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FORM 10-Q**

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2012

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____



001-14704
(Commission File Number)

TYSON FOODS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

71-0225165
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2200 Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, Arkansas
(Address of principal executive offices)

72762-6999
(Zip Code)

(479) 290-4000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of June 30, 2012 .

<u>Class</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares</u>
Class A Common Stock, \$0.10 Par Value (Class A stock)	291,923,813
Class B Common Stock, \$0.10 Par Value (Class B stock)	70,015,755

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**Item 1. Financial Statements**

TYSON FOODS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In millions, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Sales	\$ 8,308	\$ 8,247	\$ 24,905	\$ 23,862
Cost of Sales	7,746	7,716	23,315	22,054
Gross Profit	562	531	1,590	1,808
Selling, General and Administrative	226	219	674	695
Operating Income	336	312	916	1,113
Other (Income) Expense:				
Interest income	(2)	(2)	(9)	(8)
Interest expense	215	58	316	187
Other, net	(3)	(7)	(17)	(15)
Total Other (Income) Expense	210	49	290	164
Income before Income Taxes	126	263	626	949
Income Tax Expense	53	75	231	311
Net Income	73	188	395	638
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	(3)	(8)	(3)	(15)
Net Income Attributable to Tyson	\$ 76	\$ 196	\$ 398	\$ 653
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding:				
Class A Basic	291	304	294	305
Class B Basic	70	70	70	70
Diluted	369	383	373	382
Net Income Per Share Attributable to Tyson:				
Class A Basic	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.77
Class B Basic	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.60
Diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.71
Cash Dividends Per Share:				
Class A	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.040	\$ 0.120	\$ 0.120
Class B	\$ 0.036	\$ 0.036	\$ 0.108	\$ 0.108

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

TYSON FOODS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(In millions, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 828	\$ 716
Accounts receivable, net	1,350	1,321
Inventories	2,672	2,587
Other current assets	155	156
Total Current Assets	5,005	4,780
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	3,992	3,823
Goodwill	1,891	1,892
Intangible Assets	136	149
Other Assets	437	427
Total Assets	\$ 11,461	\$ 11,071
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current Liabilities:		
Current debt	\$ 119	\$ 70
Accounts payable	1,189	1,264
Other current liabilities	913	1,040
Total Current Liabilities	2,221	2,374
Long-Term Debt	2,345	2,112
Deferred Income Taxes	473	424
Other Liabilities	517	476
Shareholders' Equity:		
Common stock (\$0.10 par value):		
Class A-authorized 900 million shares, issued 322 million shares	32	32
Convertible Class B-authorized 900 million shares, issued 70 million shares	7	7
Capital in excess of par value	2,271	2,261
Retained earnings	4,155	3,801
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(73)	(79)
Treasury stock, at cost – 30 million shares at June 30, 2012, and 22 million shares at October 1, 2011	(521)	(365)
Total Tyson Shareholders' Equity	5,871	5,657
Noncontrolling Interest	34	28
Total Shareholders' Equity	5,905	5,685
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 11,461	\$ 11,071

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

TYSON FOODS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In millions)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 395	\$ 638
Depreciation and amortization	369	384
Deferred income taxes	75	51
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	167	—
Other, net	(1)	34
Net changes in working capital	(286)	(421)
Cash Provided by Operating Activities	719	686
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(530)	(469)
Purchases of marketable securities	(45)	(121)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	36	42
Proceeds from notes receivable	—	51
Other, net	19	26
Cash Used for Investing Activities	(520)	(471)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Payments on debt	(919)	(197)
Net proceeds from borrowings	1,082	83
Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock	(209)	(110)
Dividends	(44)	(45)
Other, net	6	52
Cash Used for Financing Activities	(84)	(217)
Effect of Exchange Rate Change on Cash	(3)	5
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	112	3
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	716	978
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 828	\$ 981

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

TYSON FOODS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1: ACCOUNTING POLICIES**BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared by Tyson Foods, Inc. (“Tyson,” “the Company,” “we,” “us” or “our”). Certain information and accounting policies and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. Although we believe the disclosures contained herein are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, these consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011 . Preparation of consolidated condensed financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated condensed financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

We believe the accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements contain all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, necessary to state fairly our financial position as of June 30, 2012 , and the results of operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012 , and July 2, 2011 , and cash flows for the nine months ended June 30, 2012 and July 2, 2011 . Results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated condensed financial statements include the accounts of all wholly-owned subsidiaries, as well as majority-owned subsidiaries over which we exercise control and, when applicable, entities for which we have a controlling financial interest or are the primary beneficiary. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

We have an investment in a joint venture, Dynamic Fuels LLC (Dynamic Fuels), in which we have a 50 percent ownership interest. Dynamic Fuels qualifies as a variable interest entity for which we consolidate as we are the primary beneficiary. At June 30, 2012 , Dynamic Fuels had \$181 million of total assets, of which \$147 million was net property, plant and equipment, and \$119 million of total liabilities, of which \$100 million was long-term debt. At October 1, 2011 , Dynamic Fuels had \$170 million of total assets, of which \$144 million was net property, plant and equipment, and \$116 million of total liabilities, of which \$100 million was long-term debt.

SHARE REPURCHASES

A summary of cumulative share repurchases of our Class A common stock is as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	June 30, 2012		July 2, 2011		June 30, 2012		July 2, 2011	
	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars	Shares	Dollars
Shares repurchased:								
Under share repurchase program	3.9	\$ 75	4.4	\$ 80	9.3	\$ 180	4.4	\$ 80
To fund certain obligations under equity compensation plans	0.4	6	0.5	9	1.6	29	1.7	30
Total share repurchases	4.3	\$ 81	4.9	\$ 89	10.9	\$ 209	6.1	\$ 110

In May 2012, our Board of Directors approved an increase of 35 million shares authorized for repurchase under our share repurchase program. As of June 30, 2012 , 38.4 million shares remained available for repurchase. The share repurchase program has no fixed or scheduled termination date and the timing and extent to which we repurchase shares will depend upon, among other things, markets, industry conditions, liquidity targets, limitations under our debt obligations and regulatory requirements.

RECENTLY ADOPTED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2011, the FASB clarified the guidance around fair value measurements and disclosures. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. We adopted this guidance in the second quarter of fiscal year 2012. The adoption did not have a significant impact on our consolidated condensed financial statements.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2011, the FASB issued guidance regarding the presentation of comprehensive income. This guidance is effective for annual periods, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. We anticipate we will adopt this guidance in the first quarter of fiscal year 2013. Upon adoption, we will be required to present comprehensive income as part of our consolidated condensed statements of income, or in a separate financial statement. Currently, we present such information in our notes to the consolidated condensed financial statements. Other than changing the presentation of comprehensive income, we do not expect the adoption will have a significant impact on our consolidated condensed financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued guidance amending the way companies test for goodwill impairment, allowing the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative impairment test. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt the guidance in connection with our annual goodwill impairment test in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. We do not expect the adoption will have a significant impact on our consolidated condensed financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued guidance enhancing disclosures related to offsetting of certain assets and liabilities. This guidance is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and interim periods within those annual periods. We do not expect the adoption will have a significant impact on our consolidated condensed financial statements.

In July 2012, the FASB issued guidance amending the way companies test for indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment, allowing the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the quantitative impairment test. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after September 15, 2012, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt the guidance in connection with our annual indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment test in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. We do not expect the adoption will have a significant impact on our consolidated condensed financial statements.

NOTE 2: INVENTORIES

Processed products, livestock and supplies and other are valued at the lower of cost or market. Cost includes purchased raw materials, live purchase costs, growout costs (primarily feed, contract grower pay and catch and haul costs), labor and manufacturing and production overhead, which are related to the purchase and production of inventories. Total inventory consists of the following (in millions):

	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Processed products:		
Weighted-average method – chicken and prepared foods	\$ 746	\$ 715
First-in, first-out method – beef and pork	629	581
Livestock – first-in, first-out method	917	928
Supplies and other – weighted-average method	380	363
Total inventories	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,587

NOTE 3: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The major categories of property, plant and equipment and accumulated depreciation are as follows (in millions):

	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Land	\$ 98	\$ 95
Buildings and leasehold improvements	2,786	2,698
Machinery and equipment	5,020	4,897
Land improvements and other	399	386
Buildings and equipment under construction	501	446
	8,804	8,522
Less accumulated depreciation	4,812	4,699
Net property, plant and equipment	\$ 3,992	\$ 3,823

NOTE 4: OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities are as follows (in millions):

	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 362	\$ 407
Self-insurance reserves	285	298
Other	266	335
Total other current liabilities	\$ 913	\$ 1,040

NOTE 5: DEBT

The major components of debt are as follows (in millions):

	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Revolving credit facility	\$ —	\$ —
Senior notes:		
3.25% Convertible senior notes due October 2013 (2013 Notes)	458	458
10.50% Senior notes due March 2014 (2014 Notes)	20	810
6.60% Senior notes due April 2016 (2016 Notes)	638	638
7.00% Notes due May 2018	120	120
4.50% Senior notes due June 2022 (2022 Notes)	1,000	—
7.00% Notes due January 2028	18	18
Discount on senior notes	(33)	(76)
GO Zone tax-exempt bonds due October 2033 (0.18% at 6/30/2012)	100	100
Other	143	114
Total debt	2,464	2,182
Less current debt	119	70
Total long-term debt	\$ 2,345	\$ 2,112

Revolving Credit Facility

We have a \$1.0 billion revolving credit facility that supports short-term funding needs and letters of credit. This facility is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. The facility will mature and the commitments thereunder will terminate in February 2016 .

After reducing the amount available by outstanding letters of credit issued under this facility, the amount available for borrowing under this facility at June 30, 2012 , was \$961 million . At June 30, 2012 , we had outstanding letters of credit issued under this facility totaling \$39 million , none of which were drawn upon. We had an additional \$150 million of bilateral letters of credit issued separately from the revolving credit facility, none of which were drawn upon. Our letters of credit are issued primarily in support of workers' compensation insurance programs, derivative activities and Dynamic Fuels' Gulf Opportunity Zone tax-exempt bonds.

2013 Notes

In September 2008, we issued \$458 million principal amount 3.25% convertible senior unsecured notes due October 15, 2013 , with interest payable semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15. The conversion rate initially is 59.1935 shares of Class A stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$16.89 per share of Class A stock. The 2013 Notes may be converted before the close of business on July 12, 2013, only under the following circumstances:

- during any fiscal quarter after December 27, 2008, if the last reported sale price of our Class A stock for at least 20 trading days during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter is at least 130% of the applicable conversion price on each applicable trading day (which would currently require our shares to trade at or above \$21.96); or
- during the five business days after any 10 consecutive trading days (measurement period) in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of our Class A stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such day; or
- upon the occurrence of specified corporate events as defined in the supplemental indenture.

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On and after July 15, 2013, until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert their notes at any time, regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion, we will deliver cash up to the aggregate principal amount of the 2013 Notes to be converted and shares of our Class A stock in respect of the remainder, if any, of our conversion obligation in excess of the aggregate principal amount of the 2013 Notes being converted. As of June 30, 2012, none of the conditions permitting conversion of the 2013 Notes had been satisfied.

The 2013 Notes were originally accounted for as a combined instrument because the conversion feature did not meet the requirements to be accounted for separately as a derivative financial instrument. However, we adopted new accounting guidance in the first quarter of fiscal 2010 and applied it retrospectively to all periods presented. This new accounting guidance required us to separately account for the liability and equity conversion features. Upon retrospective adoption, our effective interest rate on the 2013 Notes was determined to be 8.26%, which resulted in the recognition of a \$92 million discount to these notes with the offsetting after tax amount of \$56 million recorded to capital in excess of par value. This discount is being accreted over the five-year term of the convertible notes at the effective interest rate.

In connection with the issuance of the 2013 Notes, we entered into separate convertible note hedge transactions with respect to our Class A stock to minimize the potential economic dilution upon conversion of the 2013 Notes. We also entered into separate warrant transactions. We recorded the purchase of the note hedge transactions as a reduction to capital in excess of par value, net of \$36 million pertaining to the related deferred tax asset, and we recorded the proceeds of the warrant transactions as an increase to capital in excess of par value. Subsequent changes in fair value of these instruments are not recognized in the financial statements as long as the instruments continue to meet the criteria for equity classification.

We purchased call options in private transactions for \$94 million that permit us to acquire up to approximately 27 million shares of our Class A stock at an initial strike price of \$16.89 per share, subject to adjustment. The call options allow us to acquire a number of shares of our Class A stock initially equal to the number of shares of Class A stock issuable to the holders of the 2013 Notes upon conversion. These call options will terminate upon the maturity of the 2013 Notes.

We sold warrants in private transactions for total proceeds of \$44 million. The warrants permit the purchasers to acquire up to approximately 27 million shares of our Class A stock at an initial exercise price of \$22.31 per share, subject to adjustment. The warrants are exercisable on various dates from January 2014 through March 2014.

The maximum amount of shares that may be issued to satisfy the conversion of the 2013 Notes is limited to 35.9 million shares. However, the convertible note hedge and warrant transactions, in effect, increase the initial conversion price of the 2013 Notes from \$16.89 per share to \$22.31 per share, thus reducing the potential future economic dilution associated with conversion of the 2013 Notes. If our share price is below \$22.31 upon conversion of the 2013 Notes, there is no economic net share impact. Upon conversion, a 10% increase in our share price above the \$22.31 conversion price would result in the issuance of 2.5 million incremental shares. The 2013 Notes and the warrants could have a dilutive effect on our earnings per share to the extent the price of our Class A stock during a given measurement period exceeds the respective exercise prices of those instruments. The call options are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share as their impact is anti-dilutive.

2014 Notes

In June 2012, we commenced a cash tender offer to purchase any and all of the outstanding 2014 Notes. Upon completion of the tender offer, we repurchased \$790 million principal amount of the 2014 Notes. We incurred a loss of \$167 million related to the early extinguishment of the 2014 Notes, which was recorded in Interest expense in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012.

Subsequent to the settlement of the tender offer, we called for redemption the remaining aggregate principal amount of the 2014 Notes not validly tendered or otherwise repurchased. In July 2012, we redeemed all of the remaining 2014 Notes.

2016 Notes

The 2016 Notes carried an interest rate at issuance of 6.60%, with an interest step up feature dependent on their credit rating. On February 24, 2011, Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (S&P), upgraded the credit rating of these notes from "BB+" to "BBB-." On March 29, 2011, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) upgraded the credit rating of these notes from "Ba2" to "Ba1." These upgrades decreased the interest rate on the 2016 Notes from 7.35% to 6.85%, effective beginning with the six-month interest payment due April 1, 2011.

On June 7, 2012, Moody's upgraded the credit rating of these notes from "Ba1" to "Baa3." This upgrade decreased the interest rate on the 2016 Notes from 6.85% to 6.60%, effective beginning with the six-month interest payment due October 1, 2012.

2022 Notes

In June 2012, we issued \$1.0 billion of senior unsecured notes, which will mature in June 2022. The 2022 Notes carry a 4.50% interest rate, with interest payments due semi-annually on June 15 and December 15. After the original issue discount of \$5 million, based on an issue price of 99.458%, we received net proceeds of \$995 million. In addition, we incurred offering expenses of \$9 million. We used the net proceeds towards the repurchase and redemption of the 2014 Notes, including the payments of accrued interest and related premiums, and general corporate purposes.

GO Zone Tax-Exempt Bonds

In October 2008, Dynamic Fuels received \$100 million in proceeds from the sale of Gulf Opportunity Zone tax-exempt bonds made available by the federal government to the regions affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. These floating rate bonds are due October 1, 2033. In November 2008, we entered into an interest rate swap related to these bonds to mitigate our interest rate risk on a portion of the bonds for five years. We also issued a letter of credit as a guarantee for the entire bond issuance.

Debt Covenants

Our revolving credit facility contains affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens and encumbrances; incur debt; merge, dissolve, liquidate or consolidate; make acquisitions and investments; dispose of or transfer assets; pay dividends or make other payments in respect of our capital stock; amend material documents; change the nature of our business; make certain payments of debt; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and enter into sale/leaseback or hedging transactions, in each case, subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In addition, we are required to maintain minimum interest expense coverage and maximum debt-to-capitalization ratios.

Our 2022 Notes also contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens; engage in certain sale/leaseback transactions; and engage in certain consolidations, mergers and sales of assets.

We were in compliance with all debt covenants at June 30, 2012.

NOTE 6: INCOME TAXES

The effective tax rate was 42.4% and 28.7% for the third quarter of fiscal years 2012 and 2011, respectively. The effective tax rate was 36.9% and 32.8% for the nine months of fiscal years 2012 and 2011, respectively. The effective tax rate for the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012 was impacted by such items as the domestic production deduction, state income taxes and losses in foreign jurisdictions and related valuation allowances.

Unrecognized tax benefits were \$175 million and \$174 million at June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, respectively. The amount of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, that would impact our effective tax rate was \$157 million and \$155 million at June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, respectively.

We classify interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. At June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, before tax benefits, we had \$59 million and \$58 million, respectively, of accrued interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits.

We are subject to income tax examinations for U.S. federal income taxes for fiscal years 2003 through 2011, and for foreign, state and local income taxes for fiscal years 2001 through 2011. During the next twelve months, it is reasonably possible the amount of unrecognized tax benefits could change by approximately \$10 million due to audit settlements and the expiration of statutes of limitations in various jurisdictions.

NOTE 7: OTHER INCOME AND CHARGES

During the nine months of fiscal 2012, we recorded \$11 million of equity earnings in joint ventures and \$4 million in net foreign currency exchange gains, which were recorded in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income in Other, net.

During the nine months of fiscal 2011, we recorded an \$11 million gain related to a sale of interests in an equity method investment. This gain was recorded in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income in Other, net.

NOTE 8: EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in millions, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Numerator:				
Net income	\$ 73	\$ 188	\$ 395	\$ 638
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(3)	(8)	(3)	(15)
Net income attributable to Tyson	76	196	398	653
Less Dividends:				
Class A (\$0.040/share/quarter)	12	12	36	37
Class B (\$0.036/share/quarter)	3	3	8	8
Undistributed earnings	\$ 61	\$ 181	\$ 354	\$ 608
Class A undistributed earnings	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 292	\$ 504
Class B undistributed earnings	11	31	62	104
Total undistributed earnings	\$ 61	\$ 181	\$ 354	\$ 608
Denominator:				
Denominator for basic earnings per share:				
Class A weighted average shares	291	304	294	305
Class B weighted average shares, and shares under the if-converted method for diluted earnings per share	70	70	70	70
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options and restricted stock	5	6	5	6
Convertible 2013 Notes	3	3	4	1
Denominator for diluted earnings per share – adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions	369	383	373	382
Net Income Per Share Attributable to Tyson:				
Class A Basic	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.77
Class B Basic	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.60
Diluted	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.71

Approximately 4 million of our stock-based compensation shares were antidilutive for both the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012, and a pproximately 4 million of our stock-based compensation shares were antidilutive for both the three and nine months ended July 2, 2011. These shares were not included in the dilutive earnings per share calculation.

We have two classes of capital stock, Class A stock and Class B stock. Cash dividends cannot be paid to holders of Class B stock unless they are simultaneously paid to holders of Class A stock. The per share amount of cash dividends paid to holders of Class B stock cannot exceed 90% of the cash dividends paid to holders of Class A stock.

We allocate undistributed earnings based upon a 1 to 0.9 ratio per share to Class A stock and Class B stock, respectively. We allocate undistributed earnings based on this ratio due to historical dividend patterns, voting control of Class B shareholders and contractual limitations of dividends to Class B stock.

NOTE 9: DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Our business operations give rise to certain market risk exposures mostly due to changes in commodity prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. We manage a portion of these risks through the use of derivative financial instruments, primarily futures and options, to reduce our exposure to commodity price risk, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. Forward contracts on various commodities, including grains, livestock and energy, are primarily entered into to manage the price risk associated with forecasted purchases of these inputs used in our production processes. Foreign exchange forward contracts are entered into to manage the fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, primarily as a result of certain receivable and payable balances. We also periodically utilize interest rate swaps to manage interest rate risk associated with our variable-rate borrowings.

Our risk management programs are periodically reviewed by our Board of Directors' Audit Committee. These programs are monitored by senior management and may be revised as market conditions dictate. Our current risk management programs utilize industry-standard models that take into account the implicit cost of hedging. Risks associated with our market risks and those created by derivative instruments and the fair values are strictly monitored, using Value-at-Risk and stress tests. Credit risks associated with our derivative contracts are not significant as we minimize counterparty concentrations, utilize margin accounts or letters of credit, and deal with credit-worthy counterparties. Additionally, our derivative contracts are mostly short-term in duration and we generally do not make use of credit-risk-related contingent features. No significant concentrations of credit risk existed at June 30, 2012 .

We recognize all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets, with the exception of normal purchases and normal sales expected to result in physical delivery. The accounting for changes in the fair value (i.e., gains or losses) of a derivative instrument depends on whether it has been designated and qualifies as part of a hedging relationship and the type of hedging relationship. For those derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments, we designate the hedging instrument based upon the exposure being hedged (i.e., fair value hedge, cash flow hedge, or hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation). We qualify, or designate, a derivative financial instrument as a hedge when contract terms closely mirror those of the hedged item, providing a high degree of risk reduction and correlation. If a derivative instrument is accounted for as a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of the instrument either will be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities or firm commitments through earnings, or be recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) (OCI) until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of an instrument's change in fair value is recognized in earnings immediately. We designate certain forward and option contracts as follows:

- Cash Flow Hedges – include certain commodity forward and option contracts of forecasted purchases (i.e., grains) and certain foreign exchange forward contracts.
- Fair Value Hedges – include certain commodity forward contracts of forecasted purchases (i.e., livestock).
- Net Investment Hedges – include certain foreign currency forward contracts of permanently invested capital in certain foreign subsidiaries.

Cash flow hedges

Derivative instruments, such as futures and options, are designated as hedges against changes in the amount of future cash flows related to procurement of certain commodities utilized in our production processes. We do not purchase forward and option commodity contracts in excess of our physical consumption requirements and generally do not hedge forecasted transactions beyond 18 months. The objective of these hedges is to reduce the variability of cash flows associated with the forecasted purchase of those commodities. For the derivative instruments we designate and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of OCI and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Gains and losses representing hedge ineffectiveness are recognized in earnings in the current period. Ineffectiveness related to our cash flow hedges was not significant for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012 , and July 2, 2011 .

We had the following aggregated notionals of outstanding forward and option contracts accounted for as cash flow hedges (in millions, except soy meal tons):

	Metric	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Commodity:			
Corn	Bushels	7	6
Soy meal	Tons	53,800	82,300
Foreign Currency	United States dollar \$	96 \$	75

As of June 30, 2012 , the net amounts expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months are pretax gains of \$7 million related to grain. Pretax losses expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months related to foreign currency are not significant as of June 30, 2012 . During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012 , and July 2, 2011 , we did not reclassify significant pretax gains/losses into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges due to the probability the original forecasted transaction would not occur by the end of the originally specified time period or within the additional period of time allowed by generally accepted accounting principles.

The following table sets forth the pretax impact of cash flow hedge derivative instruments on the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income (in millions):

	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI On Derivatives		Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income Classification	Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from OCI to Earnings	
	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011		June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Cash Flow Hedge – Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:					
Commodity contracts	\$ 7	\$ (23)	Cost of Sales	\$ 1	\$ 5
Foreign exchange contracts	1	(1)	Other Income/Expense	(1)	—
Total	\$ 8	\$ (24)		\$ —	\$ 5

	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI On Derivatives		Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income Classification	Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from OCI to Earnings	
	Nine Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011		June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Cash Flow Hedge – Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:					
Commodity contracts	\$ 13	\$ 5	Cost of Sales	\$ (15)	\$ 31
Foreign exchange contracts	(6)	(1)	Other Income/Expense	4	—
Total	\$ 7	\$ 4		\$ (11)	\$ 31

Fair value hedges

We designate certain futures contracts as fair value hedges of firm commitments to purchase livestock for slaughter. Our objective of these hedges is to minimize the risk of changes in fair value created by fluctuations in commodity prices associated with fixed price livestock firm commitments. We had the following aggregated notionals of outstanding forward contracts entered into to hedge forecasted commodity purchases which are accounted for as a fair value hedge (in millions):

	Metric	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Commodity:			
Live Cattle	Pounds	445	318
Lean Hogs	Pounds	567	601

For these derivative instruments we designate and qualify as a fair value hedge, the gain or loss on the derivative, as well as the offsetting gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, are recognized in earnings in the same period. We include the gain or loss on the hedged items (i.e., livestock purchase firm commitments) in the same line item, Cost of Sales, as the offsetting gain or loss on the related livestock forward position.

	Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income Classification	in millions			
		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Gain/(Loss) on forwards	Cost of Sales	\$ 32	\$ (19)	\$ 32	\$ (63)
Gain/(Loss) on purchase contract	Cost of Sales	(32)	19	(32)	63

Ineffectiveness related to our fair value hedges was not significant for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012, and July 2, 2011.

Foreign net investment hedges

We utilize forward foreign exchange contracts to protect the value of our net investments in certain foreign subsidiaries. For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a hedge of a net investment in a foreign currency, the gain or loss is reported in OCI as part of the cumulative translation adjustment to the extent it is effective, with the related amounts due to or from counterparties included in other liabilities or other assets. We utilize the forward-rate method of assessing hedge effectiveness. Any ineffective portions of net investment hedges are recognized in the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income during the period of change. Ineffectiveness related to our foreign net investment hedges was not significant for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012, and July 2, 2011. At June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, we had \$27 million and \$35 million aggregate outstanding notionals related to our forward foreign currency contracts accounted for as foreign net investment hedges.

The following table sets forth the pretax impact of these derivative instruments on the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income (in millions):

	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI On Derivatives		Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income Classification	Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from OCI to Earnings	
	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011		June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Net Investment Hedge – Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:					
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ 1	\$ (1)	Other Income/Expense	\$ —	\$ —

	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in OCI On Derivatives		Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income Classification	Gain/(Loss) Reclassified from OCI to Earnings	
	Nine Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011		June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Net Investment Hedge – Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:					
Foreign exchange contracts	\$ (1)	\$ (4)	Other Income/Expense	\$ —	\$ —

Undesignated positions

In addition to our designated positions, we also hold forward and option contracts for which we do not apply hedge accounting. These include certain derivative instruments related to commodities price risk, including grains, livestock and energy, foreign currency risk and interest rate risk. We mark these positions to fair value through earnings at each reporting date. We generally do not enter into undesignated positions beyond 18 months.

The objective of our undesignated grains, energy and livestock commodity positions is to reduce the variability of cash flows associated with the forecasted purchase of certain grains, energy and livestock inputs to our production processes. We also enter into certain forward sales of boxed beef and boxed pork and forward purchases of cattle and hogs at fixed prices. The fixed price sales contracts lock in the proceeds from a sale in the future and the fixed cattle and hog purchases lock in the cost. However, the cost of the livestock and the related boxed beef and boxed pork market prices at the time of the sale or purchase could vary from this fixed price. As we enter into fixed forward sales of boxed beef and boxed pork and forward purchases of cattle and hogs, we also enter into the appropriate number of livestock option and future positions to mitigate a portion of this risk. Changes in market value of the open livestock futures positions are marked to market and reported in earnings at each reporting date, even though the economic impact of our fixed prices being above or below the market price is only realized at the time of sale or purchase. These positions generally do not qualify for hedge treatment due to location basis differences between the commodity exchanges and the actual locations when we purchase the commodities.

We have a foreign currency cash flow hedging program to hedge portions of forecasted transactions denominated in foreign currencies, primarily with forward and option contracts, to protect against the reduction in value of forecasted foreign currency cash flows. Our undesignated foreign currency positions generally would qualify for cash flow hedge accounting. However, to reduce earnings volatility, we normally will not elect hedge accounting treatment when the position provides an offset to the underlying related transaction that currently impacts earnings.

The objective of our undesignated interest rate swap is to manage interest rate risk exposure on a floating-rate bond. Our interest rate swap agreement effectively modifies our exposure to interest rate risk by converting a portion of the floating-rate bond to a fixed rate basis for the first five years, thus reducing the impact of the interest-rate changes on future interest expense. This interest rate swap does not qualify for

hedge treatment due to differences in the underlying bond and swap contract interest-rate indices.

We had the following aggregate outstanding notionals related to our undesignated positions (in millions, except soy meal tons) :

	Metric	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Commodity:			
Corn	Bushels	10	17
Soy Meal	Tons	16,600	174,600
Soy Oil	Pounds	8	13
Live Cattle	Pounds	8	72
Lean Hogs	Pounds	118	19
Foreign Currency	United States dollars \$	111	\$ 110
Interest Rate	Average monthly notional debt \$	31	\$ 39

The following table sets forth the pretax impact of the undesignated derivative instruments on the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income (in millions):

	Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income Classification	Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Earnings		Gain/(Loss) Recognized in Earnings	
		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
		June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
Commodity contracts	Sales \$	3	\$ (15)	\$ (6)	16
Commodity contracts	Cost of Sales	(22)	21	36	32
Foreign exchange contracts	Other Income/Expense	—	(1)	—	(8)
Total	\$	(19)	\$ 5	\$ 30	\$ 40

The following table sets forth the fair value of all derivative instruments outstanding in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets (in millions):

	Fair Value	
	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Derivative Assets:		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:		
Commodity contracts	\$ 21	\$ 3
Foreign exchange contracts	3	12
Total derivative assets – designated	24	15
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:		
Commodity contracts	49	21
Foreign exchange contracts	—	5
Total derivative assets – not designated	49	26
Total derivative assets	\$ 73	\$ 41
Derivative Liabilities:		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:		
Commodity contracts	\$ 4	\$ 41
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:		
Commodity contracts	100	121
Foreign exchange contracts	1	1
Interest rate contracts	1	2
Total derivative liabilities – not designated	102	124
Total derivative liabilities	\$ 106	\$ 165

Our derivative assets and liabilities are presented in our Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets on a net basis. We net derivative assets and

liabilities, including cash collateral when a legally enforceable master netting arrangement exists between the counterparty to a derivative contract and us. See Note 10: Fair Value Measurements for a reconciliation to amounts reported in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets in Other current assets and Other current liabilities.

NOTE 10: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy contains three levels as follows:

Level 1 — Unadjusted quoted prices available in active markets for the identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

Level 2 — Other observable inputs available at the measurement date, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, either directly or indirectly, including:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs derived principally from or corroborated by other observable market data.

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. In instances where the inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the fair value measurement has been determined based on the lowest level input significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. Our assessment of the significance of a particular item to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, including the consideration of inputs specific to the asset or liability. The following tables set forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis according to the valuation techniques we used to determine their fair values (in millions):

June 30, 2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting (a)	Total
Assets:					
Commodity Derivatives	\$ —	\$ 70	\$ —	\$ (68)	\$ 2
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	—	3	—	(1)	2
Available for Sale Securities:					
Debt securities	—	28	82	—	110
Equity securities	6	—	—	—	6
Deferred Compensation Assets	28	146	—	—	174
Total Assets	\$ 34	\$ 247	\$ 82	\$ (69)	\$ 294
Liabilities:					
Commodity Derivatives	\$ —	\$ 104	\$ —	\$ (99)	\$ 5
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	—	1	—	(1)	—
Interest Rate Swap	—	1	—	—	1
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$ 106	\$ —	\$ (100)	\$ 6

October 1, 2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Netting (a)	Total
Assets:					
Commodity Derivatives	\$ —	\$ 24	\$ —	\$ (21)	\$ 3
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	—	17	—	(2)	15
Available for Sale Securities:					
Debt securities	—	34	83	—	117
Equity securities	7	—	—	—	7
Deferred Compensation Assets	28	122	—	—	150
Total Assets	\$ 35	\$ 197	\$ 83	\$ (23)	\$ 292
Liabilities:					
Commodity Derivatives	\$ —	\$ 162	\$ —	\$ (135)	\$ 27
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	—	1	—	(1)	—
Interest Rate Swap	—	2	—	—	2
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$ 165	\$ —	\$ (136)	\$ 29

- (a) Our derivative assets and liabilities are presented in our Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets on a net basis. We net derivative assets and liabilities, including cash collateral, when a legally enforceable master netting arrangement exists between the counterparty to a derivative contract and us. At June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, we had posted with various counterparties \$31 million and \$113 million, respectively, of cash collateral and held no cash collateral.

The following table provides a reconciliation between the beginning and ending balance of debt securities measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the table above that used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 83	\$ 73
Total realized and unrealized gains (losses):		
Included in earnings	1	—
Included in other comprehensive income (loss)	(1)	—
Purchases	20	16
Issuances	—	—
Settlements	(21)	(15)
Balance at end of period	\$ 82	\$ 74
Total gains (losses) for the nine-month period included in earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets and liabilities still held at end of period	\$ —	\$ —

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

Derivative Assets and Liabilities: Our derivatives, including commodities, foreign exchange contracts and an interest rate swap, primarily include exchange-traded and over-the-counter contracts which are further described in Note 9: Derivative Financial Instruments. We record our commodity derivatives at fair value using quoted market prices adjusted for credit and non-performance risk and internal models that use as their basis readily observable market inputs including current and forward commodity market prices. Our foreign exchange forward contracts are recorded at fair value based on quoted prices and spot and forward currency prices adjusted for credit and non-performance risk. Our interest rate swap is recorded at fair value based on quoted LIBOR swap rates adjusted for credit and non-performance risk. We classify these instruments in Level 2 when quoted market prices can be corroborated utilizing observable current and forward commodity market prices on active exchanges, observable market transactions of spot currency rates and forward currency prices or observable benchmark market rates at commonly quoted intervals.

Available for Sale Securities: Our investments in marketable debt securities are classified as available-for-sale and are included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets. These investments, which are generally long-term in nature with maturities ranging up to 35 years, are reported at fair value based on pricing models and quoted market prices adjusted for credit and non-performance risk. We classify our investments in U.S. government and agency debt securities as Level 2 as fair value is generally estimated using discounted cash flow models that are primarily industry-standard models that consider various assumptions, including time value and yield curve as well as other readily available relevant economic measures. We classify certain corporate and asset-backed debt securities as Level 3 as there is limited activity or less observable inputs into valuation models, including current interest rates and estimated prepayment, default and recovery rates on the underlying portfolio or structured investment vehicle. We also classify privately held redeemable preferred stock securities as Level 3 as there is limited activity or less observable inputs into valuation models, including current interest rates and credit worthiness of the underlying private issuer. Significant changes to assumptions or unobservable inputs in the valuation of our Level 3 instruments would not have a significant impact to our consolidated financial statements.

Additionally, we have eight million shares of Syntroleum Corporation common stock and 4.25 million warrants, which expire in June 2015, to purchase an equivalent amount of Syntroleum Corporation common stock at an average price of \$2.87. We record the shares and warrants in Other Assets in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets at fair value based on quoted market prices. We classify the shares as Level 1 as the fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices available in active markets. We classify the warrants as Level 2 as fair value can be corroborated based on observable market data.

(in millions)	June 30, 2012			October 1, 2011		
	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	Amortized Cost Basis	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
Available for Sale Securities:						
Debt Securities:						
U.S. Treasury and Agency	\$ 27	\$ 28	\$ 1	\$ 33	\$ 34	\$ 1
Corporate and Asset-Backed (a)	62	63	1	54	56	2
Redeemable Preferred Stock	19	19	—	27	27	—
Equity Securities:						
Common Stock	9	6	(3)	9	7	(2)

(a) At June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, the amortized cost basis for Corporate and Asset-Backed debt securities had been reduced by accumulated other than temporary impairments of \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively.

Unrealized holding gains (losses), net of tax, are excluded from earnings and reported in OCI until the security is settled or sold. On a quarterly basis, we evaluate whether losses related to our available-for-sale securities are temporary in nature. Losses on equity securities are recognized in earnings if the decline in value is judged to be other than temporary. If losses related to our debt securities are determined to be other than temporary, the loss would be recognized in earnings if we intend, or more likely than not will be required, to sell the security prior to recovery. For debt securities in which we have the intent and ability to hold until maturity, losses determined to be other than temporary would remain in OCI, other than expected credit losses which are recognized in earnings. We consider many factors in determining whether a loss is temporary, including the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been below cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and our ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery. We recognized no other than temporary impairments in earnings for the three and nine months ending June 30, 2012, and July 2, 2011. No other than temporary losses were deferred in OCI as of June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011.

Deferred Compensation Assets: We maintain non-qualified deferred compensation plans for certain executives and other highly compensated employees. Investments are maintained within a trust and include money market funds, mutual funds and life insurance policies. The cash surrender value of the life insurance policies is invested primarily in mutual funds. The investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices and are included in Other Assets in the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets. We classify the investments which have observable market prices in active markets in Level 1 as these are generally publicly-traded mutual funds. The remaining deferred compensation assets are classified in Level 2, as fair value can be corroborated based on observable market data. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on deferred compensation assets are included in earnings.

Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

In addition to assets and liabilities that are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis, we record assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Generally, assets are recorded at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as a result of impairment charges. We did not have any significant measurements of assets or liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis subsequent to their initial recognition during the three and nine months ended June 30, 2012, and July 2, 2011.

Other Financial Instruments

Fair value of our debt is principally estimated using Level 2 inputs based on quoted prices for those or similar instruments. Fair value and carrying value for our debt are as follows (in millions):

	June 30, 2012		October 1, 2011	
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value
Total Debt	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,464	\$ 2,334	\$ 2,182

NOTE 11: COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The components of comprehensive income are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Net income	\$ 73	\$ 188	\$ 395	\$ 638
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Net hedging unrealized (gain) loss reclassified to earnings	—	(3)	7	(20)
Net hedging unrealized gain (loss)	5	(15)	4	(1)
Unrealized loss on investments	(1)	(4)	—	(4)
Currency translation adjustment	(38)	18	(8)	37
Postretirement benefits reserve adjustments	1	—	3	1
Total comprehensive income	40	184	401	651
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	(8)	—	(15)
Total comprehensive income attributable to Tyson	\$ 40	\$ 192	\$ 401	\$ 666

The related tax effects allocated to the components of comprehensive income are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Income tax expense (benefit):				
Net hedging unrealized (gain) loss reclassified to earnings	\$ —	\$ (2)	\$ 4	\$ (11)
Net hedging unrealized gain (loss)	3	(9)	3	5
Unrealized loss on investments	(1)	(2)	—	(2)
Currency translation adjustment	—	(1)	—	(1)
Postretirement benefits reserve adjustments	—	1	—	1
Total income tax expense	\$ 2	\$ (13)	\$ 7	\$ (8)

NOTE 12: SEGMENT REPORTING

We operate in four segments: Chicken, Beef, Pork and Prepared Foods. We measure segment profit as operating income (loss).

Chicken: Chicken operations include breeding and raising chickens, as well as processing live chickens into fresh, frozen and value-added chicken products and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international markets. It also includes sales from allied products and our chicken breeding stock subsidiary.

Beef: Beef operations include processing live fed cattle and fabricating dressed beef carcasses into primal and sub-primal meat cuts and case-ready products. This segment also includes sales from allied products such as hides and variety meats, as well as logistics operations to move products through the supply chain. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international markets. Allied products are marketed to manufacturers of pharmaceuticals and technical products.

Pork: Pork operations include processing live market hogs and fabricating pork carcasses into primal and sub-primal cuts and case-ready products. This segment also includes our live swine group, related allied product processing activities and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international markets. We sell allied products to pharmaceutical and technical products manufacturers, as well as a limited number of live swine to pork processors.

Prepared Foods: Prepared Foods operations include manufacturing and marketing frozen and refrigerated food products and logistics operations to move products through the supply chain. Products include pepperoni, bacon, beef and pork pizza toppings, pizza crusts, flour and corn tortilla products, appetizers, prepared meals, ethnic foods, soups, sauces, side dishes, meat dishes and processed meats. Products are marketed domestically to food retailers, foodservice distributors, restaurant operators, hotel chains and noncommercial foodservice establishments such as schools, healthcare facilities, the military and other food processors, as well as to international markets.

The results from Dynamic Fuels are included in Other.

Information on segments and a reconciliation to income before income taxes are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Sales:				
Chicken	\$ 2,902	\$ 2,800	\$ 8,575	\$ 8,158
Beef	3,487	3,515	10,323	10,033
Pork	1,344	1,408	4,191	4,030
Prepared Foods	764	804	2,432	2,388
Other	24	30	124	63
Intersegment Sales	(213)	(310)	(740)	(810)
Total Sales	\$ 8,308	\$ 8,247	\$ 24,905	\$ 23,862
Operating Income (Loss):				
Chicken	\$ 153	\$ 28	\$ 330	\$ 246
Beef	71	140	101	350
Pork	69	124	349	447
Prepared Foods	47	30	142	89
Other	(4)	(10)	(6)	(19)
Total Operating Income	336	312	916	1,113
Total Other (Income) Expense	210 (a)	49	290 (a)	164 (b)
Income before Income Taxes	\$ 126	\$ 263	\$ 626	\$ 949

(a) Includes \$167 million charge related to the early extinguishment of debt.

(b) Includes \$11 million gain related to a sale of interests in an equity method investment.



The Beef segment had sales of \$49 million and \$107 million in the third quarter of fiscal years 2012 and 2011 , respectively, and sales of \$162 million and \$208 million in the nine months of fiscal years 2012 and 2011 , respectively, from transactions with other operating segments of the Company and Dynamic Fuels. The Pork segment had sales of \$164 million and \$203 million in the third quarter of fiscal years 2012 and 2011 , respectively, and sales of \$578 million and \$602 million in the nine months of fiscal 2012 and 2011 , respectively, from transactions with other operating segments of the Company. The aforementioned sales from intersegment transactions, which were at market prices, were included in the segment sales in the above table.

NOTE 13: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments

We guarantee obligations of certain outside third parties, which consist primarily of a lease and grower loans, which are substantially collateralized by the underlying assets. Terms of the underlying debt cover periods up to ten years, and the maximum potential amount of future payments as of June 30, 2012 , was \$76 million . We also maintain operating leases for various types of equipment, some of which contain residual value guarantees for the market value of the underlying leased assets at the end of the term of the lease. The remaining terms of the lease maturities cover periods over the next seven years. The maximum potential amount of the residual value guarantees is \$60 million , of which \$54 million would be recoverable through various recourse provisions and an additional undeterminable recoverable amount based on the fair value of the underlying leased assets. The likelihood of material payments under these guarantees is not considered probable. At June 30, 2012 , and October 1, 2011 , no material liabilities for guarantees were recorded.

We have cash flow assistance programs in which certain livestock suppliers participate. Under these programs, we pay an amount for livestock equivalent to a standard cost to grow such livestock during periods of low market sales prices. The amounts of such payments that are in excess of the market sales price are recorded as receivables and accrue interest. Participating suppliers are obligated to repay these receivables balances when market sales prices exceed this standard cost, or upon termination of the agreement. Our maximum obligation associated with these programs is limited to the fair value of each participating livestock supplier's net tangible assets. The potential maximum obligation as of June 30, 2012 , was approximately \$260 million . The total receivables under these programs were \$21 million and \$28 million at June 30, 2012 , and October 1, 2011 , respectively, and are included, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts, in Accounts Receivable and Other Assets at June 30, 2012 , and October 1, 2011 , respectively, in our Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets. Even though these programs are limited to the net tangible assets of the participating livestock suppliers, we also manage a portion of our credit risk associated with these programs by obtaining security interests in livestock suppliers' assets. After analyzing residual credit risks and general market conditions, we have recorded an allowance for these programs' estimated uncollectible receivables of \$9 million and \$10 million at June 30, 2012 , and October 1, 2011 , respectively.

Contingencies

We are involved in various claims and legal proceedings. We routinely assess the likelihood of adverse judgments or outcomes to those matters, as well as ranges of probable losses, to the extent losses are reasonably estimable. We record accruals for such matters to the extent that we conclude a loss is probable and the financial impact, should an adverse outcome occur, is reasonably estimable. Such accruals are reflected in the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements. In our opinion, we have made appropriate and adequate accruals for these matters and believe the probability of a material loss beyond the amounts accrued to be remote; however, the ultimate liability for these matters is uncertain, and if accruals are not adequate, an adverse outcome could have a material effect on the consolidated condensed financial condition or results of operations. Listed below are certain claims made against the Company and/or our subsidiaries for which the potential exposure is considered material to the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements. We believe we have substantial defenses to the claims made and intend to vigorously defend these matters.

We have pending against us a lawsuit styled *DeAsencio v. Tyson Foods, Inc.* (E. Dist. Pennsylvania, August 22, 2000) in which the plaintiffs allege that we failed to compensate certain poultry plant employees for the time it takes to engage in pre- and post-shift activities such as changing into and out of protective and sanitary clothing and walking to and from the changing area, work areas and break areas in violation of the Federal Labor Standards Act (FLSA). They seek back wages, liquidated damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, and attorneys' fees. Plaintiffs appealed a jury verdict and final judgment entered in our favor on June 22, 2006. On September 7, 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit reversed the jury verdict and remanded the case to the District Court for further proceedings. We sought rehearing en banc, which was denied by the Court of Appeals on October 5, 2007. The United States Supreme Court denied our petition for a writ of certiorari on June 9, 2008. The new trial date has not been set.

We have pending twelve separate wage and hour actions involving Tyson Fresh Meats Inc.'s plants located in Lexington, Nebraska (Lopez, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., D. Nebraska, June 30, 2006), Garden City and Emporia, Kansas (Garcia, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., D. Kansas, May 15, 2006), Storm Lake, Iowa (Bouaphakeo (f/k/a Sharp), et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., N.D. Iowa, February 6, 2007), Columbus Junction, Iowa (Guyton (f/k/a Robinson), et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., d.b.a Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., S.D. Iowa, September 12, 2007), Joslin, Illinois (Murray, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., C.D. Illinois, January 2, 2008; and DeVoss v. Tyson Foods, Inc. d.b.a. Tyson Fresh Meats, C.D. Illinois, March 2, 2011), Dakota City, Nebraska (Gomez, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., D. Nebraska, January 16, 2008), Madison, Nebraska (Acosta, et al. v Tyson Foods, Inc. d.b.a Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., D. Nebraska, February 29, 2008), Perry and Waterloo, Iowa (Edwards, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc. d.b.a Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., S.D. Iowa, March 20, 2008); Council Bluffs, Iowa (Maxwell (f/k/a Salazar), et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc. d.b.a Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., S.D. Iowa, April 29, 2008); Logansport, Indiana (Carter, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc. and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., N.D. Indiana, April 29, 2008); and Goodlettsville, Tennessee (Abadeer v. Tyson Foods, Inc., and Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc., M.D. Tennessee, February 6, 2009). The actions allege we failed to pay employees for all hours worked, including overtime compensation for the time it takes to change into protective work uniforms, safety equipment and other sanitary and protective clothing worn by employees, and for walking to and from the changing area, work areas and break areas in violation of the FLSA and analogous state laws. The plaintiffs seek back wages, liquidated damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and costs. Each case is proceeding in its jurisdiction.

- After a trial in the Garcia case, which involved the Garden City, Kansas facility, a jury verdict in favor of the plaintiffs was entered on March 17, 2011. Exclusive of pre- and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and costs, the jury found violations of federal and state laws for pre- and post-shift work activities and awarded damages in the amount of \$503,011. Plaintiffs' counsel has filed an application for attorneys' fees and expenses in the amount of \$3,475,422. We contested the application and are currently evaluating our appeal options.
- A jury trial was held in the Lopez case, which involved the Lexington, NE beef plant, and resulted in a jury verdict in favor of Tyson. Judgment was entered and the complaint was dismissed with prejudice on May 26, 2011. Plaintiffs filed an appeal with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals on June 16, 2011, and oral arguments were held on May 16, 2012.
- A jury trial was held in the Bouaphakeo case, which involved the Storm Lake, Iowa pork plant and resulted in a jury verdict in favor of the plaintiffs on September 26, 2011. Exclusive of pre- and post-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and costs, the jury found violations of federal and state laws for pre- and post-shift work activities and awarded damages in the amount of \$2,892,379. On October 24, 2011, we renewed our motion for judgment as a matter of law due to a failure of class-wide proof and, in the alternative, for a new trial on damages.
- A jury trial was held in the Guyton case, which involved the Columbus Junction, Iowa pork plant, and resulted in a jury verdict in favor of Tyson on April 25, 2012.
- The Maxwell, Acosta, and Gomez cases are scheduled for trials on October 22, 2012, January 14, 2013, and March 18, 2013, respectively.

We have pending one wage and hour action involving our Tyson Prepared Foods plant located in Jefferson, Wisconsin (Weissman, et al. v. Tyson Prepared Foods, Inc., Jefferson County (Wisconsin) Circuit Court, October 20, 2010). The plaintiffs allege that employees should be paid for the time it takes to engage in pre- and post-shift activities such as changing into and out of protective and sanitary clothing and the associated time it takes to walk to and from their workstations post-donning and pre-doffing of protective and sanitary clothing. Six named plaintiffs seek to act as state law class representatives on behalf of all current and former employees who were allegedly not paid for time worked and seek back wages, liquidated damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, and attorneys' fees and costs. On May 16, 2011, the plaintiffs filed a motion to certify a state law class of all hourly employees who have worked at the Jefferson plant from October 20, 2008, to the present. We have filed motions for summary judgment seeking dismissal of the claims, or, in the alternative, to limit the claims made for non-compensable clothes changing activities, the hearing for which is set for August 13, 2012. The parties attended pre-trial mediation on May 30, 2012; however, the parties were unable to resolve the claims. The trial date has not been set.

On June 19, 2005, the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Environment of the State of Oklahoma filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma against us, three of our subsidiaries and six other poultry integrators. The complaint, which was subsequently amended, asserts a number of state and federal causes of action including, but not limited to, counts under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and state-law public nuisance theories. The amended complaint asserts that defendants and certain contract growers who are not named in the amended complaint polluted the surface waters, groundwater and associated drinking water supplies of the Illinois River Watershed (IRW) through the land application of poultry litter. Oklahoma asserts that this alleged pollution has also caused extensive injury to the environment (including soils and sediments) of the IRW and that the defendants have been unjustly enriched. Oklahoma's claims cover the entire IRW, which encompasses more than one million acres of land and the natural resources (including lakes and waterways) contained therein. Oklahoma seeks wide-ranging relief, including injunctive relief, compensatory damages in excess of \$800 million, an unspecified amount in punitive damages and attorneys' fees. We and the other defendants have denied liability, asserted various defenses, and filed a third-party complaint that asserts claims against other persons and entities whose activities may have contributed to the pollution alleged in the amended complaint. The district court has stayed proceedings on the third party complaint pending resolution of Oklahoma's claims against the defendants. On October 31, 2008, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss for failure to join the Cherokee Nation as a required party or, in the alternative, for judgment as a matter of law based on the plaintiffs' lack of standing. This motion was granted in part and denied in part on July 22, 2009. In its ruling, the district court dismissed Oklahoma's claims for cost recovery and for natural resources damages under CERCLA and for unjust enrichment under Oklahoma common law. This ruling also narrowed the scope of Oklahoma's remaining claims by dismissing all damage claims under its causes of action for Oklahoma common law nuisance, federal common law nuisance, and Oklahoma common law trespass, leaving only its claims for injunctive relief for trial. On August 18, 2009, the Court granted partial summary judgment in favor of the defendants on Oklahoma's claims for violations of the Oklahoma Registered Poultry Feeding Operations Act. Oklahoma later voluntarily dismissed the remainder of this claim. On September 2, 2009, the Cherokee Nation filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit. Its motion to intervene was denied on September 15, 2009, and the Cherokee Nation filed a notice of appeal of that ruling in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals on September 17, 2009. A non-jury trial of the case began on September 24, 2009. At the close of Oklahoma's case-in-chief, the Court granted the defendants' motions to dismiss claims based on RCRA, nuisance per se, and health risks related to bacteria. The defense rested its case on January 13, 2010, and closing arguments were held on February 11, 2010. On September 21, 2010, the Court of Appeals affirmed the district court's denial of the Cherokee Nation's motion to intervene. On October 6, 2010, the Cherokee Nation and the State of Oklahoma filed a petition for rehearing or *en banc* review seeking reconsideration of this ruling. The Court of Appeals denied this petition. The district court has not yet rendered its decision from the trial, which ended in February 2010.

On May 8, 2008, a lawsuit was filed against the Company and two of our employees in the District Court of McCurtain County, Oklahoma styled *Armstrong, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al.* (the *Armstrong Case*). The lawsuit was brought by a group of 52 poultry growers who allege that certain of our live production practices in Oklahoma constitute fraudulent inducement, fraud, unjust enrichment, negligence, gross negligence, unconscionability, violations of the Oklahoma Business Sales Act, Deceptive Trade Practice violations, violations of the Consumer Protection Act, and conversion, as well as other theories of recovery. The plaintiffs sought damages in an unspecified amount. On October 30, 2009, 20 additional growers represented by the same attorney filed a lawsuit against us in the same court asserting the same or similar claims, which is styled *Clardy, et al. v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al.* (the *Clardy Case*). In both of these cases we have denied all allegations of wrongdoing. In June 2009, the plaintiffs in the *Armstrong* case requested an expedited trial date for a smaller group of plaintiffs they claimed were facing imminent financial peril. The Court ultimately severed a group of 10 plaintiffs from the *Armstrong Case*, and a trial began on March 15, 2010. On April 1, 2010, the jury returned a verdict against us and one of our employees, and on April 2, 2010, the Court entered a judgment in the amount of \$8,655,735, which included punitive damages. Subsequent to the trial, the presiding judge disqualified from the cases and the Oklahoma Supreme Court appointed a new judge to the cases. Following this appointment, the trial court granted our motions for change of venue and to stay all future trials of plaintiffs in the *Armstrong Case* and the *Clardy Case* pending the outcome of our appeal of the initial *Armstrong Case* verdict. The trial court took under advisement the sizes of groupings of plaintiffs in future trials in response to our motion to sever the plaintiffs' claims into individual cases. We appealed the initial *Armstrong Case* verdict to the Oklahoma Supreme Court based on numerous irregularities and rulings during the trial, and the Oklahoma Supreme Court reversed the verdict and remanded the case back to the trial court. At this time, new trial dates in the *Armstrong Case* have not been scheduled, nor have trial dates for the *Clardy Case*.

In late 2010, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 began a Clean Air Act investigation of the Company related to operation and maintenance of ammonia refrigeration equipment at multiple facilities. The EPA subsequently referred the matter, which involves allegations of potential non-compliance with the Clean Air Act's Risk Management Plan requirements at 15 Tyson facilities in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska, to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). The EPA and DOJ have indicated they will seek monetary penalties and injunctive relief requiring equipment and infrastructure changes at several facilities. Currently we are engaged in settlement discussions with the EPA and DOJ.

NOTE 14: CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. (TFM Parent), our wholly-owned subsidiary, has fully and unconditionally guaranteed the 2016 Notes. Prior to guarantee suspension conditions being met in June 2012, TFM Parent and substantially all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries fully guaranteed the 2014 Notes. The 2022 Notes were issued with guarantees from TFM Parent and substantially all of our wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries. Each guarantee will be permanently released upon the release of such guarantee from both, (i) Tyson's \$1.0 billion revolving credit facility, and (ii) the 2014 Notes and 2016 Notes. In the event the 2014 Notes are rated equal to or higher than "BBB-" and "Baa3" by S&P and Moody's, respectively, the guarantees will be suspended. Following a suspension of the guarantees, if the 2014 Notes are rated lower than "BBB-" or "Baa3" by S&P or Moody's, respectively, the guarantees will be reinstated. As of June 30, 2012, the 2014 Notes were rated "BBB-" and "Baa3" by S&P and Moody's, respectively; therefore, the condition for suspension of the guarantees had been met. In July, 2012, the 2014 Notes were fully extinguished.

The following financial information presents condensed consolidating financial statements, which include Tyson Foods, Inc. (TFI Parent); TFM Parent; the other 2014 Notes and 2022 Notes' guarantor subsidiaries (Guarantors) on a combined basis; the elimination entries necessary to reflect TFM Parent and the Guarantors, which collectively represent the 2014 Notes and 2022 Notes' total guarantor subsidiaries (2014 and 2022 Guarantors), on a combined basis; the 2014 Notes and 2022 Notes' non-guarantor subsidiaries (Non-Guarantors) on a combined basis; the elimination entries necessary to consolidate TFI Parent, the 2014 and 2022 Guarantors and the Non-Guarantors; and Tyson Foods, Inc. on a consolidated basis, and is provided as an alternative to providing separate financial statements for the guarantor(s).

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income for the three months ended June 30, 2012

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Sales	\$ 140	\$ 4,711	\$ 3,420	\$ (228)	\$ 7,903	\$ 392	\$ (127)	\$ 8,308
Cost of Sales	19	4,536	3,164	(222)	7,478	382	(133)	7,746
Gross Profit	121	175	256	(6)	425	10	6	562
Selling, General and Administrative	5	49	150	(6)	193	22	6	226
Operating Income	116	126	106	—	232	(12)	—	336
Other (Income) Expense:								
Interest expense, net	50	70	94	—	164	(1)	—	213
Other, net	1	—	(3)	—	(3)	(1)	—	(3)
Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries	(34)	—	21	(5)	16	(3)	21	—
Total Other (Income) Expense	17	70	112	(5)	177	(5)	21	210
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	99	56	(6)	5	55	(7)	(21)	126
Income Tax Expense	23	19	4	—	23	7	—	53
Net Income (Loss)	76	37	(10)	5	32	(14)	(21)	73
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	—	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Tyson	\$ 76	\$ 37	\$ (10)	\$ 5	\$ 32	\$ (11)	\$ (21)	\$ 76

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income for the three months ended July 2, 2011

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Sales	\$ 84	\$ 4,817	\$ 3,294	\$ (266)	\$ 7,845	\$ 395	\$ (77)	\$ 8,247
Cost of Sales	24	4,520	3,129	(266)	7,383	386	(77)	7,716
Gross Profit	60	297	165	—	462	9	—	531
Selling, General and Administrative	13	52	132	—	184	22	—	219
Operating Income	47	245	33	—	278	(13)	—	312
Other (Income) Expense:								
Interest expense, net	(1)	34	24	—	58	(1)	—	56
Other, net	1	—	(8)	—	(8)	—	—	(7)
Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries	(170)	(27)	(11)	25	(13)	(4)	187	—
Total Other (Income) Expense	(170)	7	5	25	37	(5)	187	49
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	217	238	28	(25)	241	(8)	(187)	263
Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	21	66	6	—	72	(18)	—	75
Net Income (Loss)	196	172	22	(25)	169	10	(187)	188
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	—	—	—	(8)	—	(8)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Tyson	\$ 196	\$ 172	\$ 22	\$ (25)	\$ 169	\$ 18	\$ (187)	\$ 196

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income for the nine months ended June 30, 2012

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Sales	\$ 268	\$ 14,172	\$ 10,184	\$ (733)	\$ 23,623	\$ 1,256	\$ (242)	\$ 24,905
Cost of Sales	11	13,647	9,465	(733)	22,379	1,165	(240)	23,315
Gross Profit	257	525	719	—	1,244	91	(2)	1,590
Selling, General and Administrative	26	156	428	—	584	66	(2)	674
Operating Income	231	369	291	—	660	25	—	916
Other (Income) Expense:								
Interest expense, net	39	126	147	—	273	(5)	—	307
Other, net	1	—	(11)	—	(11)	(7)	—	(17)
Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries	(268)	(55)	21	41	7	(13)	274	—
Total Other (Income) Expense	(228)	71	157	41	269	(25)	274	290
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	459	298	134	(41)	391	50	(274)	626
Income Tax Expense	61	83	51	—	134	36	—	231
Net Income (Loss)	398	215	83	(41)	257	14	(274)	395
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	—	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Tyson	\$ 398	\$ 215	\$ 83	\$ (41)	\$ 257	\$ 17	\$ (274)	\$ 398

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Income for the nine months ended July 2, 2011

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Sales	\$ 199	\$ 13,759	\$ 9,751	\$ (771)	\$ 22,739	\$ 1,100	\$ (176)	\$ 23,862
Cost of Sales	(27)	12,847	9,144	(771)	21,220	1,037	(176)	22,054
Gross Profit	226	912	607	—	1,519	63	—	1,808
Selling, General and Administrative	39	159	430	—	589	67	—	695
Operating Income	187	753	177	—	930	(4)	—	1,113
Other (Income) Expense:								
Interest expense, net	(28)	117	95	—	212	(5)	—	179
Other, net	(7)	—	(10)	—	(10)	2	—	(15)
Equity in net earnings of subsidiaries	(503)	(78)	(27)	69	(36)	(10)	549	—
Total Other (Income) Expense	(538)	39	58	69	166	(13)	549	164
Income (Loss) before Income Taxes	725	714	119	(69)	764	9	(549)	949
Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	72	212	29	—	241	(2)	—	311
Net Income (Loss)	653	502	90	(69)	523	11	(549)	638
Less: Net Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	—	—	—	(15)	—	(15)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Tyson	\$ 653	\$ 502	\$ 90	\$ (69)	\$ 523	\$ 26	\$ (549)	\$ 653

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2012

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Assets								
Current Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 552	\$ —	\$ 552	\$ 275	\$ —	\$ 828
Accounts receivable, net	2	543	638	—	1,181	224	(57)	1,350
Inventories	1	946	1,490	—	2,436	235	—	2,672
Other current assets	54	45	111	(25)	131	52	(82)	155
Total Current Assets	58	1,534	2,791	(25)	4,300	786	(139)	5,005
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	35	873	2,502	—	3,375	582	—	3,992
Goodwill	—	881	967	—	1,848	43	—	1,891
Intangible Assets	—	27	46	—	73	63	—	136
Other Assets	1,302	149	128	—	277	296	(1,438)	437
Investment in Subsidiaries	11,687	2,029	878	(1,828)	1,079	333	(13,099)	—
Total Assets	\$ 13,082	\$ 5,493	\$ 7,312	\$ (1,853)	\$ 10,952	\$ 2,103	\$ (14,676)	\$ 11,461
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity								
Current Liabilities:								
Current debt	\$ 24	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 123	\$ (28)	\$ 119
Accounts payable	7	507	595	—	1,102	80	—	1,189
Other current liabilities	4,824	142	348	(25)	465	367	(4,743)	913
Total Current Liabilities	4,855	649	943	(25)	1,567	570	(4,771)	2,221
Long-Term Debt	2,208	809	434	—	1,243	256	(1,362)	2,345
Deferred Income Taxes	—	107	385	—	492	5	(24)	473
Other Liabilities	148	142	249	—	391	29	(51)	517
Total Tyson Shareholders' Equity	5,871	3,786	5,301	(1,828)	7,259	1,209	(8,468)	5,871
Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	—	—	—	34	—	34
Total Shareholders' Equity	5,871	3,786	5,301	(1,828)	7,259	1,243	(8,468)	5,905
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 13,082	\$ 5,493	\$ 7,312	\$ (1,853)	\$ 10,952	\$ 2,103	\$ (14,676)	\$ 11,461

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet as of October 1, 2011

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Assets								
Current Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 414	\$ —	\$ 415	\$ 300	\$ —	\$ 716
Accounts receivable, net	1	506	656	—	1,162	157	1	1,321
Inventories	2	926	1,440	—	2,366	219	—	2,587
Other current assets	62	95	102	(133)	64	54	(24)	156
Total Current Assets	66	1,528	2,612	(133)	4,007	730	(23)	4,780
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	37	875	2,369	—	3,244	542	—	3,823
Goodwill	—	881	966	—	1,847	45	—	1,892
Intangible Assets	—	31	49	—	80	69	—	149
Other Assets	2,179	180	147	(15)	312	296	(2,360)	427
Investment in Subsidiaries	11,396	1,923	769	(1,760)	932	319	(12,647)	—
Total Assets	\$ 13,678	\$ 5,418	\$ 6,912	\$ (1,908)	\$ 10,422	\$ 2,001	\$ (15,030)	\$ 11,071
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity								
Current Liabilities:								
Current debt	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 68	\$ —	\$ 70
Accounts payable	8	525	648	—	1,173	83	—	1,264
Other current liabilities	5,808	144	442	(133)	453	474	(5,695)	1,040
Total Current Liabilities	5,818	669	1,090	(133)	1,626	625	(5,695)	2,374
Long-Term Debt	1,972	1,198	916	—	2,114	269	(2,243)	2,112
Deferred Income Taxes	—	120	310	(15)	415	9	—	424
Other Liabilities	231	142	191	—	333	29	(117)	476
Total Tyson Shareholders' Equity	5,657	3,289	4,405	(1,760)	5,934	1,041	(6,975)	5,657
Noncontrolling Interest	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	28
Total Shareholders' Equity	5,657	3,289	4,405	(1,760)	5,934	1,069	(6,975)	5,685
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 13,678	\$ 5,418	\$ 6,912	\$ (1,908)	\$ 10,422	\$ 2,001	\$ (15,030)	\$ 11,071

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended June 30, 2012

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ 280	\$ 237	\$ 320	\$ —	\$ 557	\$ (108)	\$ (10)	\$ 719
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:								
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(1)	(78)	(366)	—	(444)	(85)	—	(530)
(Purchases of)/Proceeds from marketable securities, net	—	(7)	(3)	—	(10)	1	—	(9)
Proceeds from notes receivable	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other, net	2	5	9	—	14	3	—	19
Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities	1	(80)	(360)	—	(440)	(81)	—	(520)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:								
Net change in debt	131	—	—	—	—	32	—	163
Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock	(209)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(209)
Dividends	(44)	—	—	—	—	(10)	10	(44)
Other, net	27	—	(23)	—	(23)	2	—	6
Net change in intercompany balances	(186)	(158)	201	—	43	143	—	—
Cash Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities	(281)	(158)	178	—	20	167	10	(84)
Effect of Exchange Rate Change on Cash	—	—	—	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	—	(1)	138	—	137	(25)	—	112
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1	1	414	—	415	300	—	716
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 1	\$ —	\$ 552	\$ —	\$ 552	\$ 275	\$ —	\$ 828

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows for the nine months ended July 2, 2011

in millions

	2014 and 2022 Guarantors					Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
	TFI Parent	TFM Parent	Guarantors	Eliminations	Subtotal			
Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	\$ 169	\$ 479	\$ 84	\$ —	\$ 563	\$ (26)	\$ (20)	\$ 686
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:								
Additions to property, plant and equipment	—	(84)	(316)	—	(400)	(69)	—	(469)
(Purchases of)/Proceeds from marketable securities, net	—	(58)	(21)	—	(79)	—	—	(79)
Proceeds from notes receivable	—	—	—	—	—	51	—	51
Other, net	22	—	8	—	8	(4)	—	26
Cash Provided by (Used for) Investing Activities	22	(142)	(329)	—	(471)	(22)	—	(471)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:								
Net change in debt	(96)	(6)	—	—	(6)	(12)	—	(114)
Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock	(110)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(110)
Dividends	(45)	—	—	—	—	(20)	20	(45)
Other, net	45	—	—	—	—	7	—	52
Net change in intercompany balances	14	(332)	300	—	(32)	18	—	—
Cash Provided by (Used for) Financing Activities	(192)	(338)	300	—	(38)	(7)	20	(217)
Effect of Exchange Rate Change on Cash	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	5
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1)	(1)	55	—	54	(50)	—	3
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	2	2	731	—	733	243	—	978
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 786	\$ —	\$ 787	\$ 193	\$ —	\$ 981

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Description of the Company**

We are one of the world's largest meat protein companies and the second-largest food production company in the *Fortune 500* with one of the most recognized brand names in the food industry. We produce, distribute and market chicken, beef, pork, prepared foods and related allied products. Our operations are conducted in four segments: Chicken, Beef, Pork and Prepared Foods. Some of the key factors influencing our business are customer demand for our products; the ability to maintain and grow relationships with customers and introduce new and innovative products to the marketplace; accessibility of international markets; market prices for our products; the cost of live cattle and hogs, raw materials, grain and feed ingredients; and operating efficiencies of our facilities.

Overview

- General – Despite challenging market conditions across most of our segments, our operating results remained strong in the third quarter of fiscal 2012.
 - We continue to focus on maximizing our margins through margin management and operational efficiency improvements. Margin management improvements occurred in the areas of mix, export sales, price optimization and value-added products initiatives. The operational efficiencies occurred in areas of yield, cost reduction and labor management.
 - Market environment – Driven by reduced industry supplies, domestic chicken market conditions continued to improve in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, which contributed to the Chicken segment operating within its normalized operating margin range. Despite reduced demand for beef products, our Beef segment returned to profitability primarily as a result of better availability of live cattle supplies. Pork segment results weakened due to a less favorable pricing environment which was mostly attributed to decreased domestic demand for pork products. Our Prepared Foods segment experienced favorable mix changes and lower raw material costs allowing its earnings to exceed its normalized operating margin range.
- Our total operating margins were 4.0% in the third quarter of fiscal 2012. The following is a summary of operating margins by segment:
 - Chicken – 5.3%
 - Beef – 2.0%
 - Pork – 5.1%
 - Prepared Foods – 6.2%
- Debt and Liquidity – During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, we generated \$265 million of operating cash flows. In June of 2012, we issued \$1.0 billion of 4.50% senior notes due in 2022 and used the proceeds to retire substantially all of our 10.50% senior notes due in 2014. As a result of this transaction, we will realize approximately \$55 million in annualized interest savings. Additionally, we repurchased, as part of our previously announced share repurchase program, 3.9 million shares of our stock for \$75 million. At June 30, 2012, we had approximately \$1.8 billion of liquidity, which includes availability under our credit facility and \$828 million of cash and cash equivalents.

in millions, except per share data	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Net income attributable to Tyson	\$ 76	\$ 196	\$ 398	\$ 653
Net income attributable to Tyson – per diluted share	0.21	0.51	1.07	1.71

Third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012 – Net income attributable to Tyson included the following item:

- \$167 million pretax charge, or \$0.29 per diluted share, related to the early extinguishment of debt.

Third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2011 – Net income attributable to Tyson included the following item:

- \$21 million reduction to income tax expense, or \$0.05 per diluted share, related to a reversal of reserves for foreign uncertain tax positions.

Nine months of fiscal 2011 – Net income attributable to Tyson included the following item:

- \$11 million gain, or \$0.03 per diluted share, related to a sale of interests in an equity method investment.

Outlook

Our continued capital investment in our businesses, strong liquidity and reduced interest expense will help us finish fiscal 2012 strong and put us in a good position as we begin fiscal 2013. In fiscal 2013, we expect overall domestic protein production (chicken, beef, pork and turkey) to decrease slightly from fiscal 2012 levels. The recent drought conditions have reduced expected grain supplies, which will result in higher input costs as well as increased costs for cattle and hog producers. The following is a summary of the fiscal 2013 outlook for each of our segments:

- **Chicken** – Current USDA data shows U.S. chicken production to be relatively flat in fiscal 2013 compared to fiscal 2012. However, changing crop conditions and pricing could change this estimate. The capital investment and significant operational improvements we have made in our Chicken segment have better positioned us to adjust to rising grain prices and remain profitable. Due to the current run up in grain prices, we will be challenged in fiscal 2013, but anticipate our Chicken segment will remain profitable.
- **Beef** – We expect to see a reduction of industry fed cattle supplies of 1-2% in fiscal 2013 as compared to fiscal 2012, with the reduction predominately in the second half of fiscal 2013. Although we generally expect adequate supplies in regions we operate our plants, there may be periods of imbalance of fed cattle supply and demand. We anticipate beef exports will remain strong in fiscal 2013. For fiscal 2013, we believe our Beef segment will remain profitable, but could be below our normalized range of 2.5%-4.5%.
- **Pork** – We expect industry hog supplies in fiscal 2013 to be up 1-2% compared to fiscal 2012 and we expect pork exports to remain strong in fiscal 2013. For fiscal 2013, we believe our Pork segment should remain at or above our normalized range of 6.0%-8.0%.
- **Prepared Foods** – We expect operational improvements and increased pricing to offset increased raw material costs. Because many of our sales contracts are formula based or shorter-term in nature, we are typically able to offset rising input costs through increased pricing. For fiscal 2013, we believe our Prepared Foods segment should remain in its normalized range of 4.0%-6.0%.

Through the first nine months of fiscal 2012, we used cash and cash flows from operations to reinvest over \$700 million back into our business through capital expenditures and share repurchases. The following is a summary of the outlook for the balance of fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2013 for sales, capital expenditures, net interest expense, debt and liquidity and share repurchases:

- **Sales** – We expect fiscal 2012 sales to approximate \$33 billion, down \$1 billion from our previous estimate due to weak domestic protein demand. We expect fiscal 2013 sales to approximate \$35 billion mostly resulting from price increases related to expected decreases in domestic availability of protein and increased raw material costs.
- **Capital Expenditures** – We expect total capital expenditures for fiscal 2012 to approximate \$700 million. While this is down from our previous estimate, the anticipated projects are still ongoing, but will not be completed in fiscal 2012. We expect fiscal 2013 capital expenditures to approximate \$500-\$550 million. The reduction in planned capital expenditures from fiscal 2012 is primarily a result of an anticipated rise in working capital needs in fiscal 2013. Once we gain more visibility into our working capital needs, or should forecasted conditions change, we may raise our capital expenditures target.
- **Net Interest Expense** – We expect net interest expense for fiscal 2012 to approximate \$340 million, which includes the \$167 million charge from the early extinguishment of debt during the third quarter fiscal 2012. We expect fiscal 2013 net interest expense will approximate \$130-\$140 million.
- **Debt and Liquidity** – We do not have any significant scheduled maturities of debt due until October 2013 and may use our available cash to repurchase notes when available at attractive rates. Total liquidity at June 30, 2012, was \$1.8 billion, well above our goal to maintain liquidity in excess of \$1.2 billion.
- **Share Repurchases** – We currently expect to reduce repurchases under our share repurchase program as a result of an anticipated rise in working capital needs. Once we gain more visibility into our working capital needs, or should forecasted conditions change, we may increase our share repurchases. As of June 30, 2012, 38.4 million shares remain available for repurchase under this program. The timing and extent to which we repurchase shares will depend upon, among other things, markets, industry conditions, liquidity targets, our debt obligations and regulatory requirements.

Summary of Results

Sales

in millions	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Sales	\$ 8,308	\$ 8,247	\$ 24,905	\$ 23,862
Change in sales volume	(4.3)%		(4.5)%	
Change in average sales price	5.4 %		9.0 %	
Sales growth	0.7 %		4.4 %	

Third quarter – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Average Sales Price – Sales were positively impacted by higher average sales prices, which accounted for an increase of \$560 million. The Chicken and Beef segments experienced increased average sales prices, largely due to continued tight domestic availability of protein and increased live and raw material costs, partially offset by decreases in average sales prices in the Pork and Prepared Foods segments which were driven by lower live and raw material costs.
- Sales Volume – Sales were negatively impacted by lower sales volume, which accounted for a decrease of \$499 million. All segments, with the exception of the Pork segment, had a decrease in sales volume, with the majority of the decrease in the Beef segment.

Nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Average Sales Price – Sales were positively impacted by higher average sales prices, which accounted for an increase of \$2.3 billion. This increase was driven by an increase in average sales prices in all segments, which was largely due to continued tight domestic availability of protein and increased live and raw material costs.
- Sales Volume – Sales were negatively impacted by lower sales volume, which accounted for a decrease of \$1.3 billion. All segments, with the exception of the Pork segment, had a decrease in sales volume, with the majority of the decrease in the Beef segment.

Cost of Sales

in millions	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Cost of sales	\$ 7,746	\$ 7,716	\$ 23,315	\$ 22,054
Gross margin	\$ 562	\$ 531	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,808
Cost of sales as a percentage of sales	93.2%	93.6%	93.6%	92.4%

Third quarter – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Cost of sales increased \$30 million. Higher input cost per pound increased cost of sales \$350 million, while lower sales volume decreased cost of sales \$320 million.
 - The \$350 million impact of higher input cost per pound was primarily driven by:
 - Increase in live cattle costs of \$248 million, partially offset by a decrease in live hog costs of \$55 million.
 - Increase in grain and other feed ingredients of \$25 million in our Chicken segment.
 - Increase due to net losses of \$16 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2012, as compared to net losses of \$2 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2011, from our commodity risk management activities related to grain and energy purchases, and excludes the impact from related physical purchase transactions which impact current and future period operating results.
 - Increase of \$31 million in operating costs in our Beef and Pork segments.
 - The \$320 million impact of lower sales volume was driven by decreases in sales volume in our Chicken, Beef and Prepared Foods segments, partially offset by an increase in sales volume in our Pork segment.

Nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Cost of sales increased \$1.3 billion. Higher input cost per pound increased cost of sales \$2.2 billion, while lower sales volume decreased cost of sales \$0.9 billion.
 - The \$2.2 billion impact of higher input cost per pound was primarily driven by:
 - Increase in live cattle and hog costs of \$1.4 billion.
 - Increases in grain and other feed ingredients of \$310 million and in other growout operating costs of \$55 million in our Chicken segment.
 - Increase due to net losses of \$22 million in the nine months of fiscal 2012, compared to net gains of \$72 million in the nine months of fiscal 2011, from our commodity risk management activities related to grain and energy purchases, and excludes the impact from related physical purchase transactions which impact current and future period operating results.
 - Increase of \$65 million in operating costs in our Beef and Pork segments.
 - The \$0.9 billion impact of lower sales volume was driven by decreases in sales volume in our Chicken, Beef and Prepared Foods segments, partially offset by an increase in sales volume in our Pork segment.

Selling, General and Administrative

in millions	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Selling, general and administrative expense	\$ 226	\$ 219	\$ 674	\$ 695
As a percentage of sales	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%

Nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Decrease of \$21 million related to incentive-based compensation.

Interest Expense

in millions	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Cash interest expense	\$ 39	\$ 48	\$ 120	\$ 147
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	167	—	167	—
Losses on notes repurchased	—	1	—	7
Non-cash interest expense	9	9	29	33
Total Interest Expense	\$ 215	\$ 58	\$ 316	\$ 187

Third quarter and Nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Cash interest expense includes interest expense related to the coupon rates for senior notes and commitment/letter of credit fees incurred on our revolving credit facilities. The decrease is due primarily to lower average weekly indebtedness of approximately 8% and 11% for the third quarter and nine months, respectively.
- Loss on early extinguishment of debt during the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012 include the amount paid exceeding the par value of debt, unamortized discount and unamortized debt issuance costs related to the completion of our tender offer to purchase any and all of the outstanding 10.50% Senior Notes due 2014 (2014 Notes).
- Non-cash interest expense primarily includes interest related to the amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts/premiums on note issuances. This includes debt issuance costs incurred on our revolving credit facility, the 2014 Notes, the 4.50% Senior Notes due 2022 (2022 Notes), as well as the accretion of the debt discount on the 3.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2013 (2013 Notes), 2014 Notes and 2022 Notes.

Other (Income) Expense, net

in millions	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
	\$ (3)	\$ (7)	\$ (17)	\$ (15)

Nine months of fiscal 2012

- Includes \$11 million of equity earnings in joint ventures and \$4 million in net foreign currency exchange gains.

Nine months of fiscal 2011

- Includes \$11 million gain related to a sale of interests in an equity method investment.

Effective Tax Rate

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
	42.4%	28.7%	36.9%	32.8%

Third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012 – The effective tax rate was impacted by a lower level of pretax income for the quarter combined with:

- state income taxes;
- the domestic production deduction; and
- losses in foreign jurisdictions and related valuation allowances.

Third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2011 – The effective tax rate was impacted by:

- state income taxes;
- losses in foreign jurisdictions and related valuation allowances;
- the domestic production deduction;
- general business credits; and
- adjustments to uncertain tax positions due to tax audit resolutions.

Segment Results

We operate in four segments: Chicken, Beef, Pork and Prepared Foods. The following table is a summary of sales and operating income (loss), which is how we measure segment income.

in millions	Sales			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Chicken	\$ 2,902	\$ 2,800	\$ 8,575	\$ 8,158
Beef	3,487	3,515	10,323	10,033
Pork	1,344	1,408	4,191	4,030
Prepared Foods	764	804	2,432	2,388
Other	24	30	124	63
Intersegment Sales	(213)	(310)	(740)	(810)
Total	\$ 8,308	\$ 8,247	\$ 24,905	\$ 23,862

in millions	Operating Income (Loss)			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Chicken	\$ 153	\$ 28	\$ 330	\$ 246
Beef	71	140	101	350
Pork	69	124	349	447
Prepared Foods	47	30	142	89
Other	(4)	(10)	(6)	(19)
Total	\$ 336	\$ 312	\$ 916	\$ 1,113

Chicken Segment Results

in millions	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change
Sales	\$ 2,902	\$ 2,800	\$ 102	\$ 8,575	\$ 8,158	\$ 417
Sales Volume Change			(4.1)%			(3.6)%
Average Sales Price Change			8.0 %			9.1 %
Operating Income	\$ 153	\$ 28	\$ 125	\$ 330	\$ 246	\$ 84
Operating Margin	5.3%	1.0%		3.8%	3.0%	

Third quarter and nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Sales and Operating Income –
 - Sales Volume – The decrease in sales volumes in the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012 was primarily attributable to a decrease in domestic production pounds as a result of balancing our supply with forecasted customer demand, partially offset by increases in international sales volumes and open-market meat purchases.
 - Average Sales Price – The increase in average sales price is primarily due to mix changes and price increases associated with reduced industry supply and increased input costs.
 - Operating Income – Operating income was positively impacted by increases in average sales price, improved mix and operational improvements. These increases were partially offset by increased grain and feed ingredients costs of \$25 million and \$310 million for the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012, respectively. Increases in other growout operating costs of \$55 million also negatively impacted operating income for the nine months of fiscal 2012. Additionally, our foreign start-up businesses in Brazil and China incurred operating losses of \$30 million and \$60 million for the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012, respectively.
 - Derivative Activities – Operating results included the following amounts for commodity risk management activities related to grain and energy purchases. These amounts exclude the impact from related physical purchase transactions, which impact current and future period operating results.

Income/(Loss) - in millions	Qtr	YTD
2012	\$ (16)	\$ (22)
2011	(2)	72
Decline in operating results	\$ (14)	\$ (94)

Beef Segment Results

in millions	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change
Sales	\$ 3,487	\$ 3,515	\$ (28)	\$ 10,323	\$ 10,033	\$ 290
Sales Volume Change			(13.9)%			(10.9)%
Average Sales Price Change			15.2 %			15.4 %
Operating Income	\$ 71	\$ 140	\$ (69)	\$ 101	\$ 350	\$ (249)
Operating Margin	2.0%	4.0%		1.0%	3.5%	

Third quarter and nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Sales and Operating Income –
 - Average sales price increased due to price increases associated with increased livestock costs. Sales volumes decreased due to a reduction in live cattle processed and outside tallow purchases. Operating income decreased in the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012 as the result of higher fed cattle costs and reduced demand for beef products, which made it difficult to pass along increased input costs, as well as lower sales volumes and increased employee-related operating costs.
 - Derivative Activities – Operating results included the following amounts for commodity risk management activities related to forward futures contracts for live cattle. These amounts exclude the impact from related physical sale and purchase transactions, which impact current and future period operating results.

Income/(Loss) - in millions	Qtr	YTD
2012	\$ 13	\$ 21
2011	(1)	(40)
Improvement in operating results	\$ 14	\$ 61

Pork Segment Results

in millions	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change
Sales	\$ 1,344	\$ 1,408	\$ (64)	\$ 4,191	\$ 4,030	\$ 161
Sales Volume Change			2.5 %			1.6%
Average Sales Price Change			(6.9)%			2.3%
Operating Income	\$ 69	\$ 124	\$ (55)	\$ 349	\$ 447	\$ (98)
Operating Margin	5.1%	8.8%		8.3%	11.1%	

Third quarter and nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Sales and Operating Income –
 - Average sales price decreased for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 due to a decrease in domestic demand for pork products and lower live hog costs. Average sales price increased for the nine months of fiscal 2012 due to price increases associated with increased live hog costs. Operating income decreased in the third quarter of fiscal 2012 due to the decrease in average sales prices and compressed pork margins caused by reduced domestic pork demand without a commensurate decrease in live hog costs. For the nine months of fiscal 2012, we maintained strong operating income by maximizing our revenues relative to the live hog markets, partially attributable to strong export sales and operational and mix performance.
 - Derivative Activities – Operating results included the following amounts for commodity risk management activities related to forward futures contracts for live hogs. These amounts exclude the impact from related physical sale and purchase transactions, which impact current and future period operating results.

Income/(Loss) - in millions	Qtr	YTD
2012	\$ 18	\$ 51
2011	(6)	(15)
Improvement in operating results	\$ 24	\$ 66

Prepared Foods Segment Results

in millions	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011	Change
Sales	\$ 764	\$ 804	\$ (40)	\$ 2,432	\$ 2,388	\$ 44
Sales Volume Change			(0.9)%			(1.2)%
Average Sales Price Change			(4.2)%			3.0 %
Operating Income	\$ 47	\$ 30	\$ 17	\$ 142	\$ 89	\$ 53
Operating Margin	6.2%	3.7%		5.8%	3.7%	

Third quarter and nine months – Fiscal 2012 vs Fiscal 2011

- Sales and Operating Income –
 - We increased operating income, despite lower sales volumes for the third quarter and nine months of fiscal 2012, due to mix changes and lower raw material costs. Because many of our sales contracts are formula based or shorter-term in nature, we typically offset changing input costs through pricing. However, there is a lag time for price changes to take effect, which is what we experienced during fiscal 2011.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our cash needs for working capital, capital expenditures, growth opportunities, the repurchases of senior notes and share repurchases are expected to be met with current cash on hand, cash flows provided by operating activities, or short-term borrowings. Based on our current expectations, we believe our liquidity and capital resources will be sufficient to operate our business. However, we may take advantage of opportunities to generate additional liquidity or refinance existing debt through capital market transactions. The amount, nature and timing of any capital market transactions will depend on: our operating performance and other circumstances; our then-current commitments and obligations; the amount, nature and timing of our current credit arrangements; and overall market conditions.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

in millions	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Net income	\$ 395	\$ 638
Non-cash items in net income:		
Depreciation and amortization	369	384
Deferred income taxes	75	51
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	167	—
Other, net	(1)	34
Changes in working capital	(286)	(421)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 719	\$ 686

- Cash flows associated with Loss on early extinguishment of debt includes the amount paid exceeding the par value of debt, unamortized discount and unamortized debt issuance costs related to the completion of our tender offer to purchase any and all of the outstanding 2014 Notes.
- Cash flows associated with changes in working capital for the nine months ended:
 - **June 30, 2012** – Decreased primarily due to a higher inventory balance and decreases in accounts payable, accrued salaries, wages and benefits and interest payable. The increase in inventory balance is largely due to increased raw material costs. The decrease in interest payable balance is primarily due to the payment of accrued interest related to the 2014 Notes upon extinguishment.
 - **July 2, 2011** – Decreased due to higher inventory and accounts receivable and a decrease in accrued salaries, wages and benefits. Inventory and accounts receivable balances were higher largely due to increased raw material costs and the resulting higher sales prices.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

in millions	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Additions to property, plant and equipment	\$ (530)	\$ (469)
(Purchases of)/Proceeds from marketable securities, net	(9)	(79)
Proceeds from notes receivable	—	51
Other, net	19	26
Net cash used for investing activities	\$ (520)	\$ (471)

- Additions to property, plant and equipment include acquiring new equipment, upgrading our facilities to maintain competitive standing and positioning us for future opportunities.
 - Capital spending for fiscal 2012 is expected to approximate \$700 million, and includes spending on our operations for production and labor efficiencies, yield improvements and sales channel flexibility, as well as expansion of our foreign operations.
- Purchase of marketable securities in the nine months of fiscal 2011 includes \$79 million related to the funding of deferred compensation plans.
- Proceeds from notes receivable in the nine months of fiscal 2011 totaling \$51 million related to the collection of notes receivable in conjunction with a sale of a business operation in fiscal 2009.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

in millions	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	July 2, 2011
Payments on debt	\$ (919)	\$ (197)
Net proceeds from borrowings	1,082	83
Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock	(209)	(110)
Dividends	(44)	(45)
Other, net	6	52
Net cash used for financing activities	\$ (84)	\$ (217)

- Payments on debt include:
 - \$865 million for the extinguishment of the 2014 Notes during the nine months of fiscal 2012.
 - \$20 million of 8.25% Notes due October 2011 and \$63 million of 7.35% Notes due April 2016 (2016 Notes) repurchased during the nine months of fiscal 2011.
- During the nine months of fiscal 2012, we received net proceeds of \$995 million from the issuance of the 2022 Notes. We used the net proceeds towards the extinguishment of the 2014 Notes, including the payments of accrued interest and related premiums, and general corporate purposes.
- During the nine months of fiscal 2012, we received proceeds of \$81 million and paid \$53 million related to borrowings at our foreign operations. Total debt related to our foreign operations was \$118 million at June 30, 2012 (\$81 million current, \$37 million long-term).
- Purchases of Tyson Class A common stock include:
 - \$180 million and \$80 million for shares repurchased pursuant to our previously announced share repurchase program during the nine months ended June 30, 2012, and July 2, 2011, respectively; and
 - \$29 million and \$30 million for shares repurchased to fund certain obligations under our equity compensation plans during the nine months ended June 30, 2012, and July 2, 2011, respectively.

Liquidity

in millions	Commitments Expiration Date	Facility Amount	Outstanding Letters of Credit (no draw downs)	Amount Borrowed	Amount Available
Cash and cash equivalents					\$ 828
Revolving credit facility	February 2016	\$ 1,000	\$ 39	\$ —	\$ 961
Total liquidity					\$ 1,789

- The revolving credit facility supports our short-term funding needs and letters of credit. The letters of credit issued under this facility are primarily in support of workers' compensation insurance programs and derivative activities.
- Additionally, we had restricted cash set aside to redeem the remaining \$20 million of 2014 Notes outstanding at June 30, 2012, which were extinguished in July 2012.
- Our 2013 Notes may be converted early during any fiscal quarter in the event our Class A stock trades at or above \$21.96 for at least 20 trading days during a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter. In this event, the note holders may require us to pay outstanding principal in cash, which totaled \$458 million at June 30, 2012. Any conversion premium would be paid in shares of Class A stock. The conditions for early conversion were not met in our third quarter of fiscal 2012, and thus, the notes may not be converted in our fourth quarter of fiscal 2012. Should the conditions for early conversion be satisfied in future quarters, and the holders exercised their early conversion option, we would use current cash on hand and cash flow from operations for principal payments.
- At June 30, 2012, approximately 32% of our cash is held in the international accounts of our foreign subsidiaries. Generally, we do not rely on the foreign cash as a source of funds to support our ongoing domestic liquidity needs, but rather we manage our worldwide cash requirements by reviewing available funds among our foreign subsidiaries and the cost effectiveness with which those funds can be accessed. The repatriation of cash balances from certain of our subsidiaries could have adverse tax consequences or be subject to regulatory capital requirements; however, those balances are generally available without legal restrictions to fund ordinary business operations. Our U.S. income taxes, net of applicable foreign tax credits, have not been provided on undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries. Our intention is to reinvest these earnings permanently or to repatriate the earnings only when it is tax effective to do so.
- We do not have any significant scheduled maturities of debt coming due until October 2013 when the 2013 Notes are scheduled to

mature.

- Our current ratio was 2.25 to 1 and 2.01 to 1 at June 30, 2012 , and October 1, 2011 , respectively.

Capital Resources

Revolving Credit Facility

Cash flows from operating activities and current cash on hand are our primary source of liquidity for funding debt service, capital expenditures, dividends and share repurchases. We also have a revolving credit facility, with a committed maximum capacity of \$1.0 billion, to provide additional liquidity for working capital needs, letters of credit and a source of financing for growth opportunities. As of June 30, 2012, we had outstanding letters of credit totaling \$39 million issued under this facility, none of which were drawn upon, which left \$961 million available for borrowing. Our revolving credit facility is funded by a syndicate of 36 banks, with commitments ranging from \$3 million to \$90 million per bank. The syndicate includes bank holding companies that are required to be adequately capitalized under federal bank regulatory agency requirements.

Capitalization

To monitor our credit ratings and our capacity for long-term financing, we consider various qualitative and quantitative factors. We monitor the ratio of our debt to our total capitalization as support for our long-term financing decisions. At June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, the ratio of our debt-to-total capitalization was 29.4% and 27.7%, respectively. For the purpose of this calculation, debt is defined as the sum of current and long-term debt. Total capitalization is defined as debt plus Total Shareholders' Equity.

Credit Ratings

2016 Notes

On February 24, 2011, Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (S&P), upgraded the credit rating of these notes from "BB+" to "BBB-." On March 29, 2011, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) upgraded the credit rating of these notes from "Ba2" to "Ba1." These upgrades decreased the interest rate on the 2016 Notes from 7.35% to 6.85%, effective beginning with the six-month interest payment due April 1, 2011.

On June 7, 2012, Moody's upgraded the credit rating of these notes from "Ba1" to "Baa3." This upgrade decreased the interest rate on the 2016 Notes from 6.85% to 6.60%, effective beginning with the six-month interest payment due October 1, 2012.

A one-notch downgrade by either ratings agency would increase the interest rates on the 2016 Notes by 0.25%.

Revolving Credit Facility

S&P's corporate credit rating for Tyson Foods, Inc. is "BBB-." Moody's corporate credit rating for Tyson Foods, Inc. is "Baa3." If Moody's were to upgrade our credit rating to "Baa2" or higher while our S&P credit rating remained at "BBB-," or S&P were to upgrade our credit rating to "BBB" or higher while Moody's credit rating remained at "Baa3," our letter of credit fees would decrease by 0.25% and fees paid on the unused portion of the facility would decrease by 0.075%.

If S&P were to downgrade our corporate credit rating to "BB" or Moody's were to downgrade our corporate credit rating to "Ba2," our letter of credit fees would increase by 0.25% and fees paid on the unused portion of the facility would increase by 0.025%.

Debt Covenants

Our revolving credit facility contains affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens and encumbrances; incur debt; merge, dissolve, liquidate or consolidate; make acquisitions and investments; dispose of or transfer assets; pay dividends or make other payments in respect of our capital stock; amend material documents; change the nature of our business; make certain payments of debt; engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and enter into sale/leaseback or hedging transactions, in each case, subject to certain qualifications and exceptions. In addition, we are required to maintain minimum interest expense coverage and maximum debt-to-capitalization ratios.

Our 2022 Notes also contain affirmative and negative covenants that, among other things, may limit or restrict our ability to: create liens; engage in certain sale/leaseback transactions; and engage in certain consolidations, mergers and sales of assets.

We were in compliance with all debt covenants at June 30, 2012.

RECENTLY ADOPTED/ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Refer to the discussion of recently adopted/issued accounting pronouncements under Part I, Item 1, Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements, Note 1: Accounting Policies.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

We consider accounting policies related to: contingent liabilities; marketing and advertising costs; accrued self insurance; impairment of long-lived assets; impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets; and income taxes to be critical policies. These policies are summarized in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 2011 .

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS RELEVANT TO FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF "SAFE HARBOR" PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

Certain information in this report constitutes forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, current views and estimates of our outlook for fiscal 2012 and fiscal 2013, other future economic circumstances, industry conditions in domestic and international markets, our performance and financial results (e.g., debt levels, return on invested capital, value-added product growth, capital expenditures, tax rates, access to foreign markets and dividend policy). These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause our actual results and experiences to differ materially from anticipated results and expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements. We wish to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Among the factors that may cause actual results and experiences to differ from anticipated results and expectations expressed in such forward-looking statements are the following: (i) the effect of, or changes in, general economic conditions; (ii) fluctuations in the cost and availability of inputs and raw materials, such as live cattle, live swine, feed grains (including corn and soybean meal) and energy; (iii) market conditions for finished products, including competition from other global and domestic food processors, supply and pricing of competing products and alternative proteins and demand for alternative proteins; (iv) successful rationalization of existing facilities and operating efficiencies of the facilities; (v) risks associated with our commodity purchasing activities; (vi) access to foreign markets together with foreign economic conditions, including currency fluctuations, import/export restrictions and foreign politics; (vii) outbreak of a livestock disease (such as avian influenza (AI) or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)), which could have an adverse effect on livestock we own, the availability of livestock we purchase, consumer perception of certain protein products or our ability to access certain domestic and foreign markets; (viii) changes in availability and relative costs of labor and contract growers and our ability to maintain good relationships with employees, labor unions, contract growers and independent producers providing us livestock; (ix) issues related to food safety, including costs resulting from product recalls, regulatory compliance and any related claims or litigation; (x) changes in consumer preference and diets and our ability to identify and react to consumer trends; (xi) significant marketing plan changes by large customers or loss of one or more large customers; (xii) adverse results from litigation; (xiii) risks associated with leverage, including cost increases due to rising interest rates or changes in debt ratings or outlook; (xiv) compliance with and changes to regulations and laws (both domestic and foreign), including changes in accounting standards, tax laws, environmental laws, agricultural laws and occupational, health and safety laws; (xv) our ability to make effective acquisitions or joint ventures and successfully integrate newly acquired businesses into existing operations; (xvi) effectiveness of advertising and marketing programs; and (xvii) those factors listed under Item 1A. "Risk Factors" included in our Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 2011 .

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**MARKET RISK**

Market risk relating to our operations results primarily from changes in commodity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates, as well as credit risk concentrations. To address certain of these risks, we enter into various derivative transactions as described below. If a derivative instrument is accounted for as a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of the instrument either will be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities or firm commitments through earnings, or be recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) until the hedged item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of an instrument's change in fair value is recognized immediately. Additionally, we hold certain positions, primarily in grain and livestock futures that either do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting or are not designated as hedges. With the exception of normal purchases and normal sales that are expected to result in physical delivery, we record these positions at fair value, and the unrealized gains and losses are reported in earnings at each reporting date. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities relating to forward sales contracts are recorded in sales. Changes in market value of derivatives used in our risk management activities surrounding inventories on hand or anticipated purchases of inventories are recorded in cost of sales.

The sensitivity analyses presented below are the measures of potential losses of fair value resulting from hypothetical changes in market prices related to commodities. Sensitivity analyses do not consider the actions we may take to mitigate our exposure to changes, nor do they consider the effects such hypothetical adverse changes may have on overall economic activity. Actual changes in market prices may differ from hypothetical changes.

Commodities Risk: We purchase certain commodities, such as grains and livestock, in the course of normal operations. As part of our commodity risk management activities, we use derivative financial instruments, primarily futures and options, to reduce the effect of changing prices and as a mechanism to procure the underlying commodity. However, as the commodities underlying our derivative financial instruments can experience significant price fluctuations, any requirement to mark-to-market the positions that have not been designated or do not qualify as hedges could result in volatility in our results of operations. Contract terms of a hedge instrument closely mirror those of the hedged item providing a high degree of risk reduction and correlation. Contracts designated and highly effective at meeting this risk reduction and correlation criteria are recorded using hedge accounting. The following table presents a sensitivity analysis resulting from a hypothetical change of 10% in market prices as of June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, on the fair value of open positions. The fair value of such positions is a summation of the fair values calculated for each commodity by valuing each net position at quoted futures prices. The market risk exposure analysis includes hedge and non-hedge derivative financial instruments.

Effect of 10% change in fair value

	in millions	
	June 30, 2012	October 1, 2011
Livestock:		
Cattle	\$ 34	\$ 34
Hogs	44	57
Grain	15	11

Interest Rate Risk: At June 30, 2012, we had variable rate debt of \$235 million with a weighted average interest rate of 4.4%. A hypothetical 10% increase in interest rates effective at June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, would have a minimal effect on interest expense.

Additionally, changes in interest rates impact the fair value of our fixed-rate debt. At June 30, 2012, we had fixed-rate debt of \$2.2 billion with a weighted average interest rate of 7.6%. Market risk for fixed-rate debt is estimated as the potential increase in fair value, resulting from a hypothetical 10% decrease in interest rates. A hypothetical 10% decrease in interest rates would have increased the fair value of our fixed-rate debt by approximately \$14 million at June 30, 2012, and \$5 million at October 1, 2011. The fair values of our debt were estimated based on quoted market prices and/or published interest rates.

Foreign Currency Risk: We have foreign exchange gain/loss exposure from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates primarily as a result of certain receivable and payable balances. The primary currency exchanges we have exposure to are the Brazilian real, the British pound sterling, the Canadian dollar, the Chinese renminbi, the European euro and the Mexican peso. We periodically enter into foreign exchange forward and option contracts to hedge some portion of our foreign currency exposure. A hypothetical 10% change in foreign exchange rates effective at June 30, 2012, and October 1, 2011, related to the foreign exchange forward and option contracts would have a \$21 million and \$18 million impact, respectively, on pretax income. In the future, we may enter into more foreign exchange forward and option contracts as a result of growth in our international operations.

Concentration of Credit Risk: Refer to our market risk disclosures set forth in the 2011 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for a detailed discussion of quantitative and qualitative disclosures about concentration of credit risks, as these risk disclosures have not changed significantly from the 2011 Annual Report.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act)). Based on that evaluation, management, including the CEO and CFO, has concluded that, as of June 30, 2012, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

In the third quarter ended June 30, 2012, there have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Refer to the description of certain legal proceedings pending against us under Part I, Item 1, Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements, Note 13: Commitments and Contingencies, which discussion is incorporated herein by reference. Listed below are certain additional legal proceedings involving the Company and/or its subsidiaries.

On October 23, 2001, a putative class action lawsuit styled R. Lynn Thompson, et al. vs. Tyson Foods, Inc. was filed in the District Court for Mayes County, Oklahoma by three property owners on behalf of all owners of lakefront property on Grand Lake O' the Cherokees. Simmons Foods, Inc. and Peterson Farms, Inc. also are defendants. The plaintiffs allege the defendants' operations diminished the water quality in the lake thereby interfering with the plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of their properties. The plaintiffs sought injunctive relief and an unspecified amount of compensatory damages, punitive damages, attorneys' fees and costs. While the District Court certified a class, on October 4, 2005, the Court of Civil Appeals of the State of Oklahoma reversed, holding the plaintiffs' claims were not suitable for disposition as a class action. This decision was upheld by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the case was remanded to the District Court with instructions that the matter proceed only on behalf of the three named plaintiffs. Plaintiffs seek injunctive relief, restitution and compensatory and punitive damages in an unspecified amount in excess of \$10,000. We and the other defendants have denied liability and asserted various defenses. The defendants have requested a trial date, but the court has not yet scheduled the matter for trial.

Since 2003, nine lawsuits have been brought against us and several other poultry companies by approximately 150 plaintiffs in Washington County, Arkansas Circuit Court (Green v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., Bible v. Tyson Foods, Inc., Beal v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., McWhorter v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., McConnell v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., Carroll v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., Belew v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., Gonzalez v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al., and Rasco v. Tyson Foods, Inc., et al.) alleging that the land application of poultry litter caused arsenic and pathogenic mold and fungi contamination of the air, soil and water in and around Prairie Grove, Arkansas and seeking recovery for several types of personal injuries, including several forms of cancer. On August 2, 2006, the Court granted summary judgment in favor of Tyson and the other poultry company defendants in the first case to go to trial, which the plaintiffs appealed, and the trial court stayed the remaining eight lawsuits pending the appeal. On May 8, 2008, the Arkansas Supreme Court reversed the summary judgment and remanded for a new trial. The remanded trial was held and the jury returned a verdict in our favor. The plaintiffs appealed this verdict to the Arkansas Supreme Court, which affirmed the verdict and denied the plaintiffs' petition for rehearing. The trial court has scheduled the second trial for October 22, 2012.

Other Matters: We currently have approximately 115,000 employees and, at any time, have various employment practices matters outstanding. In the aggregate, these matters are significant to the Company, and we devote significant resources to managing employment issues. Additionally, we are subject to other lawsuits, investigations and claims (some of which involve substantial amounts) arising out of the conduct of our business. While the ultimate results of these matters cannot be determined, they are not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors listed in Part I, "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 1, 2011. These risk factors should be considered carefully with the information provided elsewhere in this report, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known or we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The table below provides information regarding our purchases of Class A stock during the periods indicated.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (1)
April 1, 2012 to April 28, 2012	98,009	\$ 18.59	—	7,359,854
April 29, 2012 to June 2, 2012	1,984,321	19.32	1,804,425	40,555,429
June 3, 2012 to June 30, 2012	2,188,004	18.90	2,122,707	38,432,722
Total	4,270,334 (2)	\$ 19.09	3,927,132 (3)	38,432,722

- (1) On February 7, 2003, we announced our Board of Directors approved a program to repurchase up to 25 million shares of Class A common stock from time to time in open market or privately negotiated transactions. The program has no fixed or scheduled termination date. On May 3, 2012, our Board of Directors approved an increase of 35 million shares authorized for repurchase under this program.
- (2) We purchased 343,202 shares during the period that were not made pursuant to our previously announced stock repurchase program, but were purchased to fund certain Company obligations under our equity compensation plans. These transactions included 320,117 shares purchased in open market transactions and 23,085 shares withheld to cover required tax withholdings on the vesting of restricted stock.
- (3) These shares were purchased during the period pursuant to our previously announced stock repurchase program.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable

Item 5. Other Information

The Compensation Committee (Committee) of the Company's Board of Directors adopted a procedure in 2006 to grant non-qualified stock options on the fourth (4th) business day immediately following the date of our release of fiscal year-end earnings to the public, with such options to be granted at the closing price on the date of grant. At the May 3, 2012 meeting, the Committee approved resolutions stating earnings for fiscal 2012 are currently expected to be released November 19, 2012, and options shall be granted on the 4th business day after earnings are released, making the expected option grant date November 26, 2012. The resolutions further stated that if the earnings release date for fiscal 2012 is changed, the option grant date shall also be appropriately changed to fall on the 4th business day after the announcement of the earnings.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed with this report.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
10.1	Second Amendment, dated June 4, 2012, to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 9, 2009, as amended and restated as of February 23, 2011, among the Company, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the Administrative Agent, and certain other lenders party thereto.
12.1	Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to SEC Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	The following financial information from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2012, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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.

TYSON FOODS, INC.

Date: August 6, 2012

/s/ Dennis Leatherby

Dennis Leatherby

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 6, 2012

/s/ Craig J. Hart

Craig J. Hart

Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

AMENDMENT NO. 2 dated as of June 4, 2012 (this “Amendment”) to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 9, 2009, as amended and restated as of February 23, 2011, and as amended pursuant to the Memorandum for Lenders dated February 6, 2012 (the “Credit Agreement”), among TYSON FOODS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), the Subsidiary Borrowers from time to time party thereto, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as administrative agent (the “Administrative Agent”).

The Company has requested that the Lenders agree (a) to permit the issuance by the Company of senior unsecured notes that (i) do not mature or require payments or prepayments of principal (including contingent payments or prepayments) prior to May 31, 2017, and (ii) do not have the benefit of guarantees or other credit enhancement, other than guarantees of Subsidiary Loan Parties (the “New Notes”), and (b) to effect the other modifications to the Credit Agreement set forth herein. The Required Lenders are willing to agree to this Amendment on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Credit Agreement.

Accordingly, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement is hereby amended as of the Amendment Effective Date as follows:

(a) Section 1.01 is hereby amended by deleting the definitions of “Designated Acquisition” and “Leverage Ratio” and Section 1.04(b) is hereby amended by deleting the phrase “is a Designated Transaction or”.

(b) Section 1.01 is hereby amended by inserting each of the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical location:

“Collateral Trigger Date” means the first date on which the Company shall fail (a) to have a corporate family rating (or at any time when there is no corporate family rating in effect, an Index Rating) from Moody’s of Ba1 or better, (b) to have a corporate credit rating (or at any time when there is no corporate credit rating in effect, an Index Rating) from S&P of BB+ or better, or (c) to have an issuer default rating (or at any time when there is no issuer default rating in effect,

an Index Rating) from Fitch Ratings of BB+ or better.

“ Consolidated Total Capitalization ” means, on any date, the sum as of such date of (a) Debt to Capitalization Ratio Indebtedness as of such date and (b) total shareholders’ equity as of such date, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

“ Debt to Capitalization Ratio ” means, on any date, the ratio of (a) Debt to Capitalization Ratio Indebtedness as of such date, to (b) Consolidated Total Capitalization as of such date.

“ Debt to Capitalization Ratio Indebtedness ” means, on any date, Indebtedness for Borrowed Money as of such date, less (a) to the extent included in Indebtedness for Borrowed Money, the amount of Indebtedness of Variable Interest Entities (other than Indebtedness of any SPE Subsidiary) that is not also Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary (other than a Variable Interest Entity that is not an SPE Subsidiary) of the type referred to in clause (2) of the definition of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money and (b) the cash balance of the Senior Notes Account as of such date.

“ Index Rating ” means, for any rating agency at any time, the rating then in effect from such rating agency applicable to the Company’s senior, unsecured, non-credit enhanced long-term debt for borrowed money.

“ Senior Notes Premium Amount ” means the aggregate amount of make-whole payments, premiums and other amounts paid in excess of the face amount of Senior Notes prepaid or redeemed which constitutes interest expense in accordance with GAAP or would constitute “Consolidated Cash Interest Expense” but for the last sentence of the definition of such term.

(c) Section 1.01 is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the definition of “Consolidated Cash Interest Expense” the following sentence:

The Senior Notes Premium Amount paid to holders of the Senior Notes in connection with the prepayment or redemption thereof shall be disregarded for purposes of calculating Consolidated Cash Interest Expense for any period.

(d) Section 5.14 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph (c):

(c) In the event that the Collateral Trigger Date shall occur, not later than 15 Business Days thereafter the Company shall, and shall cause each Subsidiary

that was a Loan Party immediately prior to the release of Collateral pursuant to Section 9.18(b) and each other Domestic Subsidiary that would thereafter have been required to become a Loan Party pursuant to Section 5.14 (a) but for the provisions of Section 9.18(b) to, enter into a replacement Security Agreement and such other Collateral Documents as may be reasonably required (substantially in the same form and scope as existed immediately prior to the release of Collateral pursuant to Section 9.18(b) (except that Section 9.18(b) shall no longer apply) with such changes thereto as may be approved by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent or be reasonably required in respect of Collateral that did not exist at such time), and take all such other actions as may be reasonably required, so that all the assets constituting Collateral prior to the release of the Collateral pursuant to Section 9.18(b) (and all assets that at any time thereafter would have been required to be included in the Collateral pursuant to Section 5.14 or the Collateral Documents but for the effectiveness of such release, but excluding assets in which none of the Company nor any of such Subsidiaries has any continuing interest) shall secure the Secured Obligations, subject to any extension of time or document modification that the Administrative Agent may approve in its reasonable discretion); provided that the Company shall have 60 days from the Collateral Trigger Date in which to satisfy the requirements applicable to Control Accounts, subject to any extension of time or document modification that the Administrative Agent may approve in its reasonable discretion.

(e) Article V is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following Section 5.16:

SECTION 5.16. Senior Notes. The Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to as soon as practicable after the Amendment Effective Date (as defined in Amendment No. 2 to this Agreement) to repurchase or redeem all the outstanding Senior Notes. The Company shall from time to time make such additional deposits in the Senior Notes Account as may be required so that the Senior Notes Account shall contain an amount sufficient to pay all principal, interest, makewhole payments and other amounts the Company estimates will become due in respect of the Senior Notes prior to the repurchase or redemption thereof (assuming that all amounts becoming due are paid as and when they become due).

(f) Section 6.01 is hereby amended by replacing clause (xvii) thereof with the following clause (xvii):

(xvii) senior unsecured notes of the Company that (A) do not mature or require payments or prepayments of principal (including contingent payments or

prepayments) prior to May 31, 2017, and (B) do not have the benefit of guarantees or other credit enhancement, other than guarantees of Subsidiary Loan Parties;

(g) Section 6.01 is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Indebtedness for Borrowed Money may be created, incurred, assumed or permitted to exist if after giving effect thereto the aggregate amount of Debt to Capitalization Ratio Indebtedness would be in excess of \$3,500,000,000 plus, at any time prior to October 31, 2013, the aggregate amount of the Senior Notes Premium Amount paid in connection with the prepayment or redemption thereof.

(h) Section 6.10 is hereby amended by replacing in the proviso to clause (i)(B) thereof the phrase “imposed by the Senior Notes Documents” with the phrase “imposed by the Tyson Indenture (as defined in the Security Agreement)”.

(i) Section 6.12 is hereby amended by replacing the reference therein to “3.00 to 1.00” with a reference to “3.75 to 1.00”.

(j) Section 6.13 is hereby deleted and replaced with the following Section 6.13:

SECTION 6.13. Debt to Capitalization Ratio. The Loan Parties will not permit the Debt to Capitalization Ratio to be more than 0.50 to 1.00 as of the last day of any fiscal quarter.

(k) The Administrative Agent is hereby directed to create a revised form of Compliance Certificate that will reflect the amendments to the Credit Agreement contained in this Amendment. Such revised form shall replace Exhibit G to the Credit Agreement and shall be first used in connection with the delivery of financial statements in respect of the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2012, pursuant to Section 5.01(b) of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 2. Representations and Warranties. The Company represents and warrants to each of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent that as of the date hereof and as of the Amendment Effective Date (as defined in Section 3 below), before and after giving effect to this Amendment:

(a) the materials furnished by the Company to the Lenders in connection with this Amendment do not contain any material misstatement of fact

or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(b) the representations and warranties of the Loan Parties set forth in the Loan Documents that are qualified by materiality are true and correct and the representations and warranties that are not so qualified are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Amendment Effective Date, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date (in which case such representations and warranties are true and correct as of such earlier date); and

(c) no Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 3. Effectiveness. This Amendment shall become effective on the date (the “Amendment Effective Date”) on which the following conditions shall be satisfied:

(a) The Administrative Agent shall have received duly executed counterparts hereof which, when taken together, bear the authorized signatures of the Company, the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Company dated the Amendment Effective Date and stating that on the Amendment Effective Date the representations and warranties set forth in Section 2 are true and correct.

(c) The Administrative Agent shall have received all fees and other amounts due and payable on or prior to the Amendment Effective Date and, to the extent invoiced, reimbursement or payment of all out-of-pocket expenses required to be reimbursed or paid by the Company under the Credit Agreement.

(d) The New Notes shall have been issued in an aggregate principal amount not less than \$750,000,000.

(e) The Company shall have deposited in the Senior Notes Account an amount sufficient to pay all principal, interest, makewhole payments and other amounts the Company estimates will become due in respect of the Senior Notes prior to the repurchase or redemption thereof (assuming that all amounts becoming due are paid as and when they become due).

SECTION 4. Amendment Fee. The Company agrees to pay on the Amendment Effective Date to the Administrative Agent, for the account of each Lender

that executes and delivers this Amendment at or prior to 3:00 p.m., New York City time, on June 13, 2012, an amendment fee (the “ Amendment Fee ”) in an amount equal to 0.025% of such Lender’s Commitment on such date. All fees shall be payable in immediately available funds and shall not be refundable.

SECTION 5. Refinancing Indebtedness. The New Notes shall for all purposes of the Credit Agreement constitute “Refinancing Indebtedness” for the Senior Notes, including, without limitation, for purposes of permitting the refinancing, prepayment or redemption of the Senior Notes pursuant to Section 6.08(b)(iii), notwithstanding anything therein to the contrary.

SECTION 6. Effect of Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, this Amendment shall not by implication or otherwise limit, impair, constitute a waiver of, or otherwise affect the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, and shall not alter, modify, amend or in any way affect any of the terms, conditions, obligations, covenants or agreements contained in the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, all of which are ratified and affirmed in all respects and shall continue in full force and effect. Nothing herein shall be deemed to entitle the Company to a consent to, or a waiver, amendment, modification or other change of, any of the terms, conditions, obligations, covenants or agreements contained in the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document in similar or different circumstances. This Amendment shall constitute a “Loan Document” for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 7. Applicable Law. **THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE AND GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CONFLICT OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.**

SECTION 8. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original but all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one contract. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Amendment by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Amendment.

SECTION 9. Headings. The headings of this Amendment are for purposes of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

[signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the date first above written.

TYSON FOODS, INC.,

by: /s/ Rodney Tademy

Name: Rodney Tademy

Title: Asst. Treasurer

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,
individually and as Administrative Agent,

by: /s/ Tony Yung

Name: Tony Yung

Title: Executive Director

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LENDER: CoBank, ACB

by: /s/ James Matzat

Name: James Matzat

Title: Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: Cooperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-
Boerenleenbank B.A. "Rabobank Nederland",
New York Branch

by: /s/ Stephen Gilbert
Name: Stephen Gilbert
Title: Vice President

by: /s/ Brett Delfino *
Name: Brett Delfino
Title: Executive Director

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LENDER: BARCLAYS BANK PLC

by: /s/ Noam Azachi

Name: Noam Azachi

Title: Assistant Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

by: /s/ William F. Sweeney

Name: William F. Sweeney

Title: Managing Director

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LENDER: FARM CREDIT BANK OF TEXAS

by: /s/ Chris M. Levine

Name: Chris M. Levine

Title: Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

by: /s/ John Flores

Name: John Flores

Title: Authorized Signatory

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: U.S. Bank of National Association

by: /s/ James D. Pegues
Name: James D. Pegues
Title: Vice President

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LENDER: SunTrust Bank

by: /s/ Tesha Winslow
Name: Tesha Winslow
Title: Vice President

by: _____
Name:
Title: *

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LENDER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

by: /s/ Gregory Campbell
Name: Gregory Campbell
Title: Director

by: _____ *

Name:
Title:

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LENDER: Goldman Sachs Bank USA

by: /s/ Michelle Latzoni

Name: Michelle Latzoni

Title: Authorized Signatory

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: HSBC Bank USA

by: /s/ Santiago Riviere

Name: Santiago Riviere

Title: Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

by: /s/ Noel Purcell

Name: Noel Purcell

Title: Senior Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A.

by: /s/ Scott Taylor

Name: Scott Taylor

Title: Authorized Signatory

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LENDER: Regions Bank

by: /s/ David Cravens

Name: David Cravens

Title: Exec. Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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LENDER: Banco Santander S.A., New York Branch

by: /s/ Rita Walz-Cuccioli

Name: Rita Walz-Cuccioli

Title: Executive Director

Banco Santander S.A., New York Branch

by: /s/ Terence Corcoran *

Name: Terence Corcoran

Title: Senior Vice President

Banco Santander S.A., New York Branch

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LENDER: AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK

by: /s/ Steven J. O'Shea

Name: Steven J. O'Shea

Title: Vice President

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LENDER: Farm Credit Services of America, PCA

by: /s/ John Zhang
Name: John Zhang
Title: Vice President

by: _____
Name:
Title: *

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LENDER: Comerica Bank

by: /s/ Robert L Nelson

Name: Robert L Nelson

Title: Vice President

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LENDER: SIEMENS FINANCIAL SERVICES

by: /s/ Maria Levy

Name: Maria Levy

Title: VP

by: /s/ Michael L. Zion *

Name: Michael L. Zion

Title: Portfolio Manager

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LENDER: American AgCredit, PCA, successor in
interest to Farm Credit Services of the
Mountain Plains, PCA

by: /s/ Daryl Nielsen
Name: Daryl Nielsen
Title: Vice President

by: _____
Name:
Title:

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LENDER: American AgCredit, FLCA, a voting
participant

by: /s/ Daryl Nielsen
Name: Daryl Nielsen
Title: Vice President

by: _____
Name:
Title:

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LENDER: Arvest Bank

by: /s/ Eric Lesh

Name: Eric Lesh

Title: Vice President

by: _____ *

Name:

Title:

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Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

(dollars in millions)

	Nine Months Ending					
	Fiscal Years					
	June 30, 2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Earnings:						
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 626	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,203	\$ (543)	\$ 154	\$ 410
Add: Fixed charges	205	305	360	388	272	278
Add: Amortization of capitalized interest	3	4	3	4	4	3
Less: Capitalized interest	(8)	(9)	(11)	(3)	(3)	(2)
Total adjusted earnings	826	1,374	1,555	(154)	427	689
Fixed Charges:						
Interest	120	191	240	289	212	228
Capitalized interest	8	9	11	3	3	2
Amortization of debt discount expense	29	44	46	38	3	4
Rentals at computed interest factor ⁽¹⁾	48	61	63	58	54	44
Total fixed charges	\$ 205	\$ 305	\$ 360	\$ 388	\$ 272	\$ 278
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	4.03	4.50	4.32		1.57	2.48
Insufficient Coverage				\$ 542		

⁽¹⁾ Amounts represent those portions of rent expense (one-third) that are reasonable approximations of interest costs.

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Donnie Smith, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Tyson Foods, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 6, 2012

/s/ Donnie Smith

Donnie Smith

President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Dennis Leatherby, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Tyson Foods, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 6, 2012

/s/ Dennis Leatherby

Dennis Leatherby

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO

18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the accompanying Quarterly Report of Tyson Foods, Inc. (the Company) on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Donnie Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to the best of my knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Donnie Smith

Donnie Smith

President and Chief Executive Officer

August 6, 2012

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO

18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the accompanying Quarterly Report of Tyson Foods, Inc. (the Company) on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2012, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Dennis Leatherby, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to the best of my knowledge, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Dennis Leatherby

Dennis Leatherby

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

August 6, 2012