTORIES**

The major classes of inventories were as follows:

	October 6, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands)	
Finished products	\$ 441,541	\$ 414,640
Raw materials and work in progress	140,579	131,287
Crop-growing costs	198,195	224,149
Operating supplies and other	64,480	59,441
	\$ 844,795	\$ 829,517

**NOTE 9 ASSETS HELD-FOR-SALE AND ACTIVELY MARKETED LAND**

Dole continuously reviews its assets in order to identify those assets that do not meet Dole's future strategic direction or internal economic return criteria. As a result of this review, Dole has identified and is in the process of selling certain long-lived assets. Accordingly, Dole has assets classified as either held-for-sale or actively marketed land.

Total assets held-for-sale by segment were as follows:

	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Vegetables	Packaged Foods (In thousands)	Fresh-Cut Flowers Discontinued Operation	Total Assets Held-for-Sale
Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 66,805	\$ 599	\$ 3,214	\$ 5,023	\$ 75,641
Additions	1,034				1,034
Sales	(52,839)				(52,839)
Reclassifications	(2,348)				(2,348)
Balance as of October 6, 2012	\$ 12,652	\$ 599	\$ 3,214	\$ 5,023	\$ 21,488

Assets held-for-sale included on Dole's condensed consolidated balance sheet as of October 6, 2012 consisted of property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.

Total liabilities related to assets held-for-sale by segment were as follows:

Fresh Fruit	Fresh Vegetables	Packaged Foods	Fresh-Cut Flowers Discontinued	Total Liabilities Held-for-Sale
-------------	------------------	----------------	-----------------------------------	------------------------------------

Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

	(In thousands)			Operation	
Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 49,117	\$	\$	\$	\$ 49,117
Sales	(49,117)				(49,117)
Balance as of October 6, 2012	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$



**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

Gains on asset sales by segment were as follows:

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Fresh Fruit	\$ 5,759	\$ 3,326	\$ 11,916	\$ 3,337
Fresh Vegetables				
Packaged Foods				
Total from Continuing Operations	5,759	3,326	11,916	3,337
Fresh-Cut Flowers Discontinued Operations				339
	\$ 5,759	\$ 3,326	\$ 11,916	\$ 3,676

Proceeds from asset sales by segment were as follows:

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Fresh Fruit	\$ 11,272	\$ 10,350	\$ 35,669	\$ 11,679
Fresh Vegetables				
Packaged Foods				
Total from Continuing Operations	11,272	10,350	35,669	11,679
Fresh-Cut Flowers Discontinued Operations			1,279	2,912
	\$ 11,272	\$ 10,350	\$ 36,948	\$ 14,591

**Fresh Fruit**

During the fourth quarter of 2011, Dole entered into an agreement to sell a German subsidiary which was part of the European ripening and distribution business within the fresh fruit segment. The sale was completed during the first quarter of 2012. Net consideration from the sale totaled approximately \$49.6 million. Of this amount, \$20.6 million of cash proceeds, net of cash disposed, was collected and the remaining \$29 million ( 22 million) was recorded as notes receivable, which mature on various dates through March 2022. Dole realized a gain of \$27 million on the sale, of which \$3.2 million was recorded during the first quarter of 2012, resulting in deferred income of \$23.8 million ( 18 million), which will be recognized as cash on the notes receivable are collected. During the second quarter of 2012, \$0.8 million was collected and recorded as a gain on the sale. During the third quarter of 2012, Dole collected \$5.7 million and recorded \$1.3 million as a gain on the sale. In addition, Dole may receive an earn-out of up to 10 million based on future operating performance of the business.

Additionally, during the first quarter of 2012, Dole sold 230 acres of land in Hawaii. Dole received net cash proceeds of \$1.8 million and recorded a gain of \$1 million. At October 6, 2012, the asset held-for-sale balance in the fresh fruit reporting segment included approximately 2,050 acres of land in Hawaii. During the second quarter of 2012, Dole completed the sale of farm land in Honduras. Dole received cash proceeds of \$1.2 million and recorded a gain of \$1.2 million. During the third quarter Dole sold farm land in Costa Rica. Dole received cash

proceeds of \$5.6 million and recorded a gain of \$4.5 million.

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)*****Packaged Foods***

At October 6, 2012, the assets held-for-sale balance in the packaged foods reporting segment consisted of approximately 400 acres of peach orchards located in California.

***Fresh-Cut Flowers Discontinued Operation***

At October 6, 2012, the assets held-for-sale balance in the fresh-cut flowers discontinued operation consisted of a portion of the real estate of the former flowers division. Dole collected \$1.3 million of long-term receivables during the second quarter ended June 16, 2012 related to the sale of the fresh-cut flowers discontinued operation. Refer to Note 7 Long-Term Receivables for additional information.

***Actively Marketed Land***

Included in actively marketed land is land that does not meet Dole's future strategic direction or internal economic return criteria. The land that has been identified is available for sale in its present condition and an active program is underway to sell the properties. Dole is actively marketing these properties at a price that is in excess of book value but the timing of sale is uncertain. At October 6, 2012, actively marketed land consisted of approximately 14,200 acres of Hawaii land in the fresh fruit segment, with a net book value of \$74.8 million.

**NOTE 10 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Goodwill has been allocated to Dole's reporting segments as follows:

	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Vegetables	Packaged Foods	Total
	(In thousands)			
Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 272,743	\$ 84,759	\$ 60,611	\$ 418,113
Additions			6,853	6,853
Disposals	(11,000)			(11,000)
Balance as of October 6, 2012	\$ 261,743	\$ 84,759	\$ 67,464	\$ 413,966

During the first quarter of 2012, Dole completed the sale of a German subsidiary in the fresh fruit segment. As a result of the sale, \$11 million of goodwill attributable to this subsidiary was written-off. Refer to Note 9 Assets-Held-For-Sale and Actively Marketed Land for further information.

During the first quarter of 2012, Dole completed the acquisition of Mrs. May's Naturals, Inc. (Mrs. May's), a company committed to providing consumers with wholesome snacks for a healthier lifestyle. Mrs. May's is part of the packaged foods segment. Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, Dole purchased Mrs. May's for total consideration of approximately \$15 million, plus an annual earn-out between \$0 and \$0.5 million payable in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The acquisition resulted in goodwill of \$6.9 million. In addition, Dole recorded \$9.3 million of intangible assets consisting of \$7.1 million for customer relationships and \$2.2 million for trade names.

Dole's Fresh Vegetables goodwill balance as of December 31, 2011 has been retrospectively adjusted to reflect an increase in goodwill and a corresponding increase in accrued liabilities of \$1.3 million related to the fourth quarter 2011 SunnyRidge Farms (SunnyRidge) acquisition. During the second quarter of 2012, Dole was able to determine the amount of additional consideration owed to the former shareholders of SunnyRidge related to certain tax matters.



**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

Details of Dole's intangible assets were as follows:

	October 6, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands)	
Amortized intangible assets:		
Customer relationships	\$ 66,601	\$ 59,501
Other amortized intangible assets	18,023	15,231
	84,624	74,732
Accumulated amortization - customer relationships	(36,815)	(31,755)
Other accumulated amortization	(2,198)	(579)
Accumulated amortization - intangible assets	(39,013)	(32,334)
Amortized intangible assets, net	45,611	42,398
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:		
Trademark and trade names	689,615	689,615
	\$ 735,226	\$ 732,013

Amortization expense of intangible assets totaled \$2.4 million and \$1.1 million in the quarters ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011, respectively, and \$6.3 million and \$2.9 million for the three quarters ended October 6, 2012 and October 8, 2011, respectively.

As of October 6, 2012, the estimated amortization expense associated with Dole's intangible assets for the remainder of 2012 and in each of the next four fiscal years is as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2012 (remainder of the year)	\$ 1,796
2013	\$ 6,654
2014	\$ 5,998
2015	\$ 5,998
2016	\$ 5,522
Thereafter	\$ 19,643

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)****NOTE 11 NOTES PAYABLE AND LONG-TERM DEBT**

Notes payable and long-term debt consisted of the following:

	October 6, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands)	
Unsecured debt:		
8.75% debentures due 2013	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
Secured debt:		
13.875% notes due 2014	174,904	174,904
8% notes due 2016	315,000	315,000
Revolving credit facility	76,600	69,300
Term loan facilities	867,702	895,500
Contracts and notes, at a weighted average interest rate of 3.2% in 2012 (3.8% in 2011)	4,369	7,294
Capital lease obligations, at a weighted average interest rate of 2.9% in 2012 (3.0% in 2011)	59,050	57,000
Notes payable, at a weighted average interest rate of 2.0% in 2012 (3.1% in 2011)	55,161	27,969
Unamortized debt discounts	(17,729)	(22,130)
	1,690,057	1,679,837
Notes payable and current maturities, net of unamortized debt discounts	(218,012)	(38,725)
	\$ 1,472,045	\$ 1,641,112

**Notes Payable**

Dole borrows funds primarily on a short-term basis to finance current operations. The terms of these borrowings range from one month to six months. Dole's notes payable at October 6, 2012 consist primarily of foreign borrowings in Asia and Latin America.

**2011 Refinancing and Partial Retirement of 13<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% notes due 2014**

Dole's senior secured term loan and the asset-based lending senior secured revolving credit facility (ABL revolver) were amended and restated on July 8, 2011 (2011 Refinancing). The amendments reduced borrowing rates on the ABL revolver, with an opportunity to also reduce future borrowing rates on the term loan and eliminated the financial maintenance covenants of total leverage ratio and minimum interest coverage ratio (such covenants had been in the previous term loan facilities, but not the revolving credit facility). The amended credit facilities included \$872.1 million of term debt due 2018 and provided a \$350 million revolving credit facility due 2016. During the third quarter of fiscal 2011, Dole incurred debt issuance costs of \$13 million.

During the third quarter of 2011, Dole repurchased and retired \$52.5 million of its 13.875% notes due 2014. As a result of the repurchase, Dole recorded a charge of \$13.5 million to other income (expense), net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The charge related to premiums paid in connection with the early debt retirement as well as the write-off of deferred debt issuance costs and debt discounts.

**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

***Term Loans and Revolving Credit Facility***

As of October 6, 2012, the term loan facilities consisted of \$311.1 million of Term Loan B and \$556.6 million of Term Loan C. The term loan facilities bear interest, at Dole's option, at a rate per annum equal to either (i) the London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) plus 3.75%, with a LIBOR floor of 1.25%; or (ii) a base rate plus 2.75%. Interest on the term loan facilities is payable quarterly in arrears or at maturity of LIBOR contracts. The weighted average variable interest rate at October 6, 2012 for Term Loan B and Term Loan C was 5.03%. The term loan facilities require quarterly principal payments, plus a balloon payment due in 2018.

As of October 6, 2012, there was \$76.6 million outstanding under the ABL revolver. Amounts outstanding under the ABL revolver bear interest, at Dole's option, at a rate per annum equal to either (i) LIBOR plus 1.75% to 2.25%, or (ii) a base rate plus 0.75% to 1.25%, in each case, based upon Dole's historical borrowing availability under this facility. The weighted average variable interest rate at October 6, 2012 for the ABL was 4.89%. As of October 6, 2012, the borrowing base for the ABL revolver was \$333.1 million. After taking into account approximately \$158 million of outstanding letters of credit issued under the ABL revolver and the outstanding ABL balance, Dole had approximately \$98.5 million available for borrowings as of October 6, 2012. The ABL revolver matures in 2016.

***Covenants***

Provisions under the senior secured credit facilities and the indentures governing Dole's senior secured notes and debentures require Dole to comply with certain covenants. These covenants include limitations on, among other things, indebtedness, investments, liens, loans to subsidiaries, employees and third parties, the issuance of guarantees and the payment of dividends. The ABL revolver also contains a springing covenant, which would not be effective unless the availability under the ABL revolver were to fall below the greater of (i) \$35 million and (ii) 12.5% of the lesser of the Total Commitment (as defined) and the borrowing base. To date, the springing covenant has never been effective and Dole does not currently anticipate that the springing covenant will become effective. At October 6, 2012, Dole was in compliance with all applicable covenants.

A breach of a covenant or other provision in any debt instrument governing Dole's current or future indebtedness could result in a default under that instrument and, due to customary cross-default and cross-acceleration provisions, could result in a default under Dole's other debt instruments. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the senior secured credit facilities or other debt instrument, the lenders or holders of such debt could elect to declare all amounts outstanding to be immediately due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit. If Dole were unable to repay those amounts, the lenders could proceed against the collateral, if any, securing the indebtedness. If the lenders under Dole's indebtedness were to accelerate the payment of the indebtedness, Dole cannot give assurance that its assets would be sufficiently liquid to repay in full its outstanding indebtedness on an accelerated basis.

***Debt Issuance Costs***

Debt issuance costs are capitalized and amortized into interest expense over the term of the underlying debt. During the quarter and three quarters ended October 6, 2012, Dole amortized deferred debt issuance costs of \$1.7 million and \$4.3 million, respectively. During the quarter and three quarters ended October 8, 2011, Dole amortized deferred debt issuance costs of \$1.7 million and \$4.5 million, respectively.

Debt discounts are amortized into interest expense over the term of the underlying debt. During the quarter and three quarters ended October 6, 2012, Dole amortized debt discounts of \$1.7 million and \$4.1 million, respectively. During the quarter and three quarters ended October 8, 2011, Dole amortized debt discounts of \$1.5 million and \$3.8 million, respectively.

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

As a result of the 2011 refinancing, Dole recorded a charge of \$12.7 million to other income (expense), net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations during the third quarter of 2011. The charge relates to fees incurred in connection with the refinancing as well as the write-off of deferred issuance costs and debt discounts.

**Fair Value of Debt**

Dole estimates the fair value of its secured and unsecured notes and debentures based on current quoted market prices. The term loans are traded between institutional investors on the secondary loan market, and the fair values of the term loans are based on the last available trading price.

The carrying values and estimated fair values of Dole's debt are summarized below:

	October 6, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Carrying Values	Estimated Fair Values	Carrying Values	Estimated Fair Values
	(In thousands)			
Secured and unsecured notes and debentures	\$ 636,778	\$ 690,255	\$ 633,970	\$ 694,314
Term loans	858,099	868,787	884,304	888,784

Carrying values are net of debt discounts.

**NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

The components of net periodic benefit cost for Dole's U.S. and international pension plans and other postretirement benefit ( OPRB ) plans were as follows:

	U.S. Pension Plans Quarter Ended		International Pension Plans Quarter Ended		OPRB Plans Quarter Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)					
Service cost	\$ 56	\$ 57	\$ 2,744	\$ 2,248	\$ 21	\$ 23
Interest cost	4,273	4,587	2,226	2,138	641	643
Expected return on plan assets	(4,706)	(5,039)	(131)	(140)		
Amortization of:						
Unrecognized net loss	2,513	2,034	514	281	24	21
Unrecognized prior service cost (benefit)			122	130	(1,084)	(1,085)
Unrecognized net transition obligation						
Restructuring related settlements and other				332		47
	\$ 2,136	\$ 1,639	\$ 5,475	\$ 4,989	\$ (398)	\$ (351)



**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

	U.S. Pension Plans Three Quarters Ended		International Pension Plans Three Quarters Ended		OPRB Plans Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)					
Service cost	\$ 140	\$ 143	\$ 6,360	\$ 5,159	\$ 53	\$ 58
Interest cost	10,717	11,467	5,523	5,325	1,603	1,607
Expected return on plan assets	(11,764)	(12,597)	(327)	(347)		
Amortization of:						
Unrecognized net loss	6,255	5,084	1,316	702	60	51
Unrecognized prior service cost (benefit)			302	324	(2,712)	(2,711)
Unrecognized net transition obligation				1		
Restructuring related settlements and other				1,889		1,778
	\$ 5,348	\$ 4,097	\$ 13,174	\$ 13,053	\$ (996)	\$ 783

**NOTE 13 SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Dole has three reportable operating segments: fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and packaged foods. These reportable segments are managed separately due to differences in geography, products, production processes, distribution channels and customer bases.

The fresh fruit reportable operating segment ( fresh fruit ) primarily sells bananas, fresh pineapple and deciduous fruit, which are sourced from local growers or Dole-owned or leased farms located in Latin America and Asia, with significant selling locations in North America, Western Europe and Japan. The Asia component of fresh fruit not only sells fruit, but also sources and grows vegetables for sale primarily in Japan.

The fresh vegetables reportable operating segment ( fresh vegetables ) sells packaged salads and has a line of fresh-packed products that includes iceberg and romaine lettuce, celery, and fresh berries including strawberries and blueberries. Substantially all of the sales for fresh vegetables are generated in North America.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, Dole changed the segment classification of its Asia fresh vegetables operations from the fresh vegetables operating segment to the fresh fruit operating segment, due to a change in operational reporting. The segment reporting change has been reflected for all periods presented.

The packaged foods reportable operating segment ( packaged foods ) sells and distributes packaged fruit and frozen fruit products in North America, Europe and Asia, with North America as the primary market. The largest component of packaged foods sales are FRUIT BOWLS®, canned pineapple and pineapple juice.

Management evaluates and monitors segment performance primarily through, among other measures, earnings before interest expense and income taxes ( EBIT ). EBIT before discontinued operations is calculated from net income by adding interest expense and income tax expense, and adding the loss or subtracting the income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes. Management believes that segment EBIT provides useful information for analyzing the underlying business results as well as allowing investors a means to evaluate the financial results of each segment in relation to Dole as a whole. EBIT is not defined under U.S. Generally

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

Accepted Accounting Principles ( U.S. GAAP ) and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income or cash flow measures prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP or as a measure of Dole's profitability. Additionally, Dole's computation of EBIT may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures computed by other companies, because not all companies calculate EBIT in the same manner.

Revenues from external customers for the reportable operating segments and corporate were as follows:

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Fresh fruit	\$ 1,254,472	\$ 1,422,823	\$ 3,516,673	\$ 3,998,106
Fresh vegetables	326,570	297,422	851,054	786,522
Packaged foods	375,928	365,601	934,113	902,722
Corporate	141	186	336	511
	\$ 1,957,111	\$ 2,086,032	\$ 5,302,176	\$ 5,687,861

EBIT for the reportable operating segments and corporate were as follows:

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Fresh fruit EBIT	\$ 10,069	\$ 4,856	\$ 136,514	\$ 178,323
Fresh vegetables EBIT	3,220	6,145	20,506	24,008
Packaged foods EBIT	29,305	24,054	63,110	62,115
Total operating segments EBIT	42,594	35,055	220,130	264,446
Corporate:				
Unrealized loss on cross currency swap				(3,787)
Unrealized gain (loss) on long-term Japanese yen hedges	870	2,413	271	(20,167)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on foreign denominated instruments	(2,886)	1,854	212	(4,580)
Share-based compensation	(2,295)	(1,816)	(5,737)	(4,392)
Write-off of debt issuance costs and refinancing fees		(12,739)	(433)	(12,759)
Loss on early retirement of notes		(13,453)		(13,453)
Strategic review transaction costs	(7,194)		(8,282)	
Operating and other expenses	(12,821)	(16,750)	(35,760)	(37,271)
Corporate	(24,326)	(40,491)	(49,729)	(96,409)
Interest expense	(39,953)	(41,402)	(101,546)	(111,709)
Income taxes	8,055	(123)	230	(18,781)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(13,630)	(46,961)	69,085	37,547
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(234)	(43)	(266)	188

Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

Gain from disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes					339
Net income (loss)	\$ (13,864)	\$ (47,004)	\$ 68,819	\$ 38,074	

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

Dole's equity earnings from equity method investments, which have been included in EBIT in the table above, relate primarily to the fresh fruit operating segment.

Total assets for the three reportable operating segments, corporate and fresh-cut flowers were as follows:

	October 6, 2012	December 31, 2011
	(In thousands)	
Fresh fruit	\$ 2,099,430	\$ 2,129,910
Fresh vegetables	467,432	489,091
Packaged foods	794,430	743,447
Total operating segments	3,361,292	3,362,448
Corporate	868,924	903,851
Fresh-cut flowers discontinued operation	5,023	5,023
	<b>\$ 4,235,239</b>	<b>\$ 4,271,322</b>

**NOTE 14 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Dole is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, bunker fuel price fluctuations and interest rate changes in the normal course of its business. As part of its risk management strategy, Dole uses derivative instruments to hedge some of these exposures. Dole's objective is to offset gains and losses resulting from these exposures with losses and gains on the derivative contracts used to hedge them, thereby reducing volatility of earnings. Dole does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

***Cash Flow Hedges***

Certain of Dole's foreign currency derivative instruments are designated as cash flow hedges. Specifically, Dole designated certain of its foreign currency exchange forward contracts and participating forward contracts as cash flow hedges of its forecasted revenue and operating expense transactions. As a result, changes in fair value of the foreign currency derivative instruments since hedge designation, to the extent effective, are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI) in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet and are reclassified into earnings in the same period the underlying transactions affect earnings. Changes in the fair value of any portion of a cash flow hedge deemed ineffective are recognized into current period earnings.

***Interest Rate Swap, Cross Currency Swap and Long-term Japanese Yen Hedges***

Dole entered into an interest rate swap in 2006 to hedge future changes in interest rates. This agreement effectively converted \$320 million of borrowings under Term Loan C, which was variable-rate debt, to a fixed-rate basis that matured June 16, 2011.

In connection with a refinancing transaction in which we engaged in March 2010, some of the terms of Dole's senior secured credit facilities were amended. Dole evaluated the impact of these amendments on its hedge designation for its interest rate swap and determined not to re-designate the interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge of its interest rate risk associated with Term Loan C. As a result, changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap after de-designation on March 2, 2010 were recorded in interest expense. The unrealized loss in AOCI was recognized into interest expense through the June 2011 maturity of the interest rate swap as the underlying Term Loan C interest payments were made.



**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

During 2006 (subsequently amended in 2009), Dole executed a cross currency swap to synthetically convert \$320 million of Term Loan C into Japanese yen denominated debt in order to effectively lower the U.S. dollar fixed interest rate. The cross currency swap was scheduled to mature in June 2011. During 2009, Dole entered into a collateral arrangement which required Dole to provide collateral to its counterparties when the fair market value of the cross currency and interest rate swaps exceeded a combined liability of \$35 million.

During the first quarter of 2011, Dole entered into a transaction to effectively unwind the cross currency swap by refinancing its obligation under the cross currency swap and entering into a series of long-term Japanese yen hedges that mature through December 2014. As a result of the unwind of the cross currency swap, the collateral arrangement with the counterparties was no longer required. The long-term Japanese yen hedges require Dole to buy U.S. dollars and sell Japanese yen at an exchange rate of ¥101.3. At inception, these contracts were in a liability position of approximately \$159 million and the total notional amount outstanding of the long-term Japanese yen hedges was \$596.3 million. At October 6, 2012, the liability was approximately \$124.8 million, and the total notional amount outstanding of the long-term Japanese yen hedges was \$425.8 million. The value of these contracts will fluctuate based on changes in the exchange rate over the life of the individual forward contracts.

Upon entering into the long-term Japanese yen hedges, Dole designated the long-term Japanese yen forward contracts as cash flow hedges of its forecasted Japanese yen revenue stream. Due to the fact that there is a significant financing element present at the inception of the long-term Japanese yen hedges, the cash inflows or outflows associated with settlement of these contracts are included within the financing activities in Dole's condensed consolidated statement of cash flows. While the long-term Japanese yen hedges were designated as cash flow hedges, a portion of the long-term Japanese yen hedges were deemed ineffective. With respect to this portion, changes in the fair value of the hedges are recorded in other income (expense), net in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations, because the ineffectiveness was considered to be caused by the financing element of this instrument.

As a result of Dole executing a definitive agreement with ITOCHU Corporation on September 17, 2012, it is no longer considered to be probable that the forecasted Japanese yen revenue streams in 2013 and 2014 will occur. Accordingly, Dole de-designated these contracts as cash flow hedges on that date. Changes in the fair value of these hedges subsequent to September 17, 2012, are recorded to other income (expense), net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. Since it is still considered to be reasonably possible that the forecasted transactions will occur in the future, the AOCI balance for these hedges will be reclassified into earnings upon settlement of the forecasted transactions. Once management has determined that it is no longer reasonably possible that the forecasted Japanese yen revenue streams will occur, the amounts remaining in AOCI for the long-term Japanese yen forward contracts will be recorded to other income (expense), net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

At October 6, 2012, the gross notional values of Dole's derivative instruments were as follows:

	Average Strike Price (In thousands, except average strike price)	Notional Amount
Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments:		
Foreign currency hedges (buy/sell):		
U.S. dollar/Japanese yen	JPY 100.3 /\$	\$ 39,896
U.S. dollar/Euro	USD 1.31 /	103,193
Thai baht/U.S. dollar	THB 31.06 /\$	48,137
Philippine peso/U.S. dollar	PHP 42.52 /\$	27,037
Chilean peso/U.S. dollar	CLP 507.76/\$	3,545
Derivatives not designated as cash flow hedging instruments:		
Foreign currency hedges (buy/sell):		
U.S. dollar/Japanese yen	JPY 101.3/\$	387,393
U.S. dollar/Swedish krona	SEK 6.57 /\$	3,105
South African rand/U.S. dollar	ZAR 8.55 /\$	1,800
South African rand/ British pound sterling	ZAR 13.39 /£	£ 425
South African rand/Euro	ZAR 10.78 /	425
British pound sterling /U.S. dollar	USD 1.55 /£	305
Bunker fuel hedges	USD 562 /mt	7,000mt

The following table presents the derivative assets (liabilities) at fair value for derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments:

	Balance Sheet Classification	October 6, 2012	December 31, 2011
(In thousands)			
<i>Assets:</i>			
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Receivables, net	\$ 3,279	\$ 5,427
		3,279	5,427
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Accrued liabilities	(11,016)	(70,730)
	Other long-term liabilities	(21)	(123,304)
		(11,037)	(194,034)
Total derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments		\$ (7,758)	\$ (188,607)





**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

The following table presents the derivative assets (liabilities) at fair value for derivatives not designated as cash flow hedging instruments:

	Balance Sheet Classification	October 6, 2012	December 31, 2011
(In thousands)			
<i>Assets:</i>			
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Receivables, net	\$ 33	\$ 205
Bunker fuel hedges	Receivables, net	385	1,563
		418	1,768
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Accrued liabilities	(45,008)	
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Other long-term liabilities	(68,329)	
		(113,337)	
<b>Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments</b>		<b>\$ (112,919)</b>	<b>\$ 1,768</b>

Settlement of the foreign currency hedges will occur during 2012 through 2014 and settlement of bunker fuel hedges will occur during 2012.

The effects of the interest rate swap and foreign currency hedges designated as cash flow hedging instruments on accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) and the condensed consolidated statements of operations were as follows:

	Gains (Losses) Recognized in AOCI During Quarter Ended		Income Statement Classification	Gains (Losses) Reclassified Into Income During Quarter Ended		Gains (Losses) Recognized in Income due to Hedge Ineffectiveness or Amounts Excluded from Effectiveness Testing During Quarter Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011		October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)						
Foreign currency hedges (1)	1,609	(36,156)	Cost of products sold	598	(11,175)	1,388	(239)
			Other income (expense), net			870	2,413



Edgar Filing: DOLE FOOD CO INC - Form 10-Q

Statement of Operations

(In thousands)

Foreign currency exchange contracts	Cost of products sold	\$ (63)	\$ (710)
Bunker fuel contracts	Cost of products sold	400	3,072
Foreign currency exchange contracts	Other income (expense), net	47	
Long-term Japanese yen hedges	Other income (expense), net	62	(26,723)
Cross currency swap	Other income (expense), net		(1,902)
Interest rate swap	Interest expense		(18,942)
		\$ 446	\$ (45,205)

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)****NOTE 15 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Dole's financial instruments primarily consist of short-term trade and grower receivables, trade payables, notes receivable and notes payable, as well as long-term grower receivables, derivatives, capital lease obligations, term loans, a revolving loan, and notes and debentures. For short-term instruments, the carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. For long-term financial instruments, excluding Dole's secured and unsecured notes and debentures, and term loans, the carrying amount approximates fair value since they bear interest at variable rates or fixed rates which approximate market.

The inputs used to measure fair value are based on a hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used in valuation techniques. These levels, in order of highest to lowest priority are described below:

*Level 1:* Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities.

*Level 2:* Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by market data.

*Level 3:* Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

The following table provides a summary of the assets (liabilities) measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	<b>Fair Value Measurements Using Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</b>	
	<b>October 6, 2012</b>	<b>December 31, 2011</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Assets:</b>		
Foreign currency exchange contracts	\$ 3,312	\$ 5,632
Bunker fuel contracts	385	1,563
	\$ 3,697	\$ 7,195
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Foreign currency exchange contracts	\$ (124,374)	\$ (194,034)

For Dole, the assets and liabilities that are required to be recorded at fair value on a recurring basis are the derivative instruments. The fair values of Dole's derivative instruments are determined using Level 2 inputs, which are defined as significant other observable inputs. The fair values of the foreign currency exchange contracts and bunker fuel contracts were estimated using internal discounted cash flow calculations based upon forward foreign currency exchange rates, bunker fuel futures, interest-rate yield curves or quotes obtained from brokers for contracts with similar terms less any credit valuation adjustments. Dole recorded a credit valuation adjustment at October 6, 2012 which reduced the derivative liability balances. The credit valuation adjustment was \$0.6 million at October 6, 2012 and \$10.5 million at December 31, 2011.

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****(Unaudited)**

The following table shows the change in the credit valuation adjustment in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and the portion that is reflected in OCI:

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands)			
Unrealized gain (loss) recorded in other income (expense), net	\$ (1,739)	\$ 2,561	\$ (8,020)	\$ 8,562
Unrealized gain (loss) recorded in OCI	(228)	2,195	(1,866)	2,195
	\$ (1,967)	\$ 4,756	\$ (9,886)	\$ 10,757

The fair value of goodwill and the intangible assets recorded in connection with the acquisition of Mrs. May's was determined using discounted cash flow models based on an internal estimate of future cash flows based on unobservable inputs, and as such, are considered to be Level 3 non-recurring fair values within the fair value hierarchy.

During the second quarter of 2012, \$1 million of long-term trade receivables were written down to their estimated fair values based on Level 3 inputs.

The goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment analysis was performed in the second quarter of 2012 using a combination of discounted cash flow models and market multiples. The discounted cash flow models used estimates and assumptions including pricing and volume data, anticipated growth rates, profitability levels, tax rates and discount rates.

**Credit Risk**

The counterparties to the foreign currency and bunker fuel forward contracts and the interest rate and cross currency swaps consist of a number of major international financial institutions. Dole has established counterparty guidelines and regularly monitors its positions and the financial strength of these institutions. While counterparties to hedging contracts expose Dole to credit-related losses in the event of a counterparty's non-performance, the risk would be limited to the unrealized gains on such affected contracts. Dole does not anticipate any such losses.

**NOTE 16 CONTINGENCIES**

Dole is a guarantor of indebtedness of some of its key fruit suppliers and other entities integral to Dole's operations. At October 6, 2012, guarantees of \$10.7 million consisted primarily of amounts advanced under third-party bank agreements to independent growers that supply Dole with product. Dole has not historically experienced significant losses associated with these guarantees.

Dole issues letters of credit and bank guarantees through its ABL revolver and, in addition, separately through major banking institutions. Dole also provides bonds issued by insurance companies. These letters of credit, bank guarantees and insurance company bonds are required by certain regulatory authorities, suppliers and other operating agreements. As of October 6, 2012, total letters of credit, bank guarantees and bonds outstanding under these arrangements were \$190.5 million.



**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

Dole also provides various guarantees, mostly to foreign banks, in the course of its normal business operations to support the borrowings, leases and other obligations of its subsidiaries. Dole guaranteed \$116.8 million of its subsidiaries' obligations to their suppliers and other third parties as of October 6, 2012.

Dole has change of control agreements with certain key executives, under which severance payments and benefits would become payable in the event of specified terminations of employment in connection with a change of control (as defined) of Dole.

Dole is involved from time to time in claims and legal actions incidental to its operations, both as plaintiff and defendant. Dole has established what management currently believes to be adequate reserves for pending legal matters. These reserves are established as part of an ongoing worldwide assessment of claims and legal actions that takes into consideration such items as changes in the pending case load (including resolved and new matters), opinions of legal counsel, individual developments in court proceedings, changes in the law, changes in business focus, changes in the litigation environment, changes in opponent strategy and tactics, new developments as a result of ongoing discovery, and past experience in defending and settling similar claims. In the opinion of management, after consultation with outside counsel, the claims or actions to which Dole is a party are not expected to have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on Dole's financial position or results of operations.

*DBCP Cases:* A significant portion of Dole's legal exposure relates to lawsuits pending in the United States and in several foreign countries, alleging injury as a result of exposure to the agricultural chemical DBCP (1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane). DBCP was manufactured by several chemical companies including entities of The Dow Chemical Company and Royal Dutch Shell plc and registered by the U.S. government for use on food crops. Dole and other growers applied DBCP on banana farms in Latin America and the Philippines and on pineapple farms in Hawaii. Specific periods of use varied among the different locations. Dole halted all purchases of DBCP, including for use in foreign countries, when the U.S. EPA cancelled the registration of DBCP for use in the United States in 1979. That cancellation was based in part on a 1977 study by a manufacturer which indicated an apparent link between male sterility and exposure to DBCP among factory workers producing the product, as well as early product testing done by the manufacturers showing testicular effects on animals exposed to DBCP. To date, there is no reliable evidence demonstrating that field application of DBCP led to sterility among farm workers, although that claim is made in the pending lawsuits. Nor is there any reliable scientific evidence that DBCP causes any other injuries in humans, although plaintiffs in the various actions assert claims based on cancer, birth defects and other general illnesses.

Currently there are 195 lawsuits, in various stages of proceedings, alleging injury as a result of exposure to DBCP or seeking enforcement of Nicaragua judgments. In addition, there are 66 labor cases pending in Costa Rica under that country's national insurance program.

On October 3, 2011, Dole signed a definitive settlement agreement with the plaintiff group represented by the Provost & Umphrey Law Firm, L.L.P. On September 5, 2012, that settlement agreement was completed, terminating Provost's 33 Nicaragua lawsuits representing approximately \$9 billion in claimed damages and, in seven of those cases, judgments totaling \$907.5 million, and four U.S. lawsuits (90% of the plaintiffs have been dismissed, the Court has scheduled a dismissal hearing for the remaining plaintiffs in November 2012). This settlement is consistent with the position Dole has taken in the past, that it is willing to seek reasonable resolution of pending DBCP litigation. The settlement will not have a material effect on Dole's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

---

**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

Of the 195 lawsuits not included in the Provost & Umphrey settlement, 18 are currently pending in various jurisdictions in the United States. One case in Los Angeles Superior Court, the last remaining lawsuit brought in the United States by Nicaraguan plaintiffs, was dismissed after the Court found that the plaintiffs and their representatives engaged in blatant fraud, witness tampering and active manipulation. On March 11, 2011, the Court issued a final Statement of Decision, followed on March 31, 2011 by a Judgment, that vacates the prior judgment and dismisses all plaintiffs' claims with prejudice. Plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal of that judgment on May 6, 2011, and briefing is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2012. Six cases that were recently filed in Delaware Federal court by the same plaintiffs that had filed identical cases in Louisiana Federal Court in 2011, were dismissed with prejudice on August 21, 2012 under the first-filed rule. On September 17, 2012, the Louisiana counterparts to those six cases, together with one additional case, were dismissed with prejudice by the Louisiana Federal Court under Louisiana prescription law. Plaintiffs have filed an appeal of the Louisiana dismissals. The remaining lawsuits are pending in Latin America and the Philippines. Claimed damages in DBCP cases worldwide total approximately \$36 billion, with lawsuits in Nicaragua representing approximately 85% of this amount. Typically in these cases, Dole is a joint defendant with the major DBCP manufacturers. Except as described below, none of these lawsuits has resulted in a verdict or judgment against Dole.

In Nicaragua, 163 cases are currently filed (of which 13 are active) in various courts throughout the country, all but three of which were brought pursuant to Law 364 (including one new case that was served on November 21, 2011), an October 2000 Nicaraguan statute that contains substantive and procedural provisions that Nicaragua's Attorney General formally opined are unconstitutional. In October 2003, the Supreme Court of Nicaragua issued an advisory opinion, not connected with any litigation, that Law 364 is constitutional. Twenty-five cases have resulted in judgments in Nicaragua: \$489.4 million (nine cases consolidated with 465 claimants) on December 11, 2002; \$82.9 million (one case with 58 claimants) on February 25, 2004; \$15.7 million (one case with 20 claimants) on May 25, 2004; \$4 million (one case with four claimants) on May 25, 2004; \$56.5 million (one case with 72 claimants) on June 14, 2004; \$64.8 million (one case with 85 claimants) on June 15, 2004; \$27.7 million (one case with 36 claimants) on March 17, 2005; \$46.4 million (one case with 62 claimants) on August 20, 2005; \$38.4 million (one case with 192 claimants) on November 14, 2007; and \$357.7 million (eight cases with 417 claimants) on January 12, 2009, which Dole learned of unofficially. Except for the latest one, Dole has appealed all judgments. Dole will appeal the \$357.7 million judgment once it has been served.

In all but one of the active cases where the proceeding has reached the appropriate stage, Dole has sought to have the cases returned to the United States. In all of the cases where Dole's request to return the case to the United States has been ruled upon, the courts have denied Dole's request and Dole has appealed those decisions.

Dole believes that none of the Nicaraguan judgments will be enforceable against any Dole entity in the U.S. or in any other country, because Nicaragua's Law 364 is unconstitutional and violates international principles of due process. Among other things, Law 364 is an improper special law directed at particular parties; it requires defendants to pay large, non-refundable deposits in order to even participate in the litigation; it provides a severely truncated procedural process; it establishes an irrebuttable presumption of causation that is contrary to the evidence and scientific data; and it sets unreasonable minimum damages that must be awarded in every case.



**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

On October 23, 2006, Dole announced that its subsidiary, Standard Fruit de Honduras, S.A., reached an agreement with the Government of Honduras and representatives of Honduran banana workers. This agreement establishes a Worker Program that is intended by the parties to resolve in a fair and equitable manner the claims of male banana workers alleging sterility as a result of exposure to DBCP. The Honduran Worker Program will not have a material effect on Dole's financial position or results of operations. The official start of the Honduran Worker Program was announced on January 8, 2007. On August 15, 2007, Shell Oil Company was included in the Worker Program.

As to all the DBCP matters, Dole has denied liability and asserted substantial defenses. Although no assurance can be given concerning the outcome of the DBCP cases, in the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel and based on past experience defending and settling DBCP claims, the pending lawsuits are not expected to have a material adverse effect on Dole's financial position or results of operations.

*European Union Antitrust Inquiry:* On October 15, 2008, the European Commission ( EC ) adopted a Decision against Dole Food Company, Inc. and Dole Fresh Fruit Europe OHG and against other unrelated banana companies, finding violations of the European competition (antitrust) laws. The Decision imposes 45.6 million in fines on Dole.

The Decision follows a Statement of Objections, issued by the EC on July 25, 2007, and searches carried out by the EC in June 2005 at certain banana importers and distributors, including two of Dole's offices.

Dole received the Decision on October 21, 2008 and appealed the Decision to the European General Court in Luxembourg on December 24, 2008. Oral argument on the appeal was held on January 25, 2012.

Dole made an initial \$10 million ( 7.6 million) provisional payment towards the 45.6 million fine on January 22, 2009, which is classified as other assets, net in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. As agreed with the European Commission (DG Budget), Dole provided the required bank guaranty for the remaining balance of the fine plus interest to the EC by the deadline of April 30, 2009. The bank guaranty renews annually during the appeals process (which may take several years) and carries interest of 6.15% (accrued from January 23, 2009). If the European General Court fully agrees with Dole's arguments presented in its appeal, Dole will be entitled to the return of all monies paid, plus interest.

Although no assurances can be given, and although there could be a material adverse effect on Dole, Dole believes that it has not violated the European competition laws. No accrual for the Decision has been made in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, since Dole cannot determine at this time the amount of probable loss, if any, incurred as a result of the Decision.

*Honduran Tax Case:* In 2005, Dole received a tax assessment from Honduras of approximately \$137 million (including the claimed tax, penalty, and interest through the date of assessment) relating to the disposition of all of Dole's interest in Cervecería Hondureña, S.A in 2001. Dole believes the assessment is without merit and filed an appeal with the Honduran tax authorities, which was denied. As a result of the denial in the administrative process, in order to negate the tax assessment, on August 5, 2005, Dole proceeded to the next stage of the appellate process by filing a lawsuit against the Honduran government in the Honduran Administrative Tax Trial Court. The Honduran government sought dismissal of the lawsuit and attachment of assets, which Dole challenged. The Honduran Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Honduran intermediate appellate court that a statutory prerequisite to challenging the tax assessment on the merits is the payment of the

**Table of Contents**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**(Unaudited)**

tax assessment or the filing of a payment plan with the Honduran courts; Dole has challenged the constitutionality of the statute requiring such payment or payment plan. Dole and the Honduran government have had discussions regarding possible ways to resolve pending lawsuits and tax-related matters. Although no assurance can be given concerning the outcome of this case, in the opinion of management, after consultation with legal counsel, the pending lawsuits and tax-related matters are not expected to have a material adverse effect on Dole's financial position or results of operations.

*Former Shell Site:* Shell Oil Company and Dole were sued in several cases filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, beginning in 2009, alleging property damage and personal injury by persons claiming to be current or former residents in the area of a housing development built in the 1960s by a predecessor of what is now a Dole subsidiary, on land that had been owned and used by Shell as a crude oil storage facility for 40 years prior to the housing development. On April 20, 2011, the Court dismissed the case with prejudice, including all claims against Dole. On August 11, 2011, the Court overturned its dismissal in response to plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration and permitted the filing of a second amended complaint by plaintiffs. The defendants filed motions to dismiss plaintiffs' second amended complaint, which have been denied, except that Shell's motions were granted to dismiss certain property damage claims and certain claims based on the allegation that Shell had engaged in ultrahazardous activity. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board is supervising the cleanup on the former Shell site. On March 11, 2011, the Water Board issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order naming Shell as the Discharger and a Responsible Party, and ordering Shell to assess, monitor, and cleanup and abate the effects of contaminants discharged to soil and groundwater at the site. On April 22, 2011, the Water Board sent Dole a letter requiring Dole to supply information concerning ownership, development and activities of the former Shell site, which Dole did on September 15, 2011.

Table of Contents

## DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

(Unaudited)

## NOTE 17 EARNINGS PER SHARE

	Quarter Ended		Three Quarters Ended	
	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011	October 6, 2012	October 8, 2011
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (13,630)	\$ (46,961)	\$ 69,085	\$ 37,547
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(234)	(43)	(266)	188
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations, net of income taxes				339
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1,456)	(1,634)	(3,643)	(3,906)