

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

By: /S/ RICHARD A. COGDILL
Richard A. Cogdill
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer, Secretary and
Treasurer

Date: April 12, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER
DESCRIPTION

- 2 Agreement and Plan of Merger dated September 27, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 of WLR Foods, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-17060) dated September 28, 2000).*
- 23 Consent of KPMG LLP.
- 99.1 Consolidated Financial Statements of WLR Foods, Inc.
- 99.2 Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Financial Data.
- * Previously filed.

EXHIBIT 23

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Board of Directors
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (No. 333-84861) on Form S-3 and (No. 3-12043) on Form S-8 of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation of our report dated August 11, 2000, relating to the consolidated balance sheets of WLR Foods, Inc. and subsidiaries as of July 1, 2000 and July 3, 1999 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended July 1, 2000, which report appears in the Form 8-K/A, to be filed on or about April 11, 2001, of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation.

Richmond, Virginia
April 9, 2001

The Board of Directors and Shareholders
WLR Foods, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of WLR Foods, Inc. and subsidiaries as of July 1, 2000 and July 3, 1999 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended July 1, 2000. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of WLR Foods, Inc. and subsidiaries as of July 1, 2000 and July 3, 1999 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the fiscal years in the three-year period ended July 1, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

KPMG LLP

Richmond, Virginia
August 11, 2000

EXHIBIT 99.1

WLR FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	SEPTEMBER 30,	JULY 1,	JULY 3,
(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	2000	1999
ASSETS	(UNAUDITED)		
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 120	\$ 85	\$ 210
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, LESS ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS OF \$1,628, \$1,909 AND \$1,886	63,220	59,541	59,026
INVENTORIES (NOTE 2)	108,244	110,980	106,679
INCOME TAXES RECEIVABLE	-	323	355
PREPAID EXPENSES	2,459	2,670	2,574
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	1,516	39	3,853
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	175,559	173,638	172,697
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET (NOTE 3)			
	99,915	102,070	107,945
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (NOTE 6)	1,259	2,910	3,009
OTHER ASSETS	4,417	4,897	5,446
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 281,150	\$ 283,515	\$ 289,097
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
CURRENT MATURITIES OF LONG- TERM DEBT (NOTE 4)	\$ 6,299	\$ 6,052	\$ 5,046
EXCESS CHECKS OVER BANK BALANCES	13,031	14,014	13,912
TRADE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	21,847	24,627	26,500
ACCRUED PAYROLL AND RELATED BENEFITS	14,891	15,148	24,729
OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES	15,079	12,659	8,677
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES (NOTE 6)	6,920	8,725	9,817
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	78,067	81,225	88,681
LONG-TERM DEBT, EXCLUDING CURRENT MATURITIES (NOTE 4)	50,229	51,036	48,845
OTHER LIABILITIES	7,652	7,250	7,636
COMMITMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS (NOTES 9, 14 AND 17)			
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (NOTES 7 AND 8)			
COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE (AUTHORIZED 100,000,000 SHARES, ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING 16,172,410, 16,541,691 AND 16,209,067 SHARES)	67,119	66,961	69,125
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	2,974	2,974	2,974
RETAINED EARNINGS	77,975	74,069	71,836
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(2,866)	-	-
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	145,202	144,004	143,935
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 281,150	\$ 283,515	\$ 289,097

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

WLR FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Operations

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		YEARS ENDED		
	SEPTEMBER 30,	OCTOBER 2,	JULY 1,	JULY 3,	JUNE 27,
	2000	1999	2000	1999	1998
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	(UNAUDITED)				
NET SALES	\$ 211,881	\$ 202,007	\$ 832,728	\$ 888,086	\$ 945,967
COST OF SALES	179,265	172,705	726,253	750,942	876,287
GROSS PROFIT	32,616	29,302	106,475	137,144	69,680
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE					

EXPENSES	25,218	24,355	99,958	98,478	91,745
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	7,398	4,947	6,517	38,666	(22,065)
OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE:					
INTEREST EXPENSE(NOTE 4)	1,506	1,233	4,968	10,931	22,539
GAIN ON SALE OF GOLDSBORO COMPLEX (NOTE 13)	-	-	-	(7,699)	-
OTHER INCOME, NET	(26)	(371)	(1,280)	(515)	(106)
OTHER EXPENSE, NET	1,480	862	3,688	2,717	22,433
EARNINGS (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST	5,918	4,085	2,829	35,949	(44,498)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT) (NOTE 6)	2,012	1,542	596	13,211	(16,352)
MINORITY INTEREST IN NET EARNINGS OF CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARY	-	-	-	-	66
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$ 22,738	\$(28,212)
EARNINGS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAX NOTE 12)	-	-	-	664	2,858
GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAX (NOTE 12)	-	-	-	17,927	-
TOTAL EARNINGS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	-	-	-	18,591	2,858
EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE ON EARLY EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT, NET OF TAX (NOTE4)	-	-	-	(2,559)	-
NET EARNINGS (LOSS)	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$ 38,770	\$(25,354)
BASIC NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE, CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.35	\$ (1.72)
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE, DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	-	-	-	1.11	0.17
BASIC LOSS PER COMMON SHARE, EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT	-	-	-	(0.15)	-
TOTAL BASIC EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 2.31	\$ (1.55)
DILUTED NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE, CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.34	\$ (1.72)
DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE, DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	-	-	-	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.17
DILUTED LOSS PER COMMON SHARE, EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT	-	-	-	\$ (0.15)	\$ -
TOTAL DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS)PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 2.29	\$ (1.55)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

WLR FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	COMMON STOCK SHARES	ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	RETAINED EARNINGS	ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	TOTAL SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY
DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS					
BALANCE AT					
JUNE 28, 1997	16,597	\$64,206	\$ 2,974	\$ 59,378	\$ -
NET LOSS			-	(25,354)	(25,354)
STOCK DIVIDEND COMMON STOCK	102	958	-	(958)	-
ISSUED	147	2,710	-	-	2,710
COMMON STOCK REPURCHASED	(446)	(23)	-	-	(23)
BALANCE AT					
JUNE 27, 1998	16,400	67,851	2,974	33,066	-
NET EARNINGS			-	38,770	38,770
COMMON STOCK REPURCHASED	(17)	(152)	-	-	(152)
COMMON STOCK ISSUED	159	1,426	-	-	1,426
BALANCE AT					
JULY 3, 1999	16,542	69,125	2,974	71,836	-
NET EARNINGS			-	2,233	2,233
COMMON STOCK REPURCHASED	(470)	(2,719)	-	-	(2,719)
COMMON STOCK ISSUED	100	555	-	-	555
BALANCE AT					
JULY 1, 2000	16,172	\$ 66,961	\$ 2,974	\$74,069	\$ -
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:					
NET EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)	-	-	-	3,906	3,906
NET DEFERRED LOSS ON OPTION CONTRACTS, NET OF TAX EFFECT OF \$1,476(UNAUDITED)	-	-	-	-	(2,866)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					1,040
COMMON STOCK ISSUED (UNAUDITED)	37	158	-	-	158
BALANCE AT					
SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 (UNAUDITED)	16,209	\$ 67,119	\$ 2,974	\$77,975	\$2,866
					\$ 145,202

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WLR FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

THIRTEEN WEEKS
ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 2, YEARS ENDED
JULY 1, JULY 3, JUNE 27,

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000 (UNAUDITED)	1999	2000	1999	1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
NET EARNINGS (LOSS)	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$ 38,770	\$(25,354)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET EARNINGS (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
EXTRAORDINARY LOSS ON EARLY EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT, NET OF TAX	-	-	-	2,559	-
DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	4,583	4,831	18,674	21,755	28,321
(GAIN) LOSS ON SALES OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	(4)	(131)	(631)	1,159	916
GAIN ON SALE OF GOLDSBORO COMPLEX	-	-	-	(7,699)	-
GAIN ON SALE OF DISCONTINUED OPERATION	-	-	-	(28,187)	-
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	1,322	(1,172)	(993)	14,419	(14,974)
PAYMENT ON CLOSED OPTION CONTRACTS	(4,342)				
OTHER, NET		-	-	107	(592)
CHANGE IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:					
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	(3,679)	654	(515)	8,355	5
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN INVENTORIES	2,736	(5,749)	(4,301)	12,234	37,520
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN PREPAID EXPENSES	211	8	(96)	(704)	341
DECREASE IN OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	(1,154)	342	96	106	3,655
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN LONG-TERM ASSETS	275	(44)	(281)	(170)	815
DECREASE IN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	(2,780)	(483)	(1,873)	(655)	(6,263)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER	2,566	(1,874)	(5,985)	9,042	5,675
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3,640	(1,075)	6,328	71,091	30,065
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
ADDITIONS TO PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	(2,237)	(2,254)	(12,225)	(22,072)	(22,149)
ACQUISITION OF BUSINESSES	-	-	-	-	(650)
PROCEEDS FROM NOTES RECEIVABLE	-	-	3,750	-	-
PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF GOLDSBORO COMPLEX	-	-	-	37,582	-
PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF DISCONTINUED OPERATION	-	-	-	55,068	-
PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	18	241	887	1,245	1,706
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(2,219)	(2,013)	(7,588)	71,823	(21,093)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
PROCEEDS FROM ISSUANCE OF REVOLVER AND LONG-TERM DEBT	206,081	199,213	730,430	634,724	41,485
PAYMENTS ON REVOLVER AND LONG-TERM DEBT	(206,642)	(193,872)	(727,233)	(780,482)	(35,234)
FINANCING COSTS PAID	-	-	-	(1,969)	(5,401)
NOTES PAYABLE TO BANKS	-	-	-	-	(4,031)

ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK	158	146	555	701	892
REPURCHASE OF COMMON STOCK	-	-	(2,719)	-	(4,438)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN EXCESS CHECKS OVER BANK BALANCES	(983)	(2,351)	102	3,987	(2,193)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,386)	3,136	1,135	(143,039)	(8,920)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	35	48	(125)	(125)	52
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	85	210	210	335	283
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 120	\$ 258	\$ 85	\$ 210	\$ 335
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:					
CASH PAID (RECEIVED) FOR:					
INTEREST	\$ 1,381	\$ 1,146	\$ 4,403	\$13,366	\$15,365
INCOME TAXES	78	456	2,404	6,204	(3,139)

NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

IN FISCAL 1999:

THE COMPANY RECORDED 142,384 STOCK WARRANTS AT A VALUE OF \$904,136 WHICH RELATED TO THE FEBRUARY 1998 DEBT REFINANCING.
THE COMPANY HAD 28,180 STOCK WARRANTS EXPIRE AT A VALUE OF \$178,943 WHEN A PORTION OF THE FEBRUARY 1998 DEBT WAS REPAID IN THE FIRST QUARTER.
THE COMPANY INCURRED AN EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE ON EARLY EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4.1 MILLION.
THE COMPANY RECORDED A NOTE RECEIVABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,750,000 FOR THE SALE OF ITS MONROE DIVISION, DUE IN FISCAL YEAR 2000.

IN FISCAL 1998:

THE COMPANY ISSUED 102,296 SHARES AS A STOCK DIVIDEND IN THE FIRST QUARTER.
THE COMPANY ISSUED 889,898 STOCK WARRANTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER RELATING TO THE DEBT REFINANCING; OF THESE 266,969 WERE IMMEDIATELY EXERCISABLE AND WERE RECORDED AT A VALUE OF \$1,695,256.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

WLR Foods, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Other Information

Organization

WLR Foods, Inc. and subsidiaries (WLR Foods or the Company) are primarily engaged in fully integrated turkey and chicken production, processing, further processing and marketing. The Company's operations are predominantly located in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. WLR Foods sells products through a variety of selected national and international retail, foodservice and institutional markets.

Fiscal Year

The Company's fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to June 30. Fiscal years 2000, 1999 and 1998 ended on July 1, July 3, and June 27, respectively, and included 52 weeks in fiscal year 2000, 53 weeks in fiscal year 1999 and 52 weeks in fiscal year 1998.

Principles of Consolidation and Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of WLR Foods and all of its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Inventories

Inventories of feed, grain, eggs, packaging supplies, processed poultry and meat products are stated at the lower of cost or market as determined by the first-in, first-out valuation method. Live poultry and breeder flocks consist of poultry raised for slaughter and breeders. Poultry raised for slaughter are stated at the lower of average cost or market. Breeders are stated at average cost less accumulated amortization. The cost of breeders is accumulated during their development stage and then amortized into the cost of the eggs produced over the egg production cycle of the breeders. The Company has four methods of purchasing grain: cash purchasing, forward purchasing, grain options, and hedging with futures contracts. Each purchasing method creates varying degrees of risk for WLR Foods. The Company uses futures contracts, grain options and forward purchases to hedge the risk of fluctuating grain prices. The gains or losses from hedging transactions become part of the cost of the related inventory items and are expensed during the time period for which the hedge was intended.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the respective assets. In general, the estimated useful lives for computing depreciation are: 15 to 20 years for buildings and improvements; 3 to 8 years for machinery and equipment; and 3 to 5 years for transportation equipment. The costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to operations, while costs associated with renewals, improvements and major replacements are capitalized.

Income Taxes

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

Advertising and Promotion Expenses

Advertising and promotion expenses are charged to operations in the period incurred.

Financial Instruments

The estimated fair value of financial instruments has been determined by the Company using available market information. Except for financial

instruments used for hedging and debt instruments (Notes 2 and 4), the carrying amounts of all other financial instruments approximate their fair values due to their short maturities.

Stock-Based Compensation

As permitted under SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, the Company continues to account for employee stock option plans using the intrinsic value method of accounting and provides the pro-forma disclosures of SFAS No. 123.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In June 1998, SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, was issued. The Company adopted SFAS 133 on July 2, 2000. The Company anticipates that the adoption of this statement, which will occur in fiscal 2001, will result primarily in quarterly fluctuations to accumulated other comprehensive income, which is a component of shareholder's equity, but will not have a significant impact on the Company's consolidated statements of operations. The Company anticipates that the implementation of this statement on July 2, 2000 will result in a charge of approximately \$3.4 million to accumulated other comprehensive income, representing the deferred losses on grain options and futures contracts on July 1, 2000.

Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2000; the consolidated statements of operations for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2000 and October 2, 1999; the consolidated statement of shareholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss) for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2000; and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the thirteen weeks ended September 30, 2000 and October 2, 1999 are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for fair presentation of such consolidated financial statements have been included. Such adjustments consisted only of normal recurring accruals and the use of estimates. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for the entire fiscal year.

The consolidated financial statements and notes are presented in conformity with the requirements for Form 10-Q and do not contain certain information included in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements and notes.

The Company's unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended July 1, 2000. In both, the accounting policies and principles used are consistent in all material respects.

2. INVENTORIES

A SUMMARY OF INVENTORIES AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2000, JULY 1, 2000 AND JULY 3, 1999 FOLLOWS:

(IN THOUSANDS)	SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 (Unaudited)	JULY 3, 1999	JULY 1, 2000
LIVE POULTRY AND BREEDER FLOCKS	\$ 48,412	\$ 48,275	\$ 51,283
PROCESSED POULTRY AND MEAT PRODUCTS	35,313	31,510	30,655
PACKAGING SUPPLIES, PARTS AND OTHER	12,873	12,859	12,654
FEED, GRAIN AND EGGS	11,646	14,035	16,388
TOTAL INVENTORIES	\$108,244	\$106,679	\$110,980

The cost of grain, the principal feed ingredient for live birds, is subject to price changes caused by weather, size of harvest, changes in demand, transportation and storage costs. To reduce the risks of price fluctuations, the Company has entered into grain option and futures contracts. As of July 1, 2000, the Company had \$3.4 million of deferred losses on option contracts. There were no deferred amounts relating to options for fiscal year 1999. The notional amount of grain futures contracts at July 1, 2000 and July 3, 1999 was \$0.5 million and \$23.2

million, respectively. The fair value of grain futures contracts used in hedging at July 1, 2000 and July 3, 1999 was \$0.6 million and \$20.6 million, respectively. The Company had \$0.1 million of deferred gains on futures contracts at July 1, 2000 and \$2.6 million of deferred losses on futures contracts at July 3, 1999. The notional amount and fair value of open grain options at July 1, 2000 was \$1.1 million and (\$2.3) million, respectively. There were no open grain option contracts at July 3, 1999.

3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

WLR FOODS' INVESTMENT IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AT JULY 1, 2000 AND JULY 3, 1999 WAS AS FOLLOWS:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999
LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 18,520	\$ 18,198
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS	98,531	97,670
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	162,993	156,281
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	18,518	22,020
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	3,846	2,382
	302,408	296,551
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	200,338	188,606
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET	\$102,070	\$107,945

4. LONG-TERM DEBT AND BANK REVOLVING CREDITS

LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER CREDIT FACILITIES AT JULY 1, 2000 AND JULY 3, 1999 CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING OBLIGATIONS:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999
VARIABLE RATE NOTE:		
SECURED BANK TERM NOTE DUE 2001	\$ 40,435	\$ 49,000
REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE:		
SECURED BANK REVOLVING CREDIT NOTE DUE 2001	15,811	3,753
OTHER NOTES:		
NOTES WITH VARIOUS TERMS AND RATES	842	1,138
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	57,088	53,891
LESS CURRENT MATURITIES OF LONG-TERM DEBT	6,052	5,046
LONG-TERM DEBT, EXCLUDING CURRENT MATURITIES	\$ 51,036	\$ 48,845

The Company refinanced certain term notes and revolving credit notes due in 2000 as of November 20, 1998. The new facility is a three-year financing agreement that provides a total borrowing capacity of \$150 million. The agreement includes a \$50 million term loan and \$100 million revolving credit facility. Both facilities have a maturity date of November 20, 2001 and are secured by virtually all of the Company's assets. The carrying value of all debt approximates fair value at July 1, 2000, based on quoted market prices for similar issues.

At July 1, 2000, borrowings on the term loan, which had \$40.4 million outstanding, were based on LIBOR of 6.68% plus the applicable margin of 140 basis points for a total rate of 8.08%. Revolving credit borrowings totaled \$15.8 million as of July 1, 2000, with \$15.0 million tied to LIBOR of 6.66% plus the 140 basis point applicable margin for a total rate of 8.06%. The remaining \$0.8 million in revolving credit borrowings was based on the prime rate of 9.5%. At the end of each quarter, the applicable margin is adjusted based upon certain Company performance metrics.

Principal payments of \$1.25 to \$1.5 million are required at the end of each fiscal quarter, and began with the fourth quarter of fiscal 1999 for the term loan portion of the credit facility. Additionally, principal payments are required from the proceeds of asset sales in excess of \$1.0 million annually and for substantial new issuances of common stock.

During the first quarter of fiscal year 1999, the Company recorded an extraordinary charge of \$2.6 million (\$1.6 million after tax) for the early extinguishment of debt resulting from the permanent reduction of its prior credit facility due to the sale of its Cassco Ice & Cold Storage, Inc. subsidiary and its Goldsboro, North Carolina chicken complex. The Company also recorded an extraordinary non-cash charge to write off the remaining unamortized debt issue costs of the prior credit facility during the second quarter of fiscal 1999 of \$1.5 million (\$1.0 million after tax). This charge is also shown as an extraordinary item for the early extinguishment of debt. Total charges for the early extinguishment of debt during fiscal

1999 were \$4.1 million (\$2.6 million after tax).

The Company incurred approximately \$2.0 million in costs to establish the new credit facility. These costs have been capitalized, included in other assets, and are being amortized to interest expense over the life of the new facility.

In relation to the debt refinancing in fiscal year 1998, warrants totaling 320,363 are outstanding and exercisable with an exercise price of \$0.01.

In connection with the refinancing, an interest rate swap and an interest rate cap that were required under the prior credit facility were assigned from First Union National Bank to the Bank of Montreal. Accordingly, the swap was marked to market as of November 20, 1998, with a non-cash charge of \$0.6 million recorded as interest expense. As of July 1, 2000, the interest rate swap and the interest rate cap were no longer outstanding.

The Company's credit agreement with its lenders contains restrictive covenants. As of July 1, 2000, the Company was in compliance with all covenants.

Required annual principal repayments of long-term debt with original maturities of greater than one year are as follows:

(IN THOUSANDS)	
Fiscal 2001	\$ 6,052
Fiscal 2002	50,802
Fiscal 2003	89
Fiscal 2004	95
Fiscal 2005	50
Total	\$57,088

5. Employee Benefits

The Company maintains a Profit Sharing and Salary Savings Plan that is available to substantially all employees who meet certain age and service requirements. In fiscal year 1998, most participants could contribute up to 15% of their salary. Under the Company's restated plan, most participants could contribute up to 20% of their salary for fiscal years 1999 and 2000. For each employee dollar contributed (limited to the first 4% of an employee's compensation), the Company contributes a matching amount of 50 cents. The Company can also make additional contributions at its discretion. WLR Foods' total contributions under this plan were approximately \$1.4 million, \$2.4 million and \$1.6 million, for fiscal 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

6. INCOME TAXES

THE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES FOR CONTINUING OPERATIONS WAS AS FOLLOWS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000, 1999 AND 1998:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999	1998
CURRENT:			
FEDERAL	\$ 1,373	\$ 3,908	\$ -
STATE	216	2,178	166
	1,589	6,086	166
DEFERRED:			
FEDERAL	(866)	6,664	(14,625)
STATE	(127)	461	(1,893)
	(993)	7,125	(16,518)
TOTAL TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)	\$ 596	\$ 13,211	\$(16,352)

THE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES FOR CONTINUING OPERATIONS DIFFERS FROM THE AMOUNTS RESULTING FROM APPLYING THE FEDERAL STATUTORY TAX RATES (34% FOR FISCAL 2000, AND 35% FOR FISCAL 1999 AND 1998) TO EARNINGS (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND MINORITY INTEREST AS FOLLOWS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000, 1999 AND 1998:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999	1998
TAXES COMPUTED USING FEDERAL STATUTORY TAX RATES	\$ 962	\$ 12,582	\$ (15,574)
STATE INCOME TAXES, NET OF FEDERAL TAX EFFECT	59	1,715	(1,123)

WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT	(218)	(293)	(97)
FOREIGN SALES CORPORATION	(153)	(344)	(221)
OTHER, NET	(54)	(449)	663
TOTAL TAX EXPENSE(BENEFIT)	\$ 596	\$ 13,211	\$ (16,352)
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	21.1%	36.7%	36.7%

INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT) IS INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS FOLLOWS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2000, 1999 AND 1998:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999	1998
CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$ 596	\$ 13,211	\$ (16,352)
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	-	10,667	1,671
EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE	-	(1,569)	-
	\$ 596	\$ 22,309	\$ (14,681)

THE TAX EFFECTS OF TEMPORARY DIFFERENCES THAT GIVE RISE TO SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF DEFERRED TAX ASSETS AND DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES AT JULY 1, 2000 AND JULY 3, 1999 ARE LISTED BELOW:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES:		
INVENTORIES, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO THE ACCOUNTING FOR LIVE INVENTORIES ON THE FARM PRICE METHOD FOR TAX PURPOSES	\$ (13,357)	\$ (13,577)
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN DEPRECIATION AND CAPITALIZED INTEREST	(1,963)	(2,854)
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT DEDUCTION	(497)	(1,326)
GROSS DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES	(15,817)	(17,757)
DEFERRED TAX ASSETS:		
NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYFORWARDS	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,230
INSURANCE ACCRUALS, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO TIMING OF PAYMENTS VERSUS RECORDING OF EXPENSES	2,768	3,085
DEFERRED COMPENSATION, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO ACCRUAL FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING PURPOSES	1,362	1,356
TAX CREDITS	2,269	2,544
FINANCING COSTS, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO ACCRUAL FOR FINANCIAL PURPOSES	642	642
COMPENSATED ABSENCES, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO ACCRUAL FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING PURPOSES	1,000	972
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, PRINCIPALLY DUE TO ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS	635	745
OTHER	109	375
GROSS DEFERRED TAX ASSETS	10,002	10,949
NET DEFERRED TAX (LIABILITY) ASSET	\$ (5,815)	\$ (6,808)

In assessing the recoverability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is reasonably probable that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred tax assets is dependent on the generation of future taxable income, during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Based on the future expectation of taxable income and reversal of deferred tax liabilities, management believes it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences as reflected at July 1, 2000 and July 3, 1999.

7. Shareholders' Equity

In February 1994, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of the Shareholder Protection Rights Plan (the Plan) wherein one right attaches to and trades with each share of common stock. Each right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company, at an exercise price of \$45.33, the number of shares of common stock or participating preferred stock having a market value of twice the exercise price. Such participating preferred stock is designed to have economic and voting terms similar to those of one share of common stock. Rights will separate from the common stock and become exercisable following the earlier of 1) the date a person

or group acquires 15% or more of the outstanding stock, or 2) the 10{th} business day (or such later date the Board may decide) after any person commences a tender offer that would result in such person or group holding a total of 15% or more of the common stock. Additionally, in either case, rights owned by the acquiring person or group would automatically become void.

If a person acquires between 15% and 50% of the outstanding common stock, the Board may, in lieu of allowing rights to be exercised, require each outstanding right to be exchanged for one share of common stock or participating preferred stock. A provision in the Plan allows for rights holders to acquire stock of the acquiring person or group, in the event a change in control of the Company has occurred.

The rights are redeemable by the Company at \$0.01 per right prior to becoming exercisable and expire 10 years from issuance. WLR Foods has 100,000,000 shares of common stock authorized, with 16,172,410 outstanding on July 1, 2000 and 16,541,691 outstanding on July 3, 1999. Additionally, there are 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock authorized with none outstanding as of July 1, 2000 or July 3, 1999.

8. STOCK OPTION AND STOCK PURCHASE PLANS

STOCK OPTION PLAN

WLR FOODS STOCK OPTION PLAN WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN WHICH WAS RATIFIED BY THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ON OCTOBER 31, 1998. THE PLAN PROVIDES FOR THE GRANTING OF INCENTIVE OR NONQUALIFIED COMMON STOCK OPTIONS. THE OPTION PRICE UNDER THE PLAN SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE COMMON SHARES AS OF THE DATE OF THE GRANT. THE OPTIONS VEST AFTER THREE YEARS, WITH ONE-THIRD VESTING EACH YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF GRANT. THE OPTIONS ARE EXERCISABLE AT VARYING DATES NOT TO EXCEED 10 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF GRANT. THE CHANGES IN THE OUTSTANDING COMMON SHARES UNDER OPTION FOR FISCAL 2000, 1999 AND 1998 ARE LISTED BELOW:

	COMMON SHARES UNDER OPTION	WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE
OUTSTANDING AT JUNE 28, 1997	710,666	\$13.85
CANCELED OR EXPIRED	(226,041)	\$14.29
GRANTED IN FISCAL 1998	158,750	\$6.88
OUTSTANDING AT JUNE 27, 1998	643,375	\$11.98
CANCELED OR EXPIRED	(262,126)	\$13.85
EXERCISED	(5,833)	\$8.31
GRANTED IN FISCAL 1999	144,000	\$8.34
OUTSTANDING AT JULY 3, 1999	519,416	\$10.07
CANCELED OR EXPIRED	(27,000)	\$8.96
GRANTED IN FISCAL 2000	215,250	\$5.05
OUTSTANDING AT JULY 1, 2000	707,666	\$8.58

THERE WERE 327,497, 270,416, AND 343,374 SHARES EXERCISABLE UNDER OPTION WITH WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICES OF \$11.17, \$12.06, AND \$15.08 AT FISCAL YEAR END 2000, 1999 AND 1998, RESPECTIVELY. THE FOLLOWING TABLE SUMMARIZES INFORMATION ABOUT STOCK OPTIONS OUTSTANDING AS OF JULY 1, 2000:

STOCK OPTIONS OUTSTANDING:

STOCK OPTIONS EXERCISABLE:

EXERCISE PRICE	SHARES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE REMAINING CONTRACTUAL LIFE (YEARS)	SHARES
\$ 5.047	213,000	9.8	-
6.875	105,000	8.0	69,998
8.281	126,500	9.0	-
8.310	88,500	7.0	88,500
9.219	8,500	8.4	2,833
14.125	88,666	5.5	88,666
15.000	77,500	4.6	77,500
TOTAL	707,666		327,497

ACCOUNTING FOR STOCK OPTION PLAN

THE COMPANY HAS ELECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR ITS EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLAN USING THE INTRINSIC VALUE METHOD OF ACCOUNTING. ACCORDINGLY, NO COMPENSATION COST HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE ACCOMPANYING CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BECAUSE THE EXERCISE PRICE OF THE STOCK OPTIONS EQUALS THE MARKET PRICE OF THE UNDERLYING STOCK ON THE DATE OF GRANT. PRO FORMA INFORMATION REGARDING NET EARNINGS (LOSS) AND NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE IS REQUIRED BY SFAS NO. 123. ASSUMING THE COMPANY ACCOUNTED FOR ITS EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTIONS USING THE FAIR VALUE METHOD, THE COMPANY'S NET EARNINGS (LOSS) AND NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS WOULD APPROXIMATE THE PRO FORMA AMOUNTS INDICATED BELOW:

(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	FISCAL YEARS ENDED		
	JULY 1, 2000	JULY 3, 1999	JUNE 27, 1998
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
AS REPORTED	\$ 2,233	\$ 22,738	\$ (28,212)
PRO FORMA	\$ 1,838	\$ 22,292	\$ (28,537)
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
AS REPORTED, BASIC	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.35	\$ (1.72)
AS REPORTED, DILUTED	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.34	\$ (1.72)
PRO FORMA, BASIC	\$ 0.11	\$ 1.33	\$ (1.74)
PRO FORMA, DILUTED	\$ 0.11	\$ 1.32	\$ (1.74)

NOTE: THE PRO FORMA DISCLOSURES SHOWN MAY NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EFFECTS ON REPORTED NET EARNINGS IN FUTURE YEARS.

THE FAIR VALUE OF EACH STOCK OPTION GRANT USED TO COMPUTE PRO FORMA NET EARNINGS (LOSS) AND NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE DISCLOSURES IS ESTIMATED AT THE TIME OF THE GRANT USING THE BLACK-SCHOLES OPTION-PRICING MODEL. THE WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE MODEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	2000	1999	1998
EXPECTED DIVIDEND YIELD	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EXPECTED VOLATILITY	54%	55%	31%
RISK-FREE INTEREST RATE	6.5%	5.5%	5.7%
EXPECTED TERM (IN YEARS)	10	10	10

USING THESE ASSUMPTIONS IN THE BLACK-SCHOLES MODEL, THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE FAIR VALUE OF OPTIONS GRANTED WAS \$0.7 MILLION, \$0.8 MILLION, AND \$0.6 MILLION IN FISCAL YEARS 2000, 1999 AND 1998, RESPECTIVELY.

ON OCTOBER 29, 1994, THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WLR FOODS APPROVED THE POULTRY PRODUCER STOCK PURCHASE PLAN AND AMENDED AND RESTATED THE EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN. THESE PLANS ALLOW CONTRACT PRODUCERS AND EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE STOCK AT A 10% DISCOUNT FROM THE MARKET PRICE. ALL SHARES MUST BE HELD IN THE PLANS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACT, PARTICIPANTS ARE TERMINATED FROM THE RESPECTIVE PLANS.

9. LEASES

WLR FOODS HAS ENTERED INTO VARIOUS OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT. THE LEASES ARE NONCANCELABLE AND EXPIRE ON VARIOUS DATES THROUGH 2006. TOTAL RENT EXPENSE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$3.4 MILLION, \$3.4 MILLION, AND \$5.1 MILLION FOR FISCAL 2000, 1999 AND 1998, RESPECTIVELY. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE PRESENTS THE FUTURE MINIMUM RENTAL PAYMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THE OPERATING LEASES THAT HAVE INITIAL OR REMAINING NONCANCELABLE LEASE TERMS IN EXCESS OF ONE YEAR AS OF JULY 1, 2000:

(IN THOUSANDS)

FISCAL 2001	\$ 2,399
FISCAL 2002	1,347
FISCAL 2003	623
FISCAL 2004	150
FISCAL 2005	36
FISCAL 2006	12
TOTAL MINIMUM LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 4,567

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

CERTAIN DIRECTORS OF WLR FOODS ARE CONTRACT GROWERS OF LIVE POULTRY FOR THE COMPANY. IN ADDITION, A WLR FOODS DIRECTOR IS A DIRECTOR/OFFICER OF A COMPANY WHICH SUPPLIES FUEL AND RELATED PRODUCTS TO CERTAIN LOCATIONS OF THE COMPANY. TRANSACTIONS WITH THESE RELATED PARTIES DURING THE PAST THREE FISCAL YEARS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(IN THOUSANDS)	PURCHASES FROM RELATED PARTIES
FISCAL 2000	\$ 700
FISCAL 1999	967
FISCAL 1998	1,381

IN MANAGEMENT'S OPINION, ALL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER NORMAL BUSINESS CONDITIONS, WITH NO PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT GIVEN TO RELATED PARTIES.

11. EARNINGS PER SHARE

THE FOLLOWING IS A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE CALCULATION OF BASIC AND DILUTED NET EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE:

	THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED		YEARS ENDED		
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	OCTOBER 2, 1999	JULY 1, 2000	JULY 3, 1999	JUNE 27, 1998
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)					
NUMERATOR:					
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$22,738	\$(28,212)
DENOMINATOR:					
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	16,193	16,550	16,419	16,479	16,315
EFFECT OF OUTSTANDING STOCK WARRANTS	320	302	320	300	88
BASIC WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	16,513	16,852	16,739	16,779	16,403
BASIC NET EARNINGS(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.35	\$ (1.72)
NUMERATOR:					
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$ 22,738	\$(28,212)
DENOMINATOR:					
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	16,193	16,550	16,419	16,479	16,315
EFFECT OF OUTSTANDING STOCK OPTIONS	3	5	22	11	-
EFFECT OF OUTSTANDING STOCK WARRANTS	320	302	320	407	88
DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING	16,516	16,857	16,761	16,897	16,403
DILUTED NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.34	\$ (1.72)

OPTIONS TO PURCHASE 707,666, 519,416 AND 643,375 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK, AT PRICES BETWEEN \$5.05 AND \$15.00, \$6.88 AND \$15.00, AND \$6.88 AND \$20.00 PER SHARE WERE OUTSTANDING IN 2000, 1999, AND 1998, RESPECTIVELY. THE OUTSTANDING OPTIONS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998 BECAUSE THE EFFECT OF INCLUDING THESE OPTIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN ANTI-DILUTIVE.

12. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

DURING FISCAL YEAR 1998, THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED A PLAN TO DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS OF ITS SUBSIDIARY, CASSCO ICE & COLD STORAGE. THE TRANSACTION INVOLVED THE SALE OF THE DIVISION AND WAS COMPLETED ON JULY 31, 1998. NET PROCEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY \$55 MILLION WERE RECEIVED, RESULTING IN A GAIN OF APPROXIMATELY \$28 MILLION (\$18 MILLION AFTER TAX). EARNINGS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 1999 WERE APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION (\$0.7 MILLION AFTER TAX). ACCORDINGLY, THE OPERATING RESULTS OF THE CASSCO ICE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN SEGREGATED FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS AND REPORTED AS SEPARATE LINE ITEMS ON THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS. OPERATING RESULTS OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(IN THOUSANDS)	2000	1999	1998
NET SALES	\$ -	\$4,641	\$22,063
INCOME BEFORE TAX	-	1,071	4,529
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	-	407	1,671
NET EARNINGS	\$ -	\$ 664	\$ 2,858

13. SALE OF ASSETS

On August 14, 1998, the Company completed the sale of its Goldsboro, North Carolina chicken complex. Net proceeds of approximately \$38 million were received in exchange for assets totaling approximately \$30 million. The gain of approximately \$8 million (\$5 million after tax) is included in the results of operations for fiscal year 1999. The Company also completed the sale of its Monroe, North Carolina processing plant in fiscal year 1999. The sale resulted in a loss of approximately \$1.5 million (\$0.9 million after tax).

14. Contingencies

The Company is a defendant in a pending litigation proceeding in the state of West Virginia alleging violations of the West Virginia Consumer Protection Act and West Virginia Antitrust Law. The suit alleges, among other things, that the Company provided substandard chicks and feed to growers who raise chickens for the Company in West Virginia. The suit was dismissed by the Hardy County Circuit Court and is currently being appealed before the West Virginia Supreme Court. While any potential damages in the suit cannot be determined, the lawsuit is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company believes the suit is without merit and intends to defend it vigorously.

15. SEGMENT, GEOGRAPHIC, AND MAJOR CUSTOMER INFORMATION

IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, THE COMPANY ADOPTED SFAS NO. 131, "DISCLOSURES ABOUT SEGMENTS OF AN ENTERPRISE AND RELATED INFORMATION." THIS STATEMENT REQUIRES COMPANIES TO REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT OPERATING SEGMENTS IN THEIR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ESTABLISHES STANDARDS FOR RELATED DISCLOSURES ABOUT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND MAJOR CUSTOMERS.

THE COMPANY HAS TWO REPORTABLE SEGMENTS: CHICKEN AND TURKEY. THE THIRD SEGMENT, OTHER, INCLUDES REVENUES FROM THE COMPANY'S PROTEIN CONVERSION PLANTS, UNALLOCATED CORPORATE-RELATED ITEMS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. CHICKEN SEGMENT REVENUES ARE PRIMARILY SALES OF CHICKEN-RELATED PRODUCTS, SUCH AS RETAIL TRAYPACK ITEMS, WHOLE BIRDS CUT UP FOR FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS AND PORTION-CONTROLLED PRODUCTS FOR FOODSERVICE DISTRIBUTORS. TURKEY SEGMENT REVENUES ARE PRIMARILY SALES OF TURKEY-RELATED PRODUCTS AND FURTHER PROCESSED PRODUCTS, INCLUDING BOTH TURKEY AND CHICKEN ITEMS, PRODUCED AT THE COMPANY'S FURTHER PROCESSING PLANTS. THESE ITEMS INCLUDE FRESH AND FROZEN WHOLE BIRDS AND PARTS, INCLUDING RETAIL TRAYPACK ITEMS, TURKEY BURGERS AND A FULL LINE OF FURTHER PROCESSED PRODUCTS, INCLUDING DELI MEATS, FRANKFURTERS AND SALADS. TO BETTER UTILIZE ITS FEED MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES, THE COMPANY SELLS FEED TO OTHER USERS, PRIMARILY FROM ITS MARSHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA FEEDMILL. SALES FROM THIS MILL WERE INCLUDED IN TURKEY SEGMENT SALES THROUGH THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL 1999, WHEN THE COMPLEX WAS CONVERTED TO CHICKEN PROCESSING. EACH SEGMENT IS EVALUATED BY MANAGEMENT BASED ON OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) AND NET EARNINGS (LOSS).

THE FOLLOWING TABLES SET FORTH SPECIFIC OPERATING INFORMATION ABOUT EACH SEGMENT AS REVIEWED BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGEMENT. NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FOR

SEGMENT REPORTING IS PRESENTED ON THE SAME BASIS AS THAT USED FOR CONSOLIDATED NET EARNINGS (LOSS). THE ACCOUNTING POLICIES OF THE SEGMENTS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CORPORATE OFFICES ARE PRIMARILY ALLOCATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL SEGMENTS BASED ON LEVELS OF INVENTORIES AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT. DUE TO CERTAIN ASSETS WHICH ARE SHARED BETWEEN SEGMENTS, MANAGEMENT EVALUATES ASSETS AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ON A CONSOLIDATED BASIS; THEREFORE, SUCH INFORMATION IS NOT PRESENTED ON A SEGMENT BASIS.

YEAR ENDED JULY 1, 2000 (IN THOUSANDS)	CHICKEN	TURKEY	OTHER	ELIMINATIONS	TOTAL
EXTERNAL SEGMENT REVENUES	\$403,060	\$421,616	\$ 8,052	\$ -	\$832,728
INTERSEGMENT REVENUES	-	-	12,655	(12,655)	-
TOTAL REVENUES	403,060	421,616	20,707	(12,655)	832,728
INTEREST EXPENSE	2,520	2,549	-	(101)	4,968
INTEREST INCOME	-	205	145	(101)	249
INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT)	(6,718)	5,675	1,639	-	596
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(11,078)	9,360	3,951	-	2,233
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	9,852	6,678	1,314	-	17,844

YEAR ENDED JULY 3, 1999	CHICKEN	TURKEY	OTHER	ELIMINATIONS	TOTAL
EXTERNAL SEGMENT REVENUES	\$452,513	\$427,637	\$ 7,936	\$ -	\$888,086
INTERSEGMENT REVENUES	-	-	12,882	(12,882)	-
TOTAL REVENUES	452,513	427,637	20,818	(12,882)	888,086
INTEREST EXPENSE	4,974	6,060	-	(103)	10,931
GAIN ON SALE OF GOLDSBORO COMPLEX	7,699	-	-	-	7,699
INTEREST INCOME	1	103	299	(103)	300
INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT)	13,561	(1,861)	1,511	-	13,211
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	22,193	(3,046)	3,591	-	22,738
EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE	-	-	(2,559)	-	(2,559)
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	9,754	8,218	1,408	-	19,380

YEAR ENDED JUNE 27, 1998	CHICKEN	TURKEY	OTHER	ELIMINATIONS	TOTAL
EXTERNAL SEGMENT REVENUES	\$388,559	\$546,256	\$11,152	\$ -	\$945,967
INTERSEGMENT REVENUES	22,912	-	13,460	(36,372)	-
TOTAL REVENUES	411,471	546,256	24,612	(36,372)	945,967
INTEREST EXPENSE	8,239	14,376	13	(89)	22,539
INTEREST INCOME	70	6	88	(89)	75
INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT)	3,277	(20,563)	934	-	(16,352)
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	6,085	(36,158)	1,927	(66)	(28,212)
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	9,432	11,169	2,242	-	22,843

THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

(IN THOUSANDS)	CHICKEN	TURKEY	OTHER	ELIMINATIONS	TOTAL
EXTERNAL SEGMENT REVENUES	\$106,978	\$102,835	\$ 2,068	\$ -	\$211,881
INTERSEGMENT REVENUES	-	-	3,080	(3,080)	-
TOTAL REVENUES	106,978	102,835	5,148	(3,080)	211,881
INTEREST EXPENSE	757	776	-	(27)	1,506
INTEREST INCOME	-	1	27	(27)	1
INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT)	158	1,444	410	-	2,012
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	306	2,802	798	-	3,906
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	2,438	1,635	305	-	4,378

THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED OCTOBER 2, 1999	CHICKEN	TURKEY	OTHER	ELIMINATIONS	TOTAL
EXTERNAL SEGMENT REVENUES	\$102,351	\$ 97,771	\$ 1,885	\$ -	\$202,007
INTERSEGMENT REVENUES	-	-	3,143	(3,143)	-
TOTAL REVENUES	102,351	97,771	5,028	(3,143)	202,007
INTEREST EXPENSE	627	629	-	(23)	1,233
INTEREST INCOME	-	98	58	(23)	133
INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT)	(37)	1,020	559	-	1,542
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(61)	1,682	922	-	2,543

A RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL SEGMENT EARNINGS (LOSS) TO CONSOLIDATED NET EARNINGS (LOSS) IS AS FOLLOWS:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		YEARS ENDED		
	SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	October 2, 1999	JULY 1, 2000	JULY 3, 1999	JUNE 27, 1998
	(UNAUDITED)				
SEGMENT EARNINGS (LOSS)	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$22,738	\$(28,212)
UNALLOCATED: EARNINGS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAX	-	-	-	664	2,858
GAIN ON SALE OF DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, NET OF TAX	-	-	-	17,927	-
EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE ON EARLY EXTINGUISHMENTS OF DEBT, NET OF TAX	-	-	-	(2,559)	-
NET EARNINGS(LOSS)	\$ 3,906	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,233	\$38,770	\$(25,354)

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION.

NO INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN COUNTRY ACCOUNTS FOR 10% OR MORE OF SALES TO EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS.

REVENUES FROM ONE CUSTOMER REPRESENTED APPROXIMATELY \$129 MILLION AND \$113 MILLION, OR 16% AND 13%, OF TOTAL COMPANY NET SALES IN FISCAL YEARS 2000 AND 1999, RESPECTIVELY. NO CUSTOMER REPRESENTED 10% OR MORE OF TOTAL COMPANY'S NET SALES IN FISCAL YEAR 1998.

16. SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

THE UNAUDITED SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS OF CONTINUING OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL 2000 AND 1999 FOLLOWS:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
NET SALES	\$ 211,881			
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	7,398			
NET EARNINGS(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	3,906			
PER SHARE DATA:				
DILUTED EARNINGS(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.24			
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 1, 2000 (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
NET SALES	\$202,007	\$218,803	\$199,182	\$212,736
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	4,946	8,233	(6,961)	299
NET EARNINGS(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	2,543	4,784	(4,970)	(124)
PER SHARE DATA:				
DILUTED EARNINGS(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.30)	\$ (0.01)
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 3, 1999	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
NET SALES	\$237,941	\$229,276	\$192,881	\$227,988
OPERATING INCOME	15,889	15,094	759	6,924
NET EARNINGS (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	11,717	7,222	(127)	3,926
PER SHARE DATA:				
DILUTED EARNINGS(LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.43	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.23

PER SHARE CALCULATIONS ARE BASED ON EACH STAND ALONE PERIOD PRESENTED;
THEREFORE, THE ANNUAL PER SHARE RESULTS MAY NOT BE THE SUM OF THE FOUR
QUARTERS.

17. Subsequent Event

On January 27, 2001, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation acquired WLR Foods, Inc. and WLR Foods became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pilgrim's Pride.

In connection with the merger, each share of WLR Foods common stock converted into the right to receive \$14.25 in cash. The merger consideration was determined based upon arms'-length negotiations between Pilgrim's Pride and WLR Foods. As a result, Pilgrim's Pride will pay approximately \$234.5 million in consideration for the WLR shares, and also repaid approximately \$45.5 million in debt of WLR Foods. Pilgrim's Pride financed the merger through a combination of cash on hand and borrowings under its credit facility with CoBank, ABC.

EXHIBIT 99.2

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED
FINANCIAL DATA

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2000 and the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2000 are based on the historical unaudited consolidated financial statements of Pilgrim's Pride Corporation (Pilgrim's Pride) and the historical unaudited consolidated financial statements of WLR Foods, Inc. (WLR) and on the assumptions and adjustments described in the notes to the unaudited pro forma financial data, including assumptions relating to the allocation of the consideration paid for WLR to the assets and liabilities acquired, based on preliminary estimates of their respective fair values. Pilgrim's Pride's management does not expect the final allocation of this consideration to significantly differ from that reflected in the unaudited pro forma combined consolidated financial data. WLR's fiscal year end was July 1, 2000, and, as such, their results have been adjusted so that they coincide with the periods presented for the Pilgrim's Pride fiscal year ended September, 30 2000 and the first quarter ended December 30, 2000.

The unaudited pro forma balance sheet data has been presented as if the acquisition of WLR had occurred as of December 31, 2000, and the proforma condensed consolidated statement of operations data has been prepared as if the acquisition occurred at the beginning of each period presented.

The unaudited pro forma condensed statement of operations for the year ended September 30, 2000 is based on the historical audited consolidated financial statements of Pilgrim's Pride for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2000, and the historical consolidated financial statements of WLR adjusted to be presented on the same fiscal year basis as Pilgrim's Pride and for other assumptions and adjustments described in the notes to the unaudited pro forma financial data.

The acquisition of WLR was completed effective January 27, 2001.

The acquisition of WLR has been accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The total purchase cost of the acquisition will be allocated to the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities acquired based upon their estimated fair values. The purchase price allocation is preliminary, based on facts currently known to Pilgrim's Pride. Management is not aware of any significant unrecorded obligations or contingencies, other than those disclosed in the pro forma financial statements.

Pilgrim's Pride Corporation
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
 DECEMBER 30, 2000
 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PILGRIM'S PRIDE	WLR (A)	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	PRO FORMA COMBINED
CURRENT ASSETS				
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$11,277	\$179	\$ -	\$11,456
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	64,286	62,152	-	126,438
INVENTORIES	167,212	97,471	-	264,683
PREPAIDS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	10,394	2,916	-	13,310
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	253,169	162,718	-	415,887
OTHER ASSETS				
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET	442,164	98,022	151,282 (B)	691,468
OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS	19,007	5,250		24,257
	\$714,340	\$265,990	\$151,282	\$1,131,612

CURRENT LIABILITIES				
NOTES PAYABLE TO BANKS	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,500
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	131,419	70,515	6,733 (B)	208,667
CURRENT MATURITIES OF LONG TERM DEBT	4,742	36,172	(36,172)(C)	4,742
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	145,661	106,687	(29,439)	222,909
LONG TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT MATURITIES				
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	56,568	-	56,374 (B)	112,942
OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES	889	7,525		8,414
TOTAL STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	354,676	151,325	(151,325)(C)	354,676
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$714,340	\$265,990	\$151,282	\$1,131,612

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000
 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PILGRIM'S PRIDE	WLR (A)	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	PRO FORMA COMBINED
REVENUES	\$1,499,439	\$842,602	\$ -	\$2,342,041
COST OF SALES	1,333,611	768,194	15,128 (D)	2,116,933
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	85,340	65,440	-	150,780
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	80,488	8,968	(15,128)	74,328
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	17,779	5,374	25,833 (F)	48,986
OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE, NET	(77)	(1,068)	-	(1,145)
INCOME (LOSS)				

BEFORE TAXES	62,786	4,662	(40,961)	26,487
PROVISION(BENEFIT) FOR INCOME TAXES	10,442	1,066	(15,975)(E)	(4,467)
NET INCOME	\$52,344	\$3,596	\$(24,986)	\$ 30,954
EBITDA (G)	\$116,592	\$28,710	\$ -	\$ 145,302
Earnings per common share				
Basic	\$ 1.27	\$ 0.22	\$ -	\$ 0.73
Diluted	1.27	0.22	-	0.73

PILGRIM'S PRIDE CORPORATION
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 30 2000
 (IN THOUSANDS)

	PILGRIM'S PRIDE	WLR (A)	PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	PRO FORMA COMBINED
REVENUES	\$386,032	\$222,947	\$ -	\$608,979
COST OF SALES	338,866	198,527	3,782 (D)	541,175
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	23,955	16,187	-	40,142
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	23,211	8,233	(3,782)	27,662
INTEREST EXPENSE, NET	4,140	1,245	6,617 (F)	12,002
OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE, NET	(1)	3	-	2
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAXES	19,072	6,985	(10,399)	15,658
PROVISION(BENEFIT) FOR INCOME TAXES	6,335	2,375	(4,056)(E)	4,654
NET INCOME	\$12,737	\$4,610	\$(6,343)	\$11,004
EBITDA (G)	\$31,880	\$12,519	-	\$44,399
Earnings per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.28	-	\$ 0.27
Diluted	0.31	0.28	-	0.27

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(in thousands, except per-share amounts)

(A)The WLR historical financial statements have been adjusted to reflect the same periods as Pilgrim's Pride fiscal year end and fiscal first quarter. In addition, certain reclassifications have been made to the WLR historical financial statements to conform to the presentation used by Pilgrim's Pride.

On January 27, 2001 the Company completed the acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of WLR common stock for \$14.25 per share, or approximately \$234,500.

(B)The WLR acquisition will be accounted for as a purchase business combination. The unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements do not include any adjustments related to WLR restructuring costs or recurring benefits expected from synergies.

The purchase price includes an adjustment for deferred income taxes representing the tax effect of the differences between the assigned values and the tax basis of the assets and liabilities acquired. The purchase price allocation is preliminary and further adjustments may be made based on the completion of final valuation and other studies.

Components of purchase price:

Cash paid for outstanding shares of common stock	\$234,500
Estimated transaction costs	5,000
Less: Book value of net assets acquired	(151,325)
Plus: Establishment of deferred taxes	56,374
Excess consideration over book value of assets acquired	\$144,549
Preliminary purchase price allocation and other adjustments:	
Increase in fair value of property, plant and equipment	151,282
Fair value adjustments for acquired liabilities	(6,733)
	\$144,549

(A)Represents the payment of the purchase price for WLR's common stock plus the refinancing of WLR's outstanding debt, with proceeds from borrowings under Pilgrim's Pride's available \$400 million secured term borrowing facility. (See footnote C to Pilgrim's Pride annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2000 for additional information about the secured term borrowing facility)

(B)Pro forma adjustments have been included to adjust depreciation expense based on the fair value preliminarily assigned to property, plant and equipment. An average useful life of 10 years was estimated for property, plant and equipment.

(C)Represents the income tax effect of pro forma adjustments.

(D)Pro forma adjustments have been included to adjust interest expense to consider the following attributes of the acquisition of WLR;

- i. Elimination of WLR's historical interest expense.
- ii. Interest expense on borrowings under the senior secured credit facility to finance the acquisition and refinance WLR's outstanding debt.
- iii. Consideration of the 1% guarantee fee paid to the Company's major stockholder, for his guarantees on the increased borrowings.
- iv. Increase in interest expense on certain of the Company's other outstanding debt instruments as a result of the increased leverage resulting from the acquisition of WLR and the related transactions.

(G) "EBITDA" is defined as the sum of operating income (loss) and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net income as a measure of the Company's operating performance or cash flows as a measure of the Company's liquidity. EBITDA is presented here not as an

alternative measure of operating results or liquidity, but rather to provide additional information related to the Company's performance.