

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC

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**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 June 18, 2005**

**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)**

**Delaware**

**(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)**

**99-0035300**

**(I.R.S. Employer  
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 is an accelerated filer (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.

| <b>Class</b>                    | <b>Shares Outstanding at July 28, 2005</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value | 1,000                                      |

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

|                                                            | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                            | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Revenues, net                                              | \$ 1,526,351             | \$ 1,315,959             |
| Cost of products sold                                      | 1,302,841                | 1,098,875                |
| Gross margin                                               | 223,510                  | 217,084                  |
| Selling, marketing and general and administrative expenses | 107,382                  | 99,376                   |
| Operating income                                           | 116,128                  | 117,708                  |
| Other income (expense), net                                | (42,683)                 | (1,071)                  |
| Interest income                                            | 970                      | 874                      |
| Interest expense                                           | 32,398                   | 34,653                   |
| Income before income taxes                                 | 42,017                   | 82,858                   |
| Income taxes                                               | 9,689                    | 14,915                   |
| Net income                                                 | \$ 32,328                | \$ 67,943                |

*See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements*

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**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

|                                                            | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                            | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Revenues, net                                              | \$ 2,968,484             | \$ 2,570,543             |
| Cost of products sold                                      | 2,526,312                | 2,150,553                |
| Gross margin                                               | 442,172                  | 419,990                  |
| Selling, marketing and general and administrative expenses | 222,200                  | 194,794                  |
| Operating income                                           | 219,972                  | 225,196                  |
| Other income (expense), net                                | (40,968)                 | (733)                    |
| Interest income                                            | 2,045                    | 1,796                    |
| Interest expense                                           | 68,457                   | 69,394                   |
| Income before income taxes                                 | 112,592                  | 156,865                  |
| Income tax expense                                         | 63,110                   | 28,088                   |
| Net income                                                 | \$ 49,482                | \$ 128,777               |

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**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(Unaudited)  
(In thousands, except share data)

|                                                                                           | June 18,<br>2005    | January 1,<br>2005  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                                             |                     |                     |
| Current Assets:                                                                           |                     |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                                 | \$ 68,576           | \$ 79,217           |
| Receivables, net of allowances of \$66,911 and \$65,533                                   | 743,462             | 617,952             |
| Inventories                                                                               | 529,915             | 508,891             |
| Prepaid expenses                                                                          | 58,726              | 63,742              |
| Deferred income tax assets                                                                | 43,551              | 43,551              |
| Total current assets                                                                      | 1,444,230           | 1,313,353           |
| Investments                                                                               | 93,995              | 94,481              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$646,383 and \$586,800 | 1,487,820           | 1,516,355           |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net                                                       | 1,272,774           | 1,275,356           |
| Other assets, net                                                                         | 131,675             | 132,072             |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                                                       | <b>\$ 4,430,494</b> | <b>\$ 4,331,617</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>                                               |                     |                     |
| Current Liabilities:                                                                      |                     |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                                  | \$ 866,403          | \$ 847,982          |
| Dividend payable to parent                                                                | 61,700              |                     |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                                         | 29,151              | 31,278              |
| Notes payable                                                                             | 875                 | 624                 |
| Total current liabilities                                                                 | 958,129             | 879,884             |
| Long-term debt                                                                            | 1,902,330           | 1,837,020           |
| Deferred income tax liabilities                                                           | 394,828             | 396,622             |
| Other long-term liabilities                                                               | 519,256             | 519,994             |
| Minority interests                                                                        | 19,818              | 20,224              |
| Contingencies (Note 9)                                                                    |                     |                     |
| Shareholders' equity:                                                                     |                     |                     |
| Common stock \$0.001 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding           |                     |                     |
| Additional paid-in capital                                                                | 440,032             | 440,032             |
| Retained earnings                                                                         | 201,627             | 226,145             |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income                                             | (5,526)             | 11,696              |
| Total shareholders' equity                                                                | 636,133             | 677,873             |
| <b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>                                         | <b>\$ 4,430,494</b> | <b>\$ 4,331,617</b> |

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**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

|                                                                                    | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                                    | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Operating activities</b>                                                        |                          |                          |
| Net income                                                                         | \$ 49,482                | \$ 128,777               |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flow provided by operating activities: |                          |                          |
| Depreciation and amortization                                                      | 67,779                   | 63,674                   |
| Unrealized foreign currency (gain) loss                                            | (3,648)                  | 2,542                    |
| Asset write-offs and net gain on sale of assets                                    | (3,041)                  | (2,724)                  |
| Minority interest and equity earnings, net                                         | (2,447)                  | (444)                    |
| Provision for deferred income taxes                                                | (750)                    | 13,650                   |
| Premiums paid on early retirement of debt                                          | 33,047                   |                          |
| Write-off of debt issuance costs                                                   | 10,722                   | 1,482                    |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs                                                | 3,289                    | 4,204                    |
| Other                                                                              | 2,646                    | 1,149                    |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                       |                          |                          |
| Receivables                                                                        | (154,887)                | (110,344)                |
| Inventories                                                                        | (24,703)                 | (4,138)                  |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets                                                  | (7,682)                  | (7,286)                  |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities                                           | 100,716                  | 30,357                   |
| Other long-term liabilities                                                        | 3,163                    | 2,981                    |
| Cash flow provided by operating activities                                         | 73,686                   | 123,880                  |
| <b>Investing activities</b>                                                        |                          |                          |
| Proceeds from sales of assets                                                      | 7,006                    | 3,988                    |
| Investments and acquisitions                                                       | (51,010)                 | (167,033)                |
| Capital additions                                                                  | (44,478)                 | (28,021)                 |
| Repurchase of common stock in the going-private merger transaction                 | (349)                    | (1,300)                  |
| Transaction costs paid in the going-private merger transaction                     |                          | (325)                    |
| Cash flow used in investing activities                                             | (88,831)                 | (192,691)                |
| <b>Financing activities</b>                                                        |                          |                          |
| Short-term debt borrowings                                                         | 6,971                    | 12,225                   |
| Short-term debt repayments                                                         | (21,621)                 | (12,400)                 |
| Long-term debt borrowings, net of debt issuance costs                              | 1,190,649                | 489,530                  |
| Long-term debt repayments                                                          | (1,155,052)              | (372,777)                |
| Dividends paid to minority shareholders                                            | (2,382)                  | (918)                    |
| Dividends paid                                                                     | (12,300)                 | (10,000)                 |

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|                                                                      |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash flow provided by financing activities                           | 6,265     | 105,660   |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (1,761)   | (2,366)   |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                     | (10,641)  | 34,483    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                     | 79,217    | 33,482    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                           | \$ 68,576 | \$ 67,965 |

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

**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 the Company's financial position as of June 18, 2005 and January 1, 2005; its results of operations for the quarters and half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004; and its cash flows for the half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004. The Company operates under a 52/53-week year. The quarters ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004 are twelve weeks in duration. For a summary of significant accounting policies and additional information relating to the Company's financial statements, refer to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K ( Form 10-K ) for the year ended January 1, 2005.

Interim results are subject to seasonal variations and are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for a full year. The Company'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 currency exchange rates in both sourcing and selling locations as well as economic crises and security risks in developing countries.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2005 presentation.

**2. INCOME TAXES**

During October 2004, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 ( AJCA ) was signed into law, adding Section 965 to the Internal Revenue Code. Section 965 provides a special one-time deduction of 85% of certain foreign earnings that are repatriated under a domestic reinvestment plan, as defined therein. The effective federal tax rate on any qualified foreign earnings repatriated under Section 965 equals 5.25%. Taxpayers may elect to apply this provision to a qualified earnings repatriation made during calendar year 2005.

During the second fiscal quarter of 2005, the Company repatriated \$570 million of earnings from its foreign subsidiaries, of which approximately \$483 million qualifies for the 85% dividends received deduction under Section 965. An estimated tax provision of approximately \$39.1 million for the repatriation of certain foreign earnings has been recorded as income tax expense for the half year ended June 18, 2005.

In addition to the income tax on repatriation of \$39.1 million, income tax expense for the half year ended June 18, 2005, of \$63.1 million, includes \$24 million of income tax expense, which reflects the Company's expected effective income tax rate of approximately 21% for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2005. The income tax expense of approximately \$28.1 million for the half year ended June 19, 2004 reflects the Company's then expected effective income tax rate for the full year ended January 1, 2005, of approximately 18%.

For the periods presented, the Company's effective income tax rate differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to earnings from operations being taxed in foreign jurisdictions at a net effective rate lower than the U.S. rate. Other than the taxes provided on the \$570 million of repatriated foreign earnings, no U.S. taxes have been provided on these earnings because such earnings are intended to be indefinitely invested outside the U.S.

*Income Tax Audits:* The Company believes its tax positions comply with the applicable tax laws and that it adequately provided for all tax related matters. The Company is subject to examination by taxing authorities in the various jurisdictions in which it files tax returns. Matters raised upon audit may involve substantial amounts and could result in material cash payments if resolved unfavorably; however, management does not believe that any material payments will be made related to these matters in the current fiscal year. In

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addition, management considers it unlikely that the resolution of these matters will have a materially adverse effect on its results of operation.

Specifically, the Company has received a tax assessment in Honduras in the amount of approximately \$137 million relating to the disposition of all of the Company's interest in Cervecería Hondureña, S.A in 2001. The Company is challenging the assessment and believes it is without merit. No reserve has been provided for this matter.

**3. INVENTORIES**

The major classes of inventories were as follows (in thousands):

|                                    | June 18,<br>2005 | January 1,<br>2005 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Finished products                  | \$ 260,346       | \$ 232,193         |
| Raw materials and work in progress | 130,002          | 119,645            |
| Crop-growing costs                 | 91,296           | 116,295            |
| Operating supplies and other       | 48,271           | 40,758             |
|                                    | \$ 529,915       | \$ 508,891         |

**4. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Goodwill has been allocated to the Company's reporting segments as follows (in thousands):

|                                  | Fresh<br>Fruit | Fresh<br>Vegetables | Packaged<br>Foods | Fresh-cut<br>Flowers | Other | Total      |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Balance as of January 1,<br>2005 | \$ 375,676     | \$ 97,663           | \$ 63,526         | \$                   | \$    | \$ 536,865 |
| Additions                        |                |                     | 2,527             |                      |       | 2,527      |
| Other                            | 390            | (54)                |                   |                      |       | 336        |
| Balance as of June 18,<br>2005   | \$ 376,066     | \$ 97,609           | \$ 66,053         | \$                   | \$    | \$ 539,728 |

The additions to goodwill during the half year ended June 18, 2005 relate primarily to a purchase price adjustment associated with the 2004 acquisition of Wood Holdings, Inc. (renamed Dole Packaged Frozen Foods), a privately held frozen fruit producer and manufacturer. The purchase price adjustment is attributable to a change in the expected reimbursement of certain tax liabilities payable to the selling shareholders as a result of the transaction.

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Details of the Company's intangible assets were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                      | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>January 1,<br/>2005</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Amortized intangible assets:                         |                          |                            |
| Customer relationships                               | \$ 38,501                | \$ 38,501                  |
| Licenses                                             | 20,688                   | 20,688                     |
| Other amortized intangible assets                    | 8,989                    | 9,132                      |
|                                                      | 68,178                   | 68,321                     |
| Accumulated amortization customer relationships      | (7,239)                  | (5,542)                    |
| Accumulated amortization licenses                    | (16,666)                 | (13,218)                   |
| Other accumulated amortization                       | (5,745)                  | (5,588)                    |
| Accumulated amortization intangible assets           | (29,650)                 | (24,348)                   |
| Intangible assets, net                               | 38,528                   | 43,973                     |
| Unamortized intangible assets:                       |                          |                            |
| Trademark, trade names and other related intangibles | 694,518                  | 694,518                    |
| Total intangible assets, net                         | \$ 733,046               | \$ 738,491                 |

Amortization expense of intangible assets totaled \$2.7 million, \$5.5 million, \$2.5 million and \$5.3 million for the quarters and half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004, respectively. As of June 18, 2005, the estimated remaining amortization expense associated with the Company's intangible assets in each of the next five fiscal years is as follows (in thousands):

| <b>Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 2005               | \$ 6,379      |
| 2006               | \$ 4,323      |
| 2007               | \$ 3,677      |
| 2008               | \$ 3,677      |
| 2009               | \$ 3,677      |

The Company performed its annual impairment review of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, during the second quarter of fiscal 2005. This review indicated no impairment to goodwill or any of the Company's indefinite-lived intangible assets.

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**5. LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt consisted of the following amounts (in thousands):

|                                                                                                 | June 18,<br>2005 | January 1,<br>2005 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Unsecured debt:                                                                                 |                  |                    |
| 8.625% notes due 2009                                                                           | \$ 350,000       | \$ 400,000         |
| 7.25% notes due 2010                                                                            | 400,000          | 400,000            |
| 8.875% notes due 2011                                                                           | 200,000          | 475,000            |
| 8.75% debentures due 2013                                                                       | 155,000          | 155,000            |
| Secured debt:                                                                                   |                  |                    |
| Term loan facilities                                                                            | 737,657          | 341,619            |
| Contracts and notes due 2005 2010, at a weighted-average interest rate of 6.70% (7.84% in 2004) | 2,408            | 2,801              |
| Capital lease obligations                                                                       | 87,787           | 95,539             |
| Unamortized debt discount                                                                       | (1,371)          | (1,661)            |
|                                                                                                 | 1,931,481        | 1,868,298          |
| Current maturities                                                                              | (29,151)         | (31,278)           |
|                                                                                                 | \$ 1,902,330     | \$ 1,837,020       |

The Company amortized deferred debt issuance costs of \$1.4 million, \$3.3 million, \$2.1 million and \$4.2 million during the quarters and half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004, respectively. The weighted-average interest rate on the term loan facilities at June 18, 2005 was approximately 3.67%. At June 18, 2005, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the \$300 million revolving credit portion of the senior secured credit facilities, and after taking into account approximately \$89.2 million of outstanding letters of credit and bank guarantees issued against these facilities, had approximately \$210.8 million available for future borrowings under these facilities.

Provisions under the senior secured credit facilities and the indentures to the Company's senior notes and debentures require the Company to comply with certain financial covenants. These covenants include financial performance measures, such as minimum required interest coverage ratio and maximum permitted leverage ratio, as well as limitations on, among other things, indebtedness, capital expenditures, investments, loans to subsidiaries, employees and third parties, the issuance of guarantees and the payment of dividends. At June 18, 2005, the Company was in compliance with all applicable covenants.

In April 2005, the Company executed an amendment and restatement of its senior secured credit facility agreement (the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement). The purpose of the amendment and restatement was to lower the Company's overall effective interest rate and to more effectively match the Company's debt structure to its foreign and domestic cash flows. Under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the Company obtained financing through term loan borrowings (Term Loan A and Term Loan B), \$350 million relating to Term Loan A (denominated in Japanese yen), \$400 million relating to Term Loan B and \$300 million of revolving credit facilities. Borrowings under Term Loan A and Term Loan B are repayable in quarterly tranches through 2010 and 2012, respectively. The Company may accelerate repayments under term loans at its option without penalty. In connection with the refinancing of the term loan facilities, the Company wrote-off deferred debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million.



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Provisions under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are similar to the pre-restatement provisions under the Company's senior secured credit agreement; however, the provisions provide for somewhat less restrictive covenants and more favorable interest rates.

In April 2005, in conjunction with the execution of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the Company completed a tender offer to purchase for cash \$325 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's outstanding debt securities. The Company repurchased \$275 million of its \$475 million 8.875% unsecured Senior Notes due in 2011 and \$50 million of its \$400 million 8.625% unsecured Senior Notes due 2009. In connection with these repurchases, the Company recorded a loss on early retirement of debt of \$42.3 million, which is included in other income (expense), net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for both the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005. The loss on early retirement of debt included a write-off of deferred debt issuance costs of \$9.2 million as well as a bond premium expense of \$33.1 million.

In May 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement in order to hedge future changes in interest rates. This agreement effectively converted borrowings under Term Loan A, which is variable-rate debt, to a fixed-rate basis through the term of the loan. The fair value of the swap at June 18, 2005 was immaterial to the financial statements.

**6. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY***Comprehensive Income*

The components of comprehensive income were as follows in each period (in thousands):

|                                                                             | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                             | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Net income                                                                  | \$ 32,328                | \$ 67,943                |
| Unrealized foreign currency translation                                     | (11,813)                 | (1,334)                  |
| Reclassification of realized cash flow hedging (gains) losses to net income | (532)                    | 2,821                    |
| Unrealized net gain on cash flow hedging instruments                        | 3,521                    | 4,182                    |
| Comprehensive income                                                        | \$ 23,504                | \$ 73,612                |

|                                                                             | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                             | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Net income                                                                  | \$ 49,482                | \$ 128,777               |
| Unrealized foreign currency translation                                     | (19,459)                 | (7,844)                  |
| Reclassification of realized cash flow hedging (gains) losses to net income | (638)                    | 6,605                    |
| Unrealized net gain on cash flow hedging instruments                        | 2,875                    | 4,937                    |
| Comprehensive income                                                        | \$ 32,260                | \$ 132,475               |

*Dividends*

During the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005, the Company declared dividends of \$74 million to its parent company, Dole Holding Company, LLC, of which \$12.3 million was paid. As planned, the dividends are a return of the capital contribution made to the Company by Dole Holding Company, LLC, in 2004. The remaining balance of \$61.7 million is expected to be paid in the third quarter of 2005.

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During the half year ended June 19, 2004, the Company declared and paid dividends of \$10 million to Dole Holding Company, LLC. No dividends were declared in the quarter ended June 19, 2004.

The Company's ability to declare future dividends is restricted under the terms of its senior secured credit facilities and bond indentures.

**7. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

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

|                                                | <b>Pension Plans</b>     |                          | <b>OPRB Plans</b>        |                          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|                                                | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Components of net periodic benefit cost</b> |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Service cost                                   | \$ 1,172                 | \$ 1,531                 | \$ 32                    | \$ 21                    |
| Interest cost                                  | 5,242                    | 4,746                    | 758                      | 1,096                    |
| Expected return on plan assets                 | (4,248)                  | (4,032)                  |                          |                          |
| <b>Amortization of:</b>                        |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Unrecognized net loss                          | 240                      | 60                       | 5                        | 6                        |
| Unrecognized prior service cost (benefit)      | 15                       | 15                       | (320)                    | (52)                     |
| Unrecognized net transition obligation         | 11                       | 10                       |                          |                          |
|                                                | <b>\$ 2,432</b>          | <b>\$ 2,330</b>          | <b>\$ 475</b>            | <b>\$ 1,071</b>          |

|                                                | <b>Pension Plans</b>     |                          | <b>OPRB Plans</b>        |                          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|                                                | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Components of net periodic benefit cost</b> |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Service cost                                   | \$ 2,500                 | \$ 3,148                 | \$ 51                    | \$ 44                    |
| Interest cost                                  | 10,617                   | 10,196                   | 1,927                    | 2,380                    |
| Expected return on plan assets                 | (8,497)                  | (8,786)                  |                          |                          |
| <b>Amortization of:</b>                        |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Unrecognized net loss                          | 473                      | 118                      | 10                       | 12                       |
| Unrecognized prior service cost (benefit)      | 31                       | 2                        | (345)                    | (109)                    |
| Unrecognized net transition obligation         | 23                       | 19                       |                          |                          |
|                                                | <b>\$ 5,147</b>          | <b>\$ 4,697</b>          | <b>\$ 1,643</b>          | <b>\$ 2,327</b>          |

The Company made \$3 million and \$6 million in voluntary pension contributions during the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005, respectively, to its qualified U.S. pension plan. The Company estimates a total of \$12 million voluntary contributions will be made to the qualified U.S. pension plan in 2005. Contributions to the qualified U.S. pension plan are voluntary and can change depending on the Company's operating performance or at management's discretion.

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**8. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company has four primary reportable operating segments: fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, packaged foods and fresh-cut flowers. These reportable segments are managed separately due to differences in their products, production processes, distribution channels and customer bases.

Management evaluates and monitors segment performance primarily through earnings before interest expense and income taxes ( EBIT ). EBIT is calculated by adding income taxes and interest expense to net income. 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 the Company as a whole. EBIT is not defined under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ( GAAP ) and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income measures prepared in accordance with GAAP or as a measure of the Company's profitability. Additionally, the Company'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 fashion.

Revenues from external customers and EBIT for the reportable operating segments and corporate and other were as follows (in thousands):

|                                   | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                   | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Revenues from external customers: |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                       | \$ 984,077               | \$ 910,174               |
| Fresh vegetables                  | 290,223                  | 212,518                  |
| Packaged foods                    | 195,363                  | 139,221                  |
| Fresh-cut flowers                 | 44,360                   | 45,985                   |
| Other operating segments          | 12,328                   | 8,061                    |
|                                   | <b>\$ 1,526,351</b>      | <b>\$ 1,315,959</b>      |

|                          | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| EBIT:                    |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit              | \$ 94,957                | \$ 93,260                |
| Fresh vegetables         | 10,670                   | 17,837                   |
| Packaged foods           | 20,792                   | 17,268                   |
| Fresh-cut flowers        | (666)                    | 4,590                    |
| Other operating segments | 438                      | 304                      |
| Total operating segments | <b>126,191</b>           | <b>133,259</b>           |

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|                            |           |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Corporate and other        | (51,776)  | (15,748)  |
| Interest expense           | 32,398    | 34,653    |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 42,017 | \$ 82,858 |

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|                                   | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                   | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| (in thousands)                    |                          |                          |
| Revenues from external customers: |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                       | \$ 1,923,604             | \$ 1,783,496             |
| Fresh vegetables                  | 543,829                  | 412,601                  |
| Packaged foods                    | 385,653                  | 266,794                  |
| Fresh-cut flowers                 | 97,079                   | 95,544                   |
| Other operating segments          | 18,319                   | 12,108                   |
|                                   | \$ 2,968,484             | \$ 2,570,543             |

|                            | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                            | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| (in thousands)             |                          |                          |
| EBIT:                      |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                | \$ 171,466               | \$ 174,627               |
| Fresh vegetables           | 29,874                   | 40,443                   |
| Packaged foods             | 38,719                   | 30,312                   |
| Fresh-cut flowers          | 3,892                    | 9,248                    |
| Other operating segments   | 513                      | 189                      |
| Total operating segments   | 244,464                  | 254,819                  |
| Corporate and other        | (63,415)                 | (28,560)                 |
| Interest expense           | 68,457                   | 69,394                   |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 112,592               | \$ 156,865               |

Total assets for the reportable operating segments and corporate and other were as follows (in thousands):

|                  | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>January 1,<br/>2005</b> |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Fresh fruit      | \$ 2,332,796             | \$ 2,285,924               |
| Fresh vegetables | 445,128                  | 428,851                    |
| Packaged foods   | 596,637                  | 563,306                    |

|                          |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Fresh-cut flowers        | 150,261      | 144,137      |
| Other operating segments | 15,217       | 11,886       |
| Total operating segments | 3,540,039    | 3,434,104    |
| Corporate and other      | 890,455      | 897,513      |
|                          | \$ 4,430,494 | \$ 4,331,617 |

## 9. CONTINGENCIES

The Company is a guarantor of indebtedness of some of its key fruit suppliers and other entities integral to its operations. At June 18, 2005, these guarantees of \$3.8 million consisted primarily of amounts advanced under third party bank agreements to independent growers that supply the Company with product, and other

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affiliates. The Company has not historically experienced any significant losses associated with these guarantees.

As part of its normal business activities, the Company and its subsidiaries also provide guarantees to various regulatory authorities, primarily in Europe, in order to comply with foreign regulations when operating businesses overseas. These guarantees relate to customs duties and banana import license fees that are granted to the European Union member states' agricultural authority. These guarantees are obtained from commercial banks in the form of letters of credit or bank guarantees. In addition, the Company issues letters of credit and bonds through major banking institutions and insurance companies as required by certain vendor and other operating agreements. As of June 18, 2005 total letters of credit and bonds outstanding were \$110.9 million.

The Company 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. The Company guaranteed \$139.9 million of its subsidiaries' obligations to their suppliers and other third parties as of June 18, 2005.

The Company 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 following a change of control (as defined) of the Company.

The Company is involved from time to time in claims and legal actions incidental to its operations, both as plaintiff and defendant. The Company 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 the Company is a party are not expected to have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

A significant portion of the Company'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 Dow and Shell and registered by the U.S. government for use on food crops. The Company 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. The Company 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 571 lawsuits, in various stages of proceedings, alleging injury as a result of exposure to DBCP or seeking enforcement of Nicaraguan judgments. Sixteen of these lawsuits are currently pending in various jurisdictions in the United States, including the three previously reported new cases pending in Los Angeles superior and federal district courts with 2,669 total Honduran, Panamanian and Guatemalan plaintiffs seeking unspecified damages. One case pending in Los Angeles Superior Court with 31 Nicaraguan plaintiffs has a trial date of July 17, 2006. The remaining cases are pending in Latin America and the

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Philippines, including 429 labor cases pending in Costa Rica under that country's national insurance program. Claimed damages in DBCP cases worldwide total approximately \$19.9 billion, with the lawsuits in Nicaragua representing approximately 75% of this amount. In almost all of the non-labor cases, the Company is a joint defendant with the major DBCP manufacturers and, typically, other banana growers. Except as described below, none of these lawsuits has resulted in a verdict or judgment against the Company.

In Nicaragua, 106 cases have been filed, with the majority of the lawsuits brought pursuant to Law 364, 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.

Fifteen cases filed in civil courts in Managua, Nicaragua have resulted in judgments for the claimants: \$489.4 million (nine cases with 468 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 86 claimants) on June 15, 2004; and \$27.7 million (one case with approximately 39 claimants) on March 17, 2005. In addition, active cases are currently pending in civil courts in Managua (11), Chinendega (8) and Puerto Cabezas (2). In one case pending before the District Civil Court in Chinendega, the period of proof has closed and the parties are awaiting a ruling by the court. In all of those cases but one in Chinendega which has been ordered to mediation and three recently served cases in Managua, the Company has sought to have the cases returned to the United States pursuant to Law 364. Notwithstanding, the Chinendega court denied the Company's request in seven of the cases pending there; the Managua court denied the Company's request with respect to one of the cases pending there; and the court in Puerto Cabezas denied the Company's request with respect to the two cases there. The Company's requests as to seven of the cases in Managua are still pending. The Company has appealed the two decisions of the court in Puerto Cabezas and the decision of the court in Managua and will appeal the seven decisions of the court in Chinendega once the Company has been served with those decisions.

The claimants' attempted enforcement of the December 11, 2002 judgment for \$489.4 million in the United States resulted in a dismissal with prejudice of that action by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on October 20, 2003. The claimants have voluntarily dismissed their appeal of that decision which was pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Defendants' motion for sanctions against Plaintiffs' counsel is still pending before the Court of Appeals in that case.

Claimants have also indicated their intent to seek enforcement of the Nicaraguan judgments in Ecuador, Venezuela and other countries in Latin America and elsewhere. In Venezuela, the claimants are attempting to enforce the Nicaraguan judgment for \$489.4 million issued December 11, 2002 in that country's Supreme Court. Claimants have also recently filed an action to enforce a Nicaraguan judgment in the Colombian Supreme Court. In Ecuador, the claimants attempted to enforce the five Nicaraguan judgments issued between December 11, 2002 through June 15, 2004 in the Ecuador Supreme Court. The First, Second and Third Chambers of the Ecuador Supreme Court issued rulings refusing to consider those enforcement actions on the ground that the Supreme Court was not a court of competent jurisdiction for enforcement of a foreign judgment. The plaintiffs subsequently refiled those five enforcement actions in the civil court in Guayaquil, Ecuador. One of these subsequently filed enforcement actions was dismissed by the 3rd Civil Court in Guayaquil; plaintiffs have sought reconsideration of that dismissal. The remaining four enforcement actions are still pending.

The Company believes that none of the Nicaraguan civil trial courts' 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



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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.

As to all the DBCP matters, the Company has denied liability and asserted substantial defenses. Although no assurance can be given concerning the outcome of these 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 the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

*European Union Antitrust Inquiry:* The European Commission ( EC ) is investigating alleged violations of European Union competition (antitrust) laws by banana and pineapple importers and distributors operating within the European Economic Area ( EEA ). On June 2, 2005, EC conducted a search of certain of Dole's offices in Europe. During this same period, the EC also conducted similar unannounced searches of other companies' offices located in the European Union. The EC's investigation is only in a preliminary stage, and the Company is cooperating with the authorities. Although no assurances can be given concerning the course or outcome of that EC investigation, Dole believes that it has not violated the European Union competition laws.

**10. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On June 29, 2005, the Company executed a technical amendment to its Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which changed the scheduled amortization payment dates of the term loans from the last business day of the Company's fiscal quarters to the last business day of the calendar quarters.

**11. GUARANTOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

In connection with the issuance of the 2011 Notes in March 2003 and the 2010 Notes in May 2003, the Company and all of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries ( Guarantors ) have fully and unconditionally guaranteed, on a joint and several basis, the Company's obligations under the related indentures (the Guarantees ). Each Guarantee is subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantors' existing and future senior debt, including obligations under the senior secured credit facility, and will rank pari passu with all senior subordinated indebtedness of the applicable Guarantor. All Guarantors are 100% owned by the Company.

The accompanying guarantor condensed consolidating financial information is presented on the equity method of accounting for all periods presented. Under this method, investments in subsidiaries are recorded at cost and adjusted for the Company's share in the subsidiaries' cumulative results of operations, capital contributions and distributions and other changes in equity. Elimination entries relate primarily to the elimination of investments in subsidiaries and associated intercompany balances and transactions.

The following are condensed consolidating statements of operations of the Company for the quarters and half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004; condensed consolidating balance sheets as of June 18, 2005 and January 1, 2005; and condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004.

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**For the Quarter Ended June 18, 2005**

|                                                                  | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b> | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| (In thousands)                                                   |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| Revenues, net                                                    | \$ 125,896                             | \$ 597,623        | \$ 1,081,659              | \$ (278,827)        | \$ 1,526,351 |
| Cost of products sold                                            | 93,115                                 | 553,633           | 930,609                   | (274,516)           | 1,302,841    |
| Gross margin                                                     | 32,781                                 | 43,990            | 151,050                   | (4,311)             | 223,510      |
| Selling, marketing and<br>general and<br>administrative expenses | 28,037                                 | 31,331            | 52,325                    | (4,311)             | 107,382      |
| Operating income                                                 | 4,744                                  | 12,659            | 98,725                    |                     | 116,128      |
| Equity in subsidiary<br>income                                   | 97,586                                 | 87,213            |                           | (184,799)           |              |
| Other income (expense),<br>net                                   | (43,993)                               | (117)             | 1,427                     |                     | (42,683)     |
| Interest income                                                  | 119                                    | 17                | 834                       |                     | 970          |
| Interest expense                                                 | 25,112                                 | 70                | 7,216                     |                     | 32,398       |
| Income before income<br>taxes                                    | 33,344                                 | 99,702            | 93,770                    | (184,799)           | 42,017       |
| Income taxes                                                     | 1,016                                  | 2,411             | 6,262                     |                     | 9,689        |
| Net income                                                       | \$ 32,328                              | \$ 97,291         | \$ 87,508                 | \$ (184,799)        | \$ 32,328    |

**For the Quarter Ended June 19, 2004**

|                                                                  | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b> | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| (In thousands)                                                   |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| Revenues, net                                                    | \$ 108,080                             | \$ 471,907        | \$ 1,008,477              | \$ (272,505)        | \$ 1,315,959 |
| Cost of products sold                                            | 80,971                                 | 417,358           | 873,051                   | (272,505)           | 1,098,875    |
| Gross margin                                                     | 27,109                                 | 54,549            | 135,426                   |                     | 217,084      |
| Selling, marketing and<br>general and<br>administrative expenses | 26,987                                 | 23,784            | 48,605                    |                     | 99,376       |

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|                             |           |            |           |              |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Operating income            | 122       | 30,765     | 86,821    |              | 117,708   |
| Equity in subsidiary income | 101,238   | 80,811     |           | (182,049)    |           |
| Other income (expense), net | (243)     | (163)      | (665)     |              | (1,071)   |
| Interest income             | 9         | 56         | 809       |              | 874       |
| Interest expense            | 29,998    | 66         | 4,589     |              | 34,653    |
| Income before income taxes  | 71,128    | 111,403    | 82,376    | (182,049)    | 82,858    |
| Income taxes                | 3,185     | 10,322     | 1,408     |              | 14,915    |
| Net income                  | \$ 67,943 | \$ 101,081 | \$ 80,968 | \$ (182,049) | \$ 67,943 |

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|                                                                  | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b> | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| (In thousands)                                                   |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| Revenues, net                                                    | \$ 253,155                             | \$ 1,181,056      | \$ 2,118,658              | \$ (584,385)        | \$ 2,968,484 |
| Cost of products sold                                            | 188,610                                | 1,073,270         | 1,842,050                 | (577,618)           | 2,526,312    |
| Gross margin                                                     | 64,545                                 | 107,786           | 276,608                   | (6,767)             | 442,172      |
| Selling, marketing and<br>general and<br>administrative expenses | 60,324                                 | 59,255            | 109,388                   | (6,767)             | 222,200      |
| Operating income                                                 | 4,221                                  | 48,531            | 167,220                   |                     | 219,972      |
| Equity in subsidiary<br>income                                   | 183,943                                | 152,248           |                           | (336,191)           |              |
| Other income<br>(expense), net                                   | (44,288)                               | 85                | 3,235                     |                     | (40,968)     |
| Interest income                                                  | 145                                    | 75                | 1,825                     |                     | 2,045        |
| Interest expense                                                 | 57,057                                 | 112               | 11,288                    |                     | 68,457       |
| Income before<br>income taxes                                    | 86,964                                 | 200,827           | 160,992                   | (336,191)           | 112,592      |
| Income taxes                                                     | 37,482                                 | 17,447            | 8,181                     |                     | 63,110       |
| Net income                                                       | \$ 49,482                              | \$ 183,380        | \$ 152,811                | \$ (336,191)        | \$ 49,482    |

**For the Half Year Ended June 19, 2004**

|                                                                  | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b> | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| (In thousands)                                                   |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| Revenues, net                                                    | \$ 215,695                             | \$ 951,615        | \$ 1,952,383              | \$ (549,150)        | \$ 2,570,543 |
| Cost of products sold                                            | 163,417                                | 838,072           | 1,698,214                 | (549,150)           | 2,150,553    |
| Gross margin                                                     | 52,278                                 | 113,543           | 254,169                   |                     | 419,990      |
| Selling, marketing and<br>general and<br>administrative expenses | 53,599                                 | 46,011            | 95,184                    |                     | 194,794      |

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|                                |            |            |            |              |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Operating income<br>(loss)     | (1,321)    | 67,532     | 158,985    |              | 225,196    |
| Equity in subsidiary<br>income | 190,207    | 145,412    |            | (335,619)    |            |
| Other income (expense),<br>net | (486)      | (201)      | (46)       |              | (733)      |
| Interest income                | 56         | 129        | 1,611      |              | 1,796      |
| Interest expense               | 59,644     | 108        | 9,642      |              | 69,394     |
| Income before income<br>taxes  | 128,812    | 212,764    | 150,908    | (335,619)    | 156,865    |
| Income taxes                   | 35         | 23,758     | 4,295      |              | 28,088     |
| Net income                     | \$ 128,777 | \$ 189,006 | \$ 146,613 | \$ (335,619) | \$ 128,777 |

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**As of June 18, 2005**

|                                            | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b>   | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b>   | <b>Total</b>        |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (In thousands)                             |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                              |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| <i>Current Assets:</i>                     |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$ 19,200                              | \$ (5,605)          | \$ 54,981                 | \$                    | \$ 68,576           |
| Receivables, net of allowances             | 111,060                                | 145,621             | 486,781                   |                       | 743,462             |
| Inventories                                | 80,760                                 | 140,212             | 308,943                   |                       | 529,915             |
| Prepaid expenses                           | 4,281                                  | 11,324              | 43,121                    |                       | 58,726              |
| Deferred income tax assets                 | 23,330                                 | 14,333              | 5,888                     |                       | 43,551              |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                | <b>238,631</b>                         | <b>305,885</b>      | <b>899,714</b>            |                       | <b>1,444,230</b>    |
| Investments                                | 2,306,344                              | 1,695,454           | 92,291                    | (4,000,094)           | 93,995              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net         | 300,968                                | 361,877             | 824,975                   |                       | 1,487,820           |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net        | 730,522                                | 160,413             | 381,839                   |                       | 1,272,774           |
| Other assets, net                          | 36,683                                 | 8,721               | 86,271                    |                       | 131,675             |
| <b>Total assets</b>                        | <b>\$ 3,613,148</b>                    | <b>\$ 2,532,350</b> | <b>\$ 2,285,090</b>       | <b>\$ (4,000,094)</b> | <b>\$ 4,430,494</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b> |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| <i>Current Liabilities:</i>                |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | \$ 79,919                              | \$ 329,348          | \$ 457,136                | \$                    | \$ 866,403          |
| Dividend payable to parent                 | 61,700                                 |                     |                           |                       | 61,700              |
| Current portion of long-term debt          | (300)                                  | 721                 | 28,730                    |                       | 29,151              |
| Notes payable                              |                                        | 875                 |                           |                       | 875                 |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>           | <b>141,319</b>                         | <b>330,944</b>      | <b>485,866</b>            |                       | <b>958,129</b>      |
| Intercompany payables (receivables)        | 1,014,118                              | (178,974)           | (835,144)                 |                       |                     |
| Long-term debt                             | 1,103,929                              | 1,670               | 796,731                   |                       | 1,902,330           |
|                                            | 316,355                                | 34,998              | 43,475                    |                       | 394,828             |

Deferred income tax  
liabilities

|                             |         |        |        |  |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--|---------|
| Other long-term liabilities | 401,294 | 38,714 | 79,248 |  | 519,256 |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--|---------|

|                    |  |       |        |  |        |
|--------------------|--|-------|--------|--|--------|
| Minority interests |  | 6,267 | 13,551 |  | 19,818 |
|--------------------|--|-------|--------|--|--------|

|                           |         |           |           |             |         |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Total shareholders equity | 636,133 | 2,298,731 | 1,701,363 | (4,000,094) | 636,133 |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|

|                                                  |                     |                     |                     |                       |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total liabilities and shareholders equity</b> | <b>\$ 3,613,148</b> | <b>\$ 2,532,350</b> | <b>\$ 2,285,090</b> | <b>\$ (4,000,094)</b> | <b>\$ 4,430,494</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|

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(Unaudited)  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET**  
**As of January 1, 2005**

|                                            | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b>   | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b>   | <b>Total</b>        |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (In thousands)                             |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                              |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| <i>Current Assets:</i>                     |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | \$ 9,236                               | \$ 3,279            | \$ 66,702                 | \$                    | \$ 79,217           |
| Receivables, net of allowances             | 194,538                                | 25,750              | 397,664                   |                       | 617,952             |
| Inventories                                | 65,340                                 | 163,799             | 279,752                   |                       | 508,891             |
| Prepaid expenses                           | 7,239                                  | 11,861              | 44,642                    |                       | 63,742              |
| Deferred income tax assets                 | 24,391                                 | 13,427              | 5,733                     |                       | 43,551              |
| Total current assets                       | 300,744                                | 218,116             | 794,493                   |                       | 1,313,353           |
| Investments                                | 2,406,115                              | 1,926,079           | 92,928                    | (4,330,641)           | 94,481              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net         | 303,129                                | 366,142             | 847,084                   |                       | 1,516,355           |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net        | 731,832                                | 158,328             | 385,196                   |                       | 1,275,356           |
| Other assets, net                          | 49,705                                 | 8,836               | 73,531                    |                       | 132,072             |
| <b>Total assets</b>                        | <b>\$ 3,791,525</b>                    | <b>\$ 2,677,501</b> | <b>\$ 2,193,232</b>       | <b>\$ (4,330,641)</b> | <b>\$ 4,331,617</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b> |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| <i>Current Liabilities:</i>                |                                        |                     |                           |                       |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | \$ 119,405                             | \$ 285,815          | \$ 442,762                | \$                    | \$ 847,982          |
| Current portion of long-term debt          | (335)                                  | 701                 | 30,912                    |                       | 31,278              |
| Notes payable                              |                                        | 624                 |                           |                       | 624                 |
| Total current liabilities                  | 119,070                                | 287,140             | 473,674                   |                       | 879,884             |
| Intercompany payables (receivables)        | 682,783                                | (92,030)            | (590,753)                 |                       |                     |
| Long-term debt                             | 1,598,674                              | 1,565               | 236,781                   |                       | 1,837,020           |
| Deferred income tax liabilities            | 314,121                                | 35,848              | 46,653                    |                       | 396,622             |
| Other long-term liabilities                | 399,004                                | 38,581              | 82,409                    |                       | 519,994             |

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|                                                  |                     |                     |                     |                       |  |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|
| Minority interests                               |                     |                     | 7,600               | 12,624                |  | 20,224              |
| Total shareholders equity                        | 677,873             | 2,398,797           | 1,931,844           | (4,330,641)           |  | 677,873             |
| <b>Total liabilities and shareholders equity</b> | <b>\$ 3,791,525</b> | <b>\$ 2,677,501</b> | <b>\$ 2,193,232</b> | <b>\$ (4,330,641)</b> |  | <b>\$ 4,331,617</b> |

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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Half Year Ended June 18, 2005**

|                                                                             | <b>Dole Food<br/>Company,<br/>Inc.</b> | <b>Guarantors</b> | <b>Non<br/>Guarantors</b> | <b>Eliminations</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| (In thousands)                                                              |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| <b>OPERATING<br/>ACTIVITIES</b>                                             |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| <b>Cash flow provided<br/>by operating<br/>activities</b>                   | \$ 550,925                             | \$ 587,892        | \$ 71,582                 | \$ (1,136,713)      | \$ 73,686    |
| <b>INVESTING<br/>ACTIVITIES</b>                                             |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| Proceeds from sales of<br>assets                                            | 1,651                                  | 80                | 5,275                     |                     | 7,006        |
| Investments and<br>acquisitions                                             |                                        |                   | (51,010)                  |                     | (51,010)     |
| Capital additions                                                           | (1,916)                                | (14,033)          | (28,529)                  |                     | (44,478)     |
| Repurchase of common<br>stock in the<br>going-private merger<br>transaction | (349)                                  |                   |                           |                     | (349)        |
| <b>Cash flow used in<br/>investing activities</b>                           | (614)                                  | (13,953)          | (74,264)                  |                     | (88,831)     |
| <b>FINANCING<br/>ACTIVITIES</b>                                             |                                        |                   |                           |                     |              |
| Short-term debt<br>borrowings                                               |                                        | 663               | 6,308                     |                     | 6,971        |
| Short-term debt<br>repayments                                               |                                        | (15,313)          | (6,308)                   |                     | (21,621)     |
| Long-term debt<br>borrowings, net of debt<br>issuance costs                 | 287,400                                | 434               | 902,815                   |                     | 1,190,649    |
| Long-term debt<br>repayments                                                | (815,447)                              | (349)             | (339,256)                 |                     | (1,155,052)  |
| Intercompany<br>dividends                                                   |                                        | (566,713)         | (570,000)                 | 1,136,713           |              |
| Dividends paid to<br>minority shareholders                                  |                                        | (1,545)           | (837)                     |                     | (2,382)      |
| Dividends paid                                                              | (12,300)                               |                   |                           |                     | (12,300)     |

|                                                                      |           |            |           |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Cash flow used in financing activities</b>                        | (540,347) | (582,823)  | (7,278)   | 1,136,713 | 6,265     |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents |           |            | (1,761)   |           | (1,761)   |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>              | 9,964     | (8,884)    | (11,721)  |           | (10,641)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                     | 9,236     | 3,279      | 66,702    |           | 79,217    |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>                    | \$ 19,200 | \$ (5,605) | \$ 54,981 | \$        | \$ 68,576 |

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**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**  
(Unaudited)  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Half Year Ended June 19, 2004**

|                                                                            | Dole Food<br>Company,<br>Inc. | Guarantors | Non<br>Guarantors | Eliminations | Total      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| (In thousands)                                                             |                               |            |                   |              |            |
| <b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                |                               |            |                   |              |            |
| <b>Cash flow provided by<br/>(used in) operating<br/>activities</b>        | \$ (8,598)                    | \$ 14,420  | \$ 118,058        | \$           | \$ 123,880 |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                |                               |            |                   |              |            |
| Proceeds from sales of<br>assets                                           | 913                           | 200        | 2,875             |              | 3,988      |
| Investments and<br>acquisitions                                            | (164,070)                     | (32)       | (2,931)           |              | (167,033)  |
| Capital additions                                                          | (3,160)                       | (5,157)    | (19,704)          |              | (28,021)   |
| Repurchase of common<br>stock in the going-private<br>merger transaction   | (1,300)                       |            |                   |              | (1,300)    |
| Transaction costs paid in<br>the going-private merger<br>transaction       | (325)                         |            |                   |              | (325)      |
| <b>Cash flow used in<br/>investing activities</b>                          | (167,942)                     | (4,989)    | (19,760)          |              | (192,691)  |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>                                                |                               |            |                   |              |            |
| Short-term debt borrowings                                                 |                               | 355        | 11,870            |              | 12,225     |
| Short-term debt repayments                                                 |                               | (610)      | (11,790)          |              | (12,400)   |
| Long-term debt borrowings,<br>net of debt issuance costs                   | 469,150                       | 274        | 20,106            |              | 489,530    |
| Long-term debt repayments                                                  | (279,400)                     | (338)      | (93,039)          |              | (372,777)  |
| Dividends paid to minority<br>shareholders                                 |                               | (18)       | (900)             |              | (918)      |
| Dividends paid                                                             | (10,000)                      |            |                   |              | (10,000)   |
| <b>Cash flow provided by<br/>(used in) financing<br/>activities</b>        | 179,750                       | (337)      | (73,753)          |              | 105,660    |
| Effect of foreign exchange<br>rate changes on cash and<br>cash equivalents |                               |            | (2,366)           |              | (2,366)    |

|                                                   |           |             |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>      | 3,210     | 9,094       | 22,179    | 34,483    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period  | 7,424     | (20,498)    | 46,556    | 33,482    |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b> | \$ 10,634 | \$ (11,404) | \$ 68,735 | \$ 67,965 |

**Table of Contents****DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.****ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Overview**

In the second quarter of 2005, revenues for Dole Food Company, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries (Dole or the Company) increased 16% from the prior year, reflecting strong growth in the majority of the Company's lines of business, as well as the impact of acquisitions in 2004. In addition, favorable exchange rates, due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar versus currencies in which the Company sells its product, further contributed to the increase in revenues. For the quarter, operating income decreased slightly compared to the prior year. These results reflect the impact of higher production costs and an increase in selling and marketing expenses. Higher production costs were driven by significantly higher commodity costs and the weakness of the U.S. dollar versus many of the currencies in which the Company sources its production. Net income was \$32.3 million for the second quarter of 2005 compared to \$67.9 million in the second quarter of 2004. The decrease was primarily due to \$43.8 million of expense related to the refinancing of debt and bond tender transactions.

In April 2005, the Company completed an amendment to its existing Senior Secured Credit Facilities and a tender offer to purchase for cash \$325 million aggregate principal amount of certain of the Company's unsecured senior notes. In connection with these transactions, the Company wrote off deferred debt issuance costs of \$10.7 million and incurred bond premium expense of \$33.1 million. These transactions are discussed further under the Liquidity and Capital Resources section below.

**Results of Operations**

Selected results of operations for the quarters and half years ended June 18, 2005 and June 19, 2004 were as follows (in thousands):

|                                                 | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                 | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Revenues, net                                   | \$ 1,526,351             | \$ 1,315,959             |
| Operating income                                | \$ 116,128               | \$ 117,708               |
| Interest income and other income (expense), net | \$ (41,713)              | \$ (197)                 |
| Interest expense                                | \$ 32,398                | \$ 34,653                |
| Income tax expense                              | \$ 9,689                 | \$ 14,915                |
| Net income                                      | \$ 32,328                | \$ 67,943                |

|                                                 | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                 | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| Revenues, net                                   | \$ 2,968,484             | \$ 2,570,543             |
| Operating income                                | \$ 219,972               | \$ 225,196               |
| Interest income and other income (expense), net | \$ (38,923)              | \$ 1,063                 |
| Interest expense                                | \$ 68,457                | \$ 69,394                |
| Income tax expense                              | \$ 63,110                | \$ 28,088                |
| Net income                                      | \$ 49,482                | \$ 128,777               |

**Revenues**

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For the quarter ended June 18, 2005, revenues increased 16% to \$1.53 billion from \$1.32 billion in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The increase is due to expanded business activity in the European ripening and distribution businesses, higher sales in the vegetables and packaged foods businesses, higher banana sales

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volume in North America, and higher pineapple volumes in North America, Europe and Asia. In addition, revenues benefited from favorable U.S. dollar exchange rates and the acquisitions of Wood Holdings, Inc. (renamed Dole Packaged Frozen Foods) and Coastal Berry Company, LLC (renamed Dole Berry Company) in the second and fourth quarters of 2004, respectively. Overall, favorable U.S. dollar exchange rates positively impacted revenues, primarily in the fresh fruit segment, by approximately \$31.1 million. Dole Packaged Frozen Foods and Dole Berry Company contributed a combined \$93.2 million to second quarter revenues.

For the half year ended June 18, 2005, revenues increased 15% to \$2.97 billion from \$2.57 billion in the prior year. Favorable U.S. dollar exchange rates versus the euro, Swedish krona and Japanese yen positively impacted revenues, primarily in the fresh fruit segment, by approximately \$60.5 million. Revenues also benefited from overall improved volumes in the Company's fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, and packaged foods segments and expanded business activity in the European ripening and distribution and commercial cargo businesses. These increases were partially offset by lower volumes of citrus in Asia. Dole Packaged Frozen Foods and Dole Berry Company contributed a combined \$157 million to revenues for the half year ended June 18, 2005.

### ***Operating Income***

For the quarter ended June 18, 2005, operating income decreased slightly to \$116.1 million from \$117.7 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The decrease was primarily attributable to lower operating results from the Company's fresh vegetables and fresh-cut flowers segments, partially offset by improved operating results in the fresh fruit and packaged foods segments. Operating results were adversely impacted by significantly higher commodity costs (including container board, tin plate, plastic resins, agricultural chemicals and fuel). Overall, favorable U.S. dollar exchange rates benefited the quarter by approximately \$1.1 million, net of hedges.

For the half year ended June 18, 2005, operating income decreased to \$220 million from \$225.2 million in the prior year. The decrease was primarily attributable to significantly higher commodity costs. Overall, favorable U.S. dollar exchange rates benefited the half year by approximately \$2.8 million, net of hedges.

### ***Interest Income and Other Income (Expense), Net***

For the quarter ended June 18, 2005, interest income and other income (expense), net was a loss of \$41.7 million compared to a loss of \$0.2 million in the prior year. The decrease was due to a \$43.8 million expense related to the early retirement of debt in connection with the refinancing and bond tender transactions. This decrease was offset by lower minority interest expense as a result of the Company's purchase of the 40% minority interest in Saba Trading AB (Saba) in December 2004. For the half year ended June 18, 2005, interest income and other income (expense), net was a loss of \$38.9 million compared to income of \$1.1 million in the prior year. The decrease was primarily due to the same factors that impacted the quarter.

### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 was \$32.4 million compared to \$34.7 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. Interest expense decreased primarily as a result of lower average debt balances and lower overall effective borrowing rates due to the refinancing and bond tender transactions.

Interest expense for the half year ended June 18, 2005 was \$68.5 million compared to \$69.4 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. The decrease in interest expense was primarily attributable to the same factors that impacted the quarter.

### ***Income Tax Expense***

Income tax expense for the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005 of \$9.7 million and \$63.1 million, respectively, reflects the Company's expected effective income tax rate of approximately 21% on earnings for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2005. Included in income tax expense for the quarter and half year

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ended June 18, 2005 was \$0.5 million and \$39.1 million, respectively, on the repatriation of \$570 million of foreign earnings in accordance with the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 ( AJCA ). These foreign earnings were previously considered indefinitely invested outside the U.S. and accordingly no income tax had been provided. The income tax expense of approximately \$14.9 million and \$28.1 million for the quarter and half year ended June 19, 2004, respectively, reflects the Company's then expected effective income tax rate for the full year ended January 1, 2005, of approximately 18%.

For the periods presented, the Company's effective income tax rate on current year earnings differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to earnings from operations being taxed in foreign jurisdictions at a net effective rate lower than the U.S. rate. Other than the taxes provided on the \$570 million of repatriated foreign earnings, no U.S. taxes have been provided on these earnings because such earnings are intended to be indefinitely invested outside the U.S.

**Segment Results of Operations**

The Company has four primary reportable operating segments: fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, packaged foods and fresh-cut flowers. These reportable segments are managed separately due to differences in their products, production processes, distribution channels and customer bases.

The Company's management evaluates and monitors segment performance primarily through earnings before interest expense and income taxes ( EBIT ). EBIT is calculated by adding income taxes and interest expense to net income. 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 the Company as a whole. EBIT is not defined under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income measures prepared in accordance with GAAP or as a measure of the Company's profitability. Additionally, the Company'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 fashion.

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Revenues from external customers and EBIT for the reportable operating segments and corporate and other were as follows (in thousands):

|                                          | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                          | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Revenues from external customers:</b> |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                              | \$ 984,077               | \$ 910,174               |
| Fresh vegetables                         | 290,223                  | 212,518                  |
| Packaged foods                           | 195,363                  | 139,221                  |
| Fresh-cut flowers                        | 44,360                   | 45,985                   |
| Other operating segments                 | 12,328                   | 8,061                    |
|                                          | <b>\$ 1,526,351</b>      | <b>\$ 1,315,959</b>      |
| <b>EBIT:</b>                             |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                              | \$ 94,957                | \$ 93,260                |
| Fresh vegetables                         | 10,670                   | 17,837                   |
| Packaged foods                           | 20,792                   | 17,268                   |
| Fresh-cut flowers                        | (666)                    | 4,590                    |
| Other operating segments                 | 438                      | 304                      |
| Total operating segments                 | 126,191                  | 133,259                  |
| Corporate and other                      | (51,776)                 | (15,748)                 |
| Interest expense                         | 32,398                   | 34,653                   |
| Income before income taxes               | <b>\$ 42,017</b>         | <b>\$ 82,858</b>         |

|                                          | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                          | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Revenues from external customers:</b> |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                              | \$ 1,923,604             | \$ 1,783,496             |
| Fresh vegetables                         | 543,829                  | 412,601                  |
| Packaged foods                           | 385,653                  | 266,794                  |
| Fresh-cut flowers                        | 97,079                   | 95,544                   |
| Other operating segments                 | 18,319                   | 12,108                   |
|                                          | <b>\$ 2,968,484</b>      | <b>\$ 2,570,543</b>      |
| <b>EBIT:</b>                             |                          |                          |
| Fresh fruit                              | \$ 171,466               | \$ 174,627               |
| Fresh vegetables                         | 29,874                   | 40,443                   |

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|                            |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Packaged foods             | 38,719     | 30,312     |
| Fresh-cut flowers          | 3,892      | 9,248      |
| Other operating segments   | 513        | 189        |
| Total operating segments   | 244,464    | 254,819    |
| Corporate and other        | (63,415)   | (28,560)   |
| Interest expense           | 68,457     | 69,394     |
| Income before income taxes | \$ 112,592 | \$ 156,865 |

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Fresh fruit revenues in the quarter ended June 18, 2005 increased 8% to \$984 million from \$910 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The increase in fresh fruit revenues was primarily due to the following: favorable foreign currency exchange rates versus the U.S. dollar, expanded activity in the European ripening and distribution businesses, improved volumes of bananas sold in North America and Asia, improved banana pricing in Europe, improved volumes of pineapples sold in North America, Europe, and Asia and higher commercial cargo rates and volumes. These benefits were partially offset by lower sales of citrus in Asia. Fresh fruit revenues in the half year ended June 18, 2005 increased 8% to \$1.92 billion from \$1.78 billion in the half year ended June 19, 2004. Revenues for the half year were impacted mainly by the same factors affecting sales in the second quarter as well as lower Chile and Asia deciduous fruit sales.

Fresh fruit EBIT in the quarter ended June 18, 2005 increased 2% to \$95 million from \$93 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. EBIT increased primarily as a result of the same factors that drove the increase in revenues. The increase was partially offset by significantly higher product costs, higher shipping costs and higher selling costs. Higher product costs were driven by higher commodity prices and higher shipping costs were driven by higher fuel costs. The impact of exchange rates, net of hedges, was a benefit of \$3.5 million. Fresh fruit EBIT in the half year ended June 18, 2005 decreased 2% to \$171.5 million from \$174.6 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. EBIT decreased primarily as a result of higher product costs, higher shipping costs and higher selling costs, offset by higher banana pricing in Europe. The impact of exchange rates on the half year ended June 18, 2005, net of hedges, was a benefit of \$4.8 million.

***Fresh Vegetables***

Fresh vegetables revenues for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 increased 37% to \$290 million from \$213 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The increase was due to higher volumes and pricing of both commodity vegetables and packaged salads in North America, as well as the acquisition of Dole Berry Company, a producer of fresh berries, in October 2004. Fresh vegetables revenues in the half year ended June 18, 2005 increased 32% to \$544 million from \$413 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. Revenues for the half year were impacted mainly by the same factors affecting sales in the second quarter. Dole Berry Company's revenues were \$56.8 million and \$82.4 million for the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005, respectively.

Fresh vegetables EBIT for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 decreased 40% to \$10.7 million from \$17.8 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The decrease in EBIT was mainly attributable to significantly higher product costs in the packaged salads business as a result of higher vegetable costs, higher co-pack costs and increased labor and packing material costs. Fresh vegetables EBIT for the half year ended June 18, 2005 decreased 26% to \$29.9 million from \$40.4 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. EBIT decreased primarily as a result of the same factors that decreased EBIT in the second quarter.

***Packaged Foods***

Packaged foods revenues for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 increased 40% to \$195.4 million from \$139.2 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The increase in revenues was primarily attributable to the acquisition of Dole Packaged Frozen Foods, a frozen fruit producer and manufacturer, which was acquired in June 2004. Dole Packaged Frozen Foods had revenues of \$36.4 million in the second quarter of 2005. The increase in revenues was also driven by higher volumes of fruit bowls, fruit in plastic jars, and canned juice in North America and higher sales of concentrate and fruit bowls in Japan and Europe. These increases were partially offset by lower volumes of canned pineapple due to the timing of Easter, which occurred during the first quarter of 2005. The increase in revenues was also offset by lower volumes of concentrate in North America. Packaged foods revenues for the half year ended June 18, 2005 increased 45% to \$385.7 million from \$266.8 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. With the exception of the timing of Easter, which had no impact on year-to-date volumes, the increase in half year sales was attributable to the same factors that drove the increase in the second quarter, as well as higher volumes of canned pineapple and mandarin oranges in North America. Dole Packaged Frozen Foods had revenues of \$74.7 million in half year ended June 18, 2005.



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EBIT in the packaged foods segment for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 increased 20% to \$20.8 million from \$17.3 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. EBIT for the quarter increased primarily due to the same factors that drove the increase in revenues, partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative expenses. EBIT for the half year ended June 18, 2005 increased 28% to \$38.7 million from \$30.3 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. EBIT increased primarily as a result of the same factors that drove the revenue increase in the half year, partially offset by higher selling, general and administrative expenses.

***Fresh-Cut Flowers***

Fresh-cut flowers revenues for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 decreased 4% to \$44.4 million from \$46 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The decrease in revenues was attributable to lower volumes as a result of the timing of Easter, which occurred during the first quarter of 2005. Revenues for the half year ended June 18, 2005 increased 2% to \$97.1 million from \$95.5 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. The increase in revenues was due to higher volumes sold to the retail market.

EBIT in the fresh-cut flowers segment for the quarter ended June 18, 2005 decreased to a loss of \$0.7 million from earnings of \$4.6 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The decrease in EBIT was mainly due to higher product costs, primarily resulting from the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Colombian peso and higher third party flower purchases. The decrease in EBIT was partially offset by lower general and administrative expenses. Fresh-cut flowers EBIT for the half year ended June 18, 2005 decreased 58% to \$3.9 million from \$9.2 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. The decrease in EBIT was attributable to the same factors that drove the decrease in the second quarter, partially offset by higher volumes sold to the retail market. The weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Colombian peso adversely impacted EBIT by approximately \$2.5 million and \$5.3 million, net of hedges, during the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005, respectively.

***Corporate and Other***

Corporate and other EBIT was a loss of \$51.8 million in the quarter ended June 18, 2005 from a loss of \$15.7 million in the quarter ended June 19, 2004. The change in EBIT for the quarter was primarily due to expense incurred in connection with the early retirement and related refinancing of debt. Corporate and other EBIT was a loss of \$63.4 million for the half year ended June 18, 2005 from a loss of \$28.6 million. The change in EBIT for the half year is primarily due to the same factors that impacted EBIT for the quarter ended June 18, 2005.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

In the half year ended June 18, 2005, cash flows provided by operating activities were \$73.7 million compared to cash flows provided by operating activities of \$123.9 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. Cash provided by operating activities was \$50.2 million lower, primarily due to lower net income resulting from significant refinancing costs, higher receivables associated with higher sales during the first half of 2005, and higher inventories, primarily in the packaged foods business, to meet higher anticipated sales. These factors were partially offset by significantly higher payables, primarily due to the accrual of income taxes payable related to the provision on repatriated foreign earnings, as well as the timing of payments.

Cash flows used in investing activities was approximately \$88.8 million in the half year ended June 18, 2005, compared to cash flows used of \$192.7 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. The decrease in cash outflow during the first half of 2005 was primarily due to less cash used for acquisitions. The Company paid \$167 million in the second quarter of 2004 for Dole Packaged Frozen Foods compared to \$47.1 million in 2005 for the minority interest in Saba. This increase in cash was partially offset by higher capital expenditures of \$16.5 million.

Cash flows provided by financing activities decreased to \$6.3 million in the half year ended June 18, 2005 compared to cash flows provided by financing activities of \$105.7 million in the half year ended June 19, 2004. The decrease is mainly due to lower net debt borrowings during the first half of 2005.

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As of June 18, 2005, the Company had outstanding balances under its senior secured term loan facilities of approximately \$737.7 million. At June 18, 2005, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the \$300 million revolving credit portion of the senior secured credit facilities, and after taking into account approximately \$89.2 million of outstanding letters of credit and bank guarantees issued against these facilities, had approximately \$210.8 million available for future borrowings under these facilities.

Provisions under the senior secured credit facilities and the indentures to the Company's senior notes and debentures require the Company to comply with certain financial covenants. These covenants include financial performance measures, such as minimum required interest coverage ratio and maximum permitted leverage ratio, as well as limitations on, among other things, indebtedness, capital expenditures, investments, loans to subsidiaries, employees and third parties, the issuance of guarantees and the payment of dividends. At June 18, 2005, the Company was in compliance with all applicable covenants.

In April 2005, the Company executed an amendment and restatement of its senior secured credit facility agreement (the "Amended and Restated Credit Agreement"). The purpose of the amendment and restatement was to lower the Company's overall effective interest rate and to more effectively match the Company's debt structure to its foreign and domestic cash flows. Under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the Company obtained financing through term loan borrowings ("Term Loan A" and "Term Loan B"), \$350 million relating to Term Loan A (denominated in Japanese yen), \$400 million relating to Term Loan B and \$300 million of revolving credit facilities. Borrowings under Term Loan A and Term Loan B are repayable in quarterly tranches through 2010 and 2012, respectively. The Company may accelerate repayments under term loans at its option without penalty. In connection with the refinancing of the term loan facilities, the Company wrote-off deferred debt issuance costs of \$1.5 million.

Provisions under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are similar to the pre-restatement provisions under the Company's senior secured credit agreement; however, the provisions provide for somewhat less restrictive covenants and more favorable interest rates.

In April 2005, in conjunction with the execution of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, the Company completed a tender offer to purchase for cash \$325 million aggregate principal amount of the Company's outstanding debt securities. The Company repurchased \$275 million of its \$475 million 8.875% unsecured Senior Notes due in 2011 and \$50 million of its \$400 million 8.625% unsecured Senior Notes due 2009. In connection with these repurchases, the Company recorded a loss on early retirement of debt of \$42.3 million, which is included in other income (expense), net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for both the quarter and year ended June 18, 2005. The loss on early retirement of debt included a write-off of deferred debt issuance costs of \$9.2 million as well as a premium expense of \$33.1 million.

On June 29, 2005, the Company executed a technical amendment to its Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, which changed the scheduled amortization payment dates of the term loans from the last business day of the Company's fiscal quarters to the last business day of the calendar quarters.

The Company believes that its existing cash balance and available borrowings under the revolving credit facility of \$68.6 million and \$210.8 million, respectively, at June 18, 2005, together with its future cash flow from operations and access to capital markets will enable it to meet its working capital, capital expenditure, debt maturity and other commitments and funding requirements. Factors impacting the Company's cash flow from operations include such items as commodity prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates, among other things, as set forth in the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 1, 2005 and in subsequent SEC filings.

### **Other Matters**

*Financial Instruments:* The Company's derivative instruments consist of Colombian peso denominated foreign currency exchange forward contracts, bunker fuel hedges and euro collars. These instruments are designated as effective hedges of cash flows as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133 ("FAS 133"), *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* and as amended by FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 138, *Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments*

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*and Certain Hedging Activities* *An Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133.* The Company enters into foreign currency exchange forward contracts to reduce its risk related to anticipated dollar equivalent foreign currency cash flows. The fair value of outstanding foreign currency exchange forwards and euro collars was a gain position of \$0.5 million as of June 18, 2005. The outstanding notional amount of the Company's foreign exchange forwards and euro collars totaled \$84.9 million at June 18, 2005. The Company enters into bunker fuel hedges to reduce its risk related to price fluctuations on anticipated bunker fuel purchases. At June 18, 2005, bunker fuel hedges had a fair value and an aggregate outstanding notional amount of \$1.9 million and \$3.3 million, respectively. The fair value of all instruments designated as effective hedges of June 18, 2005, has been included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity. Settlement of these contracts will occur in the second half of 2005 and first quarter of 2006.

In May 2005, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement in order to hedge future changes in interest rates. This agreement effectively converted borrowings under Term Loan A, which is variable-rate debt, to a fixed-rate basis through the term of the loan. The fair value of the swap at June 18, 2005 was immaterial to the financial statements.

*European Union Quota:* The European Union ( EU ) maintains banana regulations that impose quotas and tariffs on bananas. In April 2001, the EU reached agreements with the United States and Ecuador to implement a tariff-only import system no later than January 1, 2006. After reaching these agreements, the EU adjusted applicable quotas and amended rules for allocation of licenses for an interim regime preceding the future tariff-only regime. This interim regime began on July 1, 2001. Subsidiaries of the Company are entitled to licenses under the changed rules and are using the licenses in such a way as to maintain and maximize license rights.

Following the 2001 agreement with the United States and Ecuador, the EU is committed to replace the quota system with a tariff-only system no later than January 1, 2006. In January 2005, the EU formally notified the World Trade Organization of its intent to apply as of January 1, 2006 a single import duty of 230 euro per metric ton of bananas imported from Latin America to the EU. On March 31, 2005, Latin producing countries formally requested arbitration from the World Trade Organization to lower the tariff. On May 2, 2005, the World Trade Organization appointed a three member arbitration panel. The decision by this arbitration panel, rendered on August 1, 2005, deemed that the EU's proposed tariff of 230 euro per metric ton is too high. We expect the EU will now propose another tariff amount. The EU's second tariff proposal could also be subject to subsequent arbitration by the same panel. It is too early to predict what specific tariff level will result from such arbitration.

*European Union Antitrust Inquiry:* The European Commission ( EC ) is investigating alleged violations of European Union competition (antitrust) laws by banana and pineapple importers and distributors operating within the European Economic Area ( EEA ). On June 2, 2005, EC conducted a search of certain of Dole's offices in Europe. During this same period, the EC also conducted similar unannounced searches of other companies' offices located in the European Union. The EC's investigation is only in a preliminary stage, and the Company is cooperating with the authorities. Although no assurances can be given concerning the course or outcome of that EC investigation, Dole believes that it has not violated the European Union competition laws.

*Income Tax Audits:* The Company believes its tax positions comply with the applicable tax laws and that it adequately provided for all tax related matters. The Company is subject to examination by taxing authorities in the various jurisdictions in which it files tax returns. Matters raised upon audit may involve substantial amounts and could result in material cash payments if resolved unfavorably; however, management does not believe that any material payments will be made related to these matters in the current fiscal year. In addition, management considers it unlikely that the resolution of these matters will have a materially adverse effect on its results of operation.

Specifically, the Company has received a tax assessment in Honduras in the amount of approximately \$137 million relating to the disposition of all of the Company's interest in Cervecería Hondureña, S.A. in 2001. The Company is challenging the assessment and believes it is without merit. No reserve has been provided for this matter.

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The following financial information has been presented, as management believes that it is useful information to some readers of the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements (in thousands):

|                                                                 | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>January 1,<br/>2005</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>                                      |                          |                            |
| Total working capital (current assets less current liabilities) | \$ 486,101               | \$ 433,469                 |
| Total assets                                                    | \$ 4,430,494             | \$ 4,331,617               |
| Total debt                                                      | \$ 1,932,356             | \$ 1,868,922               |
| Total shareholders' equity                                      | \$ 636,133               | \$ 677,873                 |

|                               | <b>Quarter Ended</b>     |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                               | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Other Financial Data:</b>  |                          |                          |
| Net income                    | \$ 32,328                | \$ 67,943                |
| Interest expense              | 32,398                   | 34,653                   |
| Income taxes                  | 9,689                    | 14,915                   |
| Depreciation and amortization | 34,313                   | 31,316                   |
| EBITDA                        | \$ 108,728               | \$ 148,827               |
| EBITDA margin                 | 7.1%                     | 11.3%                    |
| Capital expenditures          | \$ 29,120                | \$ 15,735                |

|                               | <b>Half Year Ended</b>   |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                               | <b>June 18,<br/>2005</b> | <b>June 19,<br/>2004</b> |
| <b>Other Financial Data:</b>  |                          |                          |
| Net income                    | \$ 49,482                | \$ 128,777               |
| Interest expense              | 68,457                   | 69,394                   |
| Income taxes                  | 63,110                   | 28,088                   |
| Depreciation and amortization | 67,779                   | 63,674                   |
| EBITDA                        | \$ 248,828               | \$ 289,933               |
| EBITDA margin                 | 8.4%                     | 11.3%                    |
| Capital expenditures          | \$ 44,478                | \$ 28,021                |

EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest expense, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA margin is defined as the ratio of EBITDA, as defined, relative to net revenues. EBITDA is reconciled to net income in the condensed consolidated financial statements in the tables above. EBITDA and EBITDA margin fluctuated primarily due to the same factors that impacted the changes in operating income and segment EBIT.

discussed earlier.

The Company presents EBITDA and EBITDA margin because management believes, similar to EBIT, EBITDA is a useful performance measure for the Company. In addition, EBITDA is presented because management believes it is frequently used by securities analysts, investors and others in the evaluation of companies, and because certain debt covenants on the Company's recently issued Senior Notes are tied to EBITDA. EBITDA and EBITDA margin should not be considered in isolation from or as a substitute for net income and other consolidated income statement data prepared in accordance with GAAP or as a measure of profitability. Additionally, the Company's computation of EBITDA and EBITDA margin may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures computed by other companies, because all companies do not calculate EBITDA and EBITDA margin in the same manner.

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This Management's Discussion and Analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements, which are based on management's assumptions and describe the Company's future plans, strategies and expectations, are generally identifiable by the use of terms such as "anticipate", "will", "expect", "believe", "should" or similar expressions. The potential risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied herein are set forth under the heading "Market Risk" in Item 7 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2005 and include: weather-related phenomena; market responses to industry volume pressures; product and raw materials supplies and pricing; electrical power supply and pricing; changes in interest and currency exchange rates; economic crises in developing countries; quotas, tariffs and other governmental actions and international conflict.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE  
DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

In the quarter and half year ended June 18, 2005, no material changes have occurred in the market risk disclosure presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2005.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

An evaluation was carried out as of June 18, 2005 under the supervision and with the participation of Dole's management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act (Act). Based upon this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that Dole's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file under the Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported by management of Dole on a timely basis in order to comply with Dole's disclosure obligations under the Act and the SEC rules thereunder.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in Dole's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended June 18, 2005 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Dole's internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II.  
OTHER INFORMATION  
DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The Company is involved from time to time in claims and legal actions incidental to its operations, both as plaintiff and defendant. The Company 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 the Company is a party are not expected to have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

A significant portion of the Company'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 Dow and

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Shell and registered by the U.S. government for use on food crops. The Company 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. The Company 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 571 lawsuits, in various stages of proceedings, alleging injury as a result of exposure to DBCP or seeking enforcement of Nicaraguan judgments. Sixteen of these lawsuits are currently pending in various jurisdictions in the United States, including the three previously reported new cases pending in Los Angeles superior and federal district courts with 2,669 total Honduran, Panamanian and Guatemalan plaintiffs seeking unspecified damages. One case pending in Los Angeles Superior Court with 31 Nicaraguan plaintiffs has a trial date of July 17, 2006. The remaining cases are pending in Latin America and the Philippines, including 429 labor cases pending in Costa Rica under that country's national insurance program. Claimed damages in DBCP cases worldwide total approximately \$19.9 billion, with the lawsuits in Nicaragua representing approximately 75% of this amount. In almost all of the non-labor cases, the Company is a joint defendant with the major DBCP manufacturers and, typically, other banana growers. Except as described below, none of these lawsuits has resulted in a verdict or judgment against the Company.

In Nicaragua, 106 cases have been filed, with the majority of the lawsuits brought pursuant to Law 364, 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.

Fifteen cases filed in civil courts in Managua, Nicaragua have resulted in judgments for the claimants: \$489.4 million (nine cases with 468 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 86 claimants) on June 15, 2004; and \$27.7 million (one case with approximately 39 claimants) on March 17, 2005. In addition, active cases are currently pending in civil courts in Managua (11), Chinendega (8) and Puerto Cabezas (2). In one case pending before the District Civil Court in Chinendega, the period of proof has closed and the parties are awaiting a ruling by the court. In all of those cases but one in Chinendega which has been ordered to mediation and three recently served cases in Managua, the Company has sought to have the cases returned to the United States pursuant to Law 364. Notwithstanding, the Chinendega court denied the Company's request in seven of the cases pending there; the Managua court denied the Company's request with respect to one of the cases pending there; and the court in Puerto Cabezas denied the Company's request with respect to the two cases there. The Company's requests as to seven of the cases in Managua are still pending. The Company has appealed the two decisions of the court in Puerto Cabezas and the decision of the court in Managua and will appeal the seven decisions of the court in Chinendega once the Company has been served with those decisions.

The claimants' attempted enforcement of the December 11, 2002 judgment for \$489.4 million in the United States resulted in a dismissal with prejudice of that action by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on October 20, 2003. The claimants have voluntarily dismissed their appeal of that decision which was pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Defendants' motion for sanctions against Plaintiffs' counsel is still pending before the Court of Appeals in that case.

Claimants have also indicated their intent to seek enforcement of the Nicaraguan judgments in Ecuador, Venezuela and other countries in Latin America and elsewhere. In Venezuela, the claimants are attempting to enforce the Nicaraguan judgment for \$489.4 million issued December 11, 2002 in that country's Supreme



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Court. Claimants have also recently filed an action to enforce a Nicaraguan judgment in the Colombian Supreme Court. In Ecuador, the claimants attempted to enforce the five Nicaraguan judgments issued between December 11, 2002 through June 15, 2004 in the Ecuador Supreme Court. The First, Second and Third Chambers of the Ecuador Supreme Court issued rulings refusing to consider those enforcement actions on the ground that the Supreme Court was not a court of competent jurisdiction for enforcement of a foreign judgment. The plaintiffs subsequently refiled those five enforcement actions in the civil court in Guayaquil, Ecuador. One of these subsequently filed enforcement actions was dismissed by the 3rd Civil Court in Guayaquil; plaintiffs have sought reconsideration of that dismissal. The remaining four enforcement actions are still pending.

The Company believes that none of the Nicaraguan civil trial courts' 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.

As to all the DBCP matters, the Company has denied liability and asserted substantial defenses. Although no assurance can be given concerning the outcome of these 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 the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

**Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

**(a) Exhibits:**

**Exhibit  
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| 31.1* | Certification by the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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**(b) Reports on Form 8-K:**

On April 21, 2005, Dole Food Company, Inc. filed a Current Report on Form 8-K announcing an amendment and restatement of the Credit Agreement, dated as of March 28, 2003.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

August 2, 2005

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

REGISTRANT

By: /s/ Joseph S. Tesoriero

Joseph S. Tesoriero  
*Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer*

By: /s/ Yoon J. Hugh

Yoon J. Hugh  
*Vice President, Controller and  
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