

FARMER BROTHERS CO  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission file number: 001-34249

FARMER BROS. CO.  
(exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

95-0725980  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

20333 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance, California 90502  
(address of principal executive offices, Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 787-5200

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 (Check one):

|                         |   |                           |                                     |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | <input type="checkbox"/>  | Accelerated filer         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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

On November 2, 2012, the registrant had 16,314,154 shares outstanding of its common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, which is the registrant's only class of common stock.



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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

## FARMER BROS. CO.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

|  | September 30,<br>2012<br>(Unaudited) | June 30, 2012 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                                      |               |
| Current assets:  |                                      |               |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$2,545                              | \$3,906       |
| Short-term investments   | 20,591                               | 21,021        |
| Accounts and notes receivable, net   | 43,139                               | 40,736        |
| Inventories  | 69,924                               | 65,981        |
| Income tax receivable  | 388                                  | 762           |
| Prepaid expenses   | 3,091                                | 3,445         |
| Total current assets   | 139,678                              | 135,851       |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | 103,315                              | 108,135       |
| Intangible assets, net   | 7,272                                | 7,615         |
| Other assets   | 3,138                                | 2,904         |
| Deferred income taxes  | 854                                  | 854           |
| Total assets   | \$254,257                            | \$255,359     |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>  |                                      |               |
| Current liabilities:   |                                      |               |
| Accounts payable   | \$29,201                             | \$27,676      |
| Accrued payroll expenses   | 19,704                               | 20,494        |
| Short-term borrowings under revolving credit facility  | 24,996                               | 29,126        |
| Short-term obligations under capital leases  | 3,683                                | 3,737         |
| Deferred income taxes  | 1,480                                | 1,480         |
| Other current liabilities  | 10,148                               | 10,176        |
| Total current liabilities  | 89,212                               | 92,689        |
| Accrued postretirement benefits  | 34,970                               | 34,557        |
| Other long-term liabilities—capital leases   | 11,368                               | 12,130        |
| Accrued pension liabilities  | 41,539                               | 42,513        |
| Accrued workers' compensation liabilities  | 4,131                                | 4,131         |
| Deferred income taxes  | 607                                  | 607           |
| Total liabilities  | \$181,827                            | \$186,627     |
| Commitments and contingencies  |                                      |               |
| Stockholders' equity:  |                                      |               |
| Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value, 500,000 shares authorized and none issued   | \$—                                  | \$—           |
| Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized; 16,314,154 and 16,308,859 issued and outstanding at September 30, 2012 and June 30, 2012, respectively | 16,314                               | 16,309        |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 35,653                               | 34,834        |
| Retained earnings  | 103,329                              | 100,455       |
| Unearned ESOP shares   | (25,637)                             | (25,637)      |
| Less accumulated other comprehensive loss  | (57,229)                             | (57,229)      |
| Total stockholders' equity   | \$72,430                             | \$68,732      |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity   | \$254,257                            | \$255,359     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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FARMER BROS. CO.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(In thousands, except share and per share data)  
(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |            |
|--|----------------------------------|------------|
|  | 2012                             | 2011       |
| Net sales  | \$119,153                        | \$121,197  |
| Cost of goods sold   | 74,532                           | 81,512     |
| Gross profit   | 44,621                           | 39,685     |
| Selling expenses   | 37,271                           | 35,681     |
| General and administrative expenses                          | 8,893                            | 8,634      |
| Operating expenses   | 46,164                           | 44,315     |
| Loss from operations   | (1,543                           | ) (4,630   |
| Other income (expense):                                      |                                  |            |
| Dividend income  | 259                              | 359        |
| Interest income  | 92                               | 15         |
| Interest expense   | (457                             | ) (575     |
| Other, net   | 4,945                            | (2,407     |
| Total other income (expense)                                 | 4,839                            | (2,608     |
| Income (loss) before taxes                                   | 3,296                            | (7,238     |
| Income tax expense   | 422                              | 346        |
| Net income (loss)  | \$2,874                          | \$(7,584   |
| Net income (loss) per common share—basic and diluted         | \$0.19                           | \$(0.50    |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding—basic and diluted | 15,490,365                       | 15,182,147 |
| Cash dividends declared per common share                     | \$—                              | \$—        |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |           |   |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|---|
|  | 2012                             | 2011      |   |
| Net income (loss)                              | \$2,874                          | \$(7,584) | ) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: |                                  |           |   |
| Retiree benefits, net of income taxes          | —                                | —         |   |
| Total comprehensive income (loss)              | \$2,874                          | \$(7,584) | ) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FARMER BROS. CO.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(In thousands)  
(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, |             |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                             | 2011        |
| Cash flows from operating activities:  |                                  |             |
| Net income (loss)  | \$2,874                          | \$(7,584)   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |                                  |             |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 8,340                            | 7,923       |
| Provision for doubtful accounts  | (922)                            | ) 590       |
| (Gain) loss on sales of assets   | (3,213)                          | ) 98        |
| ESOP and share-based compensation expense  | 823                              | 790         |
| Net (gain) loss on investments   | (802)                            | ) 2,621     |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities:  |                                  |             |
| Short-term investments   | 1,232                            | 6,059       |
| Accounts and notes receivable  | (1,481)                          | ) (1,643)   |
| Inventories  | (3,943)                          | ) (3,192)   |
| Income tax receivable  | 374                              | 287         |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets  | 120                              | 543         |
| Accounts payable   | 1,863                            | (3,650)     |
| Accrued payroll, expenses and other liabilities  | (834)                            | ) (147)     |
| Accrued postretirement benefits  | 412                              | 327         |
| Other long-term liabilities  | (1,191)                          | ) (3,055)   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  | \$3,652                          | \$(33)      |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |                                  |             |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment   | (3,572)                          | ) (2,910)   |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment   | 3,786                            | 198         |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities  | \$214                            | \$(2,712)   |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  |                                  |             |
| Proceeds from revolving credit facility  | 4,800                            | 8,400       |
| Repayments on revolving credit facility  | (9,250)                          | ) (6,800)   |
| Payments of capital lease obligations  | (777)                            | ) (384)     |
| Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities  | \$(5,227)                        | ) \$1,216   |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  | \$(1,361)                        | ) \$(1,529) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period   | 3,906                            | 6,081       |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period   | \$2,545                          | \$4,552     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

FARMER BROS. CO.  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Unaudited)

Note 1. Farmer Bros. Co. and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Company

Farmer Bros. Co., a Delaware corporation (including its consolidated subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires, herein referred to as the “Company,” “we,” “our” or “Farmer Bros.”), is a manufacturer, wholesaler and distributor of coffee, tea and culinary products. The Company is a direct distributor of coffee to restaurants, hotels, casinos, hospitals and other food service providers, and is a provider of private brand coffee programs to Quick Service Restaurants (“QSR's”), grocery retailers, national drug store chains, restaurant chains, convenience stores, and independent coffee houses, nationwide. The Company was founded in 1912, was incorporated in California in 1923, and reincorporated in Delaware in 2004. The Company operates in one business segment.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) for complete consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals, unless otherwise indicated) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the interim financial data have been included. Operating results for the three months ended September, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Events occurring subsequent to September 30, 2012 have been evaluated for potential recognition or disclosure in the unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2012.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on September 10, 2012.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. We review our estimates on an ongoing basis using currently available information. Changes in facts and circumstances may result in revised estimates and actual results may differ from those estimates.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants. The Company maximizes the use of observable market inputs, minimizes the use of unobservable market inputs and discloses in the form of an outlined hierarchy the details of such fair value measurements. See Note 2 for additional information.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

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#### Coffee Brewing Equipment and Service

The Company classifies certain expenses related to coffee brewing equipment provided to customers as cost of goods sold. These costs include the cost of equipment as well as the cost of servicing that equipment (including service employees' salaries, cost of transportation and the cost of supplies and parts) and are considered directly attributable to the generation of revenues from the Company's customers. Accordingly, such costs included in cost of goods sold in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are \$5.8 million and \$6.0 million, respectively. The Company capitalized coffee brewing equipment in the amounts of \$1.9 million and \$2.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Depreciation expense related to capitalized coffee brewing equipment reported as cost of goods sold was \$3.3 million and \$2.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

#### Revenue Recognition

Most product sales are made "off-truck" to the Company's customers at their places of business by the Company's sales representatives. Revenue is recognized at the time the Company's sales representatives physically deliver products to customers and title passes or upon acceptance by the customer when shipped by third party delivery.

The Company sells roast and ground coffee and tea to The J.M. Smucker Company ("J.M. Smucker") pursuant to a co-packing agreement, as J.M. Smucker's agent. The co-packing agreement was assigned by Sara Lee Corporation ("Sara Lee") to J.M. Smucker on February 17, 2012, as part of J.M. Smucker's acquisition of Sara Lee's coffee business. The Company recognizes revenue from this arrangement on a net basis, net of direct costs of revenue. As of September 30, 2012 and June 30, 2012, the Company had \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of receivables related to this arrangement, which are included in "Other receivables" in the consolidated balance sheets (see Note 3).

#### Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") represents net earnings attributable to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period, excluding unallocated shares held by the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Diluted EPS represents net earnings attributable to common stockholders divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, inclusive of the dilutive impact of common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. However, nonvested restricted stock awards (referred to as participating securities) are excluded from the dilutive impact of common equivalent shares outstanding in accordance with authoritative guidance under the two-class method. The nonvested restricted stockholders are entitled to participate in dividends declared on common stock as if the shares were fully vested and hence are deemed to be participating securities. Under the two-class method, earnings (loss) attributable to nonvested restricted stockholders are excluded from net earnings (loss) attributable to common stockholders for purposes of calculating basic and diluted EPS.

Computation of EPS for the three months ended September 30, 2012 does not include the dilutive effect of 206,600 shares issuable under stock options since none of their exercise prices exceeded the average closing price of the Company's common stock for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and their inclusion would be anti-dilutive. Computation of EPS for the three months ended September 30, 2011 does not include the dilutive effect of 403,429 shares issuable under stock options since their inclusion would be anti-dilutive. Accordingly, the unaudited consolidated financial statements present only basic net income (loss) per common share for all periods presented (see Note 9).

#### Dividends Declared

Although historically the Company has paid a dividend to stockholders, in light of the Company's current financial position, the Company's Board of Directors has omitted the payment of a quarterly dividend since the third quarter of fiscal 2011. The amount, if any, of dividends to be paid in the future will depend upon the Company's then available cash,



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anticipated cash needs, overall financial condition, loan agreement restrictions, future prospects for earnings and cash flows, as well as other relevant factors.

#### Impairment of Indefinite-lived Intangible Assets

The Company performs its annual indefinite-lived intangible assets impairment test as of June 30 of each fiscal year. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized but instead are reviewed for impairment annually by comparing their fair values to their carrying values.

In addition to an annual test, indefinite-lived intangible assets must also be tested on an interim basis if events or circumstances indicate that the estimated fair value of such assets has decreased below their carrying value. There were no such events or circumstances during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

#### Long-lived Assets, Excluding Indefinite-lived Intangible Assets

The Company reviews the recoverability of its long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Long-lived assets evaluated for impairment are grouped with other assets to the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets and liabilities. The estimated future cash flows are based upon, among other things, assumptions about expected future operating performance, and may differ from actual cash flows. If the sum of the projected undiscounted cash flows (excluding interest) is less than the carrying value of the assets, the assets will be written down to the estimated fair value in the period in which the determination is made. There were no such events or circumstances during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

#### Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In September 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-08, "Goodwill and Other (Topic 350), Testing Goodwill for Impairment" ("ASU 2011-08"). Pursuant to ASU 2011-08 companies have the option to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (a likelihood of more than 50%) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If, after considering the totality of events and circumstances, an entity determines it is not more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, performing the two-step impairment test is unnecessary. The amendments include examples of events and circumstances that an entity should consider. ASU 2011-08 is effective for annual and interim impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2012 and is effective for the Company for fiscal 2013 beginning July 1, 2012. Adoption of ASU 2011-08 did not have a material effect on the results of operations, financial position or cash flows of the Company.

On July 1, 2012, the Company adopted ASU No. 2011-05, "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income" ("ASU 2011-05"), except for the provisions of ASU 2011-05 which were deferred by ASU No. 2011-12, "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income" in ASU No. 2011-05 ("ASU 2011-12"). The new guidance eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. Instead, the Company presents other comprehensive income in a separate statement following the consolidated statements of operations. The new guidance also requires entities to present reclassification adjustments out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component in both the consolidated statement of operations and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. ASU 2011-12 indefinitely defers the guidance related to the presentation of reclassification adjustments. ASU 2011-05 only relates to disclosure requirements and its adoption did not have a material effect on the results of operations, financial position or cash flows of the Company.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, "Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs" ("ASU 2011-04"). ASU 2011-04 amends the fair value measurement and disclosure guidance in Accounting Standards



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Codification ("ASC") 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820"), of the FASB for financial assets and liabilities to converge GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards requirements for measuring amounts at fair value as well as disclosures about these measurements. Many of the amendments clarify existing concepts and are generally not expected to result in significant changes to how many companies currently apply the fair value principles. In certain instances, however, the FASB changed a principle to achieve convergence, and while limited, these amendments have the potential to significantly change practice for some companies. For public entities, the amendments are effective during interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company adopted the amendments beginning July 1, 2012. The adoption of ASU 2011-04 did not have a material effect on the results of operations, financial position or cash flows of the Company.

#### New Accounting Pronouncements

As of September 30, 2012, there were no new accounting pronouncements anticipated to be adopted by the Company.

#### Note 2. Investments and Derivative Instruments

The Company purchases various derivative instruments as investments or to create economic hedges of its interest rate risk and commodity price risk. At September 30, 2012 and 2011, derivative instruments were not designated as accounting hedges as defined by ASC 815, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." The fair value of derivative instruments is based upon broker quotes. The Company records unrealized gains and losses on trading securities and changes in the market value of certain coffee contracts meeting the definition of derivatives in "Other, net" in the consolidated statements of operations.

The Company groups its assets and liabilities at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1—Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

Level 2—Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3—Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use significant assumptions not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

Assets and liabilities measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows (in thousands):

| As of September 30, 2012 (Unaudited)            | Total    | Level 1  | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|---|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Preferred stock(1)                              | \$20,214 | \$14,856 | \$5,358 | \$—     |
| Futures, options and other derivative assets(1) | \$377    | \$—      | \$377   | \$—     |
| Derivative liabilities                          | \$—      | \$—      | \$—     | \$—     |

| As of June 30, 2012                       | Total    | Level 1  | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|---|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Preferred stock(1)                        | \$19,395 | \$14,078 | \$5,317 | \$—     |
| Futures, options and other derivatives(1) | \$1,626  | \$—      | \$1,626 | \$—     |
| Derivative liabilities(2)                 | \$410    | \$—      | \$410   | \$—     |

(1) Included in "Short-term investments" on the consolidated balance sheets.

(2) Included in "Accounts payable" on the consolidated balance sheet.

There were no significant transfers of securities between Level 1 and Level 2.



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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (continued)

Gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, are included in "Other, net" on the statement of operations and in the "Net (gain) loss on investments" in the consolidated statements of cash flows. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses are as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| (In thousands)                             | 2012                                | 2011      |
|  | (Unaudited)                         |           |
| Coffee-related derivatives:                |                                     |           |
| Unrealized gains                           | \$ 1,157                            | \$ —      |
| Unrealized losses                          | (10                                 | ) (2,740  |
| Realized gains                             | 381                                 | 59        |
| Realized losses                            | (825                                | ) (1,012  |
| Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) | 703                                 | (3,693    |
| Net gains (losses) from sales of assets    | 3,213                               | (98       |
| Other gains, net                           | 1,029                               | 1,384     |
| Other, net                                 | \$ 4,945                            | \$ (2,407 |

Preferred stock investments as of September 30, 2012 consisted of securities with a fair value of \$18.4 million in an unrealized gain position and securities with a fair value of \$1.8 million in an unrealized loss position. Preferred stock investments as of June 30, 2012 consisted of securities with a fair value of \$16.5 million in an unrealized gain position and securities with a fair value of \$2.9 million in an unrealized loss position.

The following tables show gross unrealized losses (although such losses have been recognized in the consolidated statements of operations) and fair value for those investments that were in an unrealized loss position as of September 30, 2012 and June 30, 2012, aggregated by the length of time those investments have been in a continuous loss position:

| (In thousands)  | September 30, 2012 (Unaudited) |                 |            |                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
|                 | Less than 12 Months            |                 | Total      |                 |
|                 | Fair Value                     | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| Preferred stock | \$445                          | \$(3            | ) \$1,806  | \$(46           |

| (In thousands)  | June 30, 2012       |                 |            |                 |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
|                 | Less than 12 Months |                 | Total      |                 |
|                 | Fair Value          | Unrealized Loss | Fair Value | Unrealized Loss |
| Preferred stock | \$1,750             | \$(16           | ) \$2,891  | \$(40           |

### Note 3. Accounts and Notes Receivable, net

| (In thousands)                     | As of                             |               |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                    | September 30, 2012<br>(Unaudited) | June 30, 2012 |
| Trade receivables                  | \$43,024                          | \$40,687      |
| Other receivables                  | 1,065                             | 1,921         |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts    | (950                              | ) (1,872      |
| Accounts and notes receivable, net | \$43,139                          | \$40,736      |

Allowance for doubtful accounts decreased in the three months ended September 30, 2012, due to \$0.8 million in recovery of an account previously deemed uncollectible.



## Note 4. Inventories

The Company's inventories consisted of the following:

|                                | Processed<br>(In thousands) | Unprocessed | Total    |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| September 30, 2012 (Unaudited) |                             |             |          |
| Coffee                         | \$15,825                    | \$14,607    | \$30,432 |
| Tea and culinary products      | 24,621                      | 4,580       | 29,201   |
| Coffee brewing equipment       | 5,066                       | 5,225       | 10,291   |
|                                | \$45,512                    | \$24,412    | \$69,924 |
| June 30, 2012                  |                             |             |          |
| Coffee                         | \$15,485                    | \$11,836    | \$27,321 |
| Tea and culinary products      | 24,502                      | 4,817       | 29,319   |
| Coffee brewing equipment       | 3,977                       | 5,364       | 9,341    |
|                                | \$43,964                    | \$22,017    | \$65,981 |

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. The Company accounts for coffee, tea and culinary products on the last in, first out ("LIFO") basis and coffee brewing equipment manufactured on the first in, first out ("FIFO") basis. The Company regularly evaluates these inventories to determine whether market conditions are correctly reflected in the recorded carrying value. At the end of each quarter, the Company records the expected beneficial effect of the liquidation of LIFO inventory quantities, if any, and records the actual impact at fiscal year-end. An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method is made only at the end of each fiscal year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. If inventory quantities decline at the end of the fiscal year compared to the beginning of the fiscal year, the reduction results in the liquidation of LIFO inventory quantities carried at the cost prevailing in prior years. This LIFO inventory liquidation may result in a decrease or increase in cost of goods sold depending on whether the cost prevailing in prior years was lower or higher, respectively, than the current year cost. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations must necessarily be based on management's estimates of expected fiscal year-end inventory levels and costs. Because these estimates are subject to many forces beyond management's control, interim results are subject to the final fiscal year-end LIFO inventory valuation. The Company anticipates its inventory levels at June 30, 2013 to be same as of June 30, 2012 and, therefore, did not record an adjustment to cost of goods sold for the three months ended September 30, 2012. In the three months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recorded \$1.7 million in expected beneficial effect of LIFO inventory liquidation and reduced net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2011 by \$1.7 million.

The Company routinely enters into specialized hedging transactions to purchase future coffee contracts to enable it to lock in green coffee prices within a pre-established range, and holds a mix of futures contracts and options to help hedge against volatility in green coffee prices. None of these hedging transactions, futures contracts or options is designated as an accounting hedge. Gains and losses on these derivative instruments are realized immediately in "Other, net" in the consolidated statements of operations.

For the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded \$0.4 million and \$(1.0) million, respectively, in coffee-related net realized derivative gains (losses). For the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded \$1.1 million and \$(2.7) million, respectively, in coffee-related net unrealized derivative gains (losses).

## Note 5. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company provides pension plans for most full time employees. Generally the plans provide benefits based on years of service and/or a combination of years of service and earnings. Certain retirees are also eligible for medical, dental and vision benefits.

The Company is required to recognize the funded status of a benefit plan in its balance sheet. The Company is also required to recognize in OCI certain gains and losses that arise during the period but are deferred under pension accounting rules.

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**Single Employer Pension Plans**

The Company has a defined benefit pension plan, the Farmer Bros. Salaried Employees Pension Plan (the “Farmer Bros. Plan”), for the majority of its employees who are not covered under a collective bargaining agreement. The Company amended the Farmer Bros. Plan, freezing the benefit for all participants effective June 30, 2011. After the plan freeze, participants do not accrue any benefits under the plan, and new hires are not eligible to participate in the plan. As all plan participants became inactive following this curtailment, net (gain) loss is now amortized based on the remaining life expectancy of these participants instead of the remaining service period of these participants.

The Company also has two defined benefit pension plans for certain hourly employees covered under a collective bargaining agreement (the “Brewmatic Plan” and the “Hourly Employees’ Plan”). All assets and benefit obligations were determined using a measurement date of June 30.

The net periodic benefit cost for the defined benefit pension plans is as follows:

| (In thousands)                               | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |         |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
|  | 2012                                | 2011    |
|  | (Unaudited)                         |         |
| Service cost                                 | \$ 119                              | \$ 124  |
| Interest cost                                | 1,449                               | 1,525   |
| Expected return on plan assets               | (1,660)                             | (1,703) |
| Amortization of net (gain) loss*             | 387                                 | 342     |
| Amortization of prior service cost (credit)* | 5                                   | 5       |
| Net periodic benefit cost                    | \$ 300                              | \$ 293  |

These amounts represent the estimated portion of the net (gain) loss and net prior service cost (credit) remaining in  
\*accumulated other comprehensive income that is expected to be recognized as a component of net periodic benefit cost over the current fiscal year.

**Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic benefit cost**

|                                   | Fiscal |       |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
|                                   | 2013   | 2012  |
| Discount rate                     | 4.55%  | 5.60% |
| Expected long-term rate of return | 8.00%  | 8.25% |
| Rate of compensation increase *   | —%     | 3.00% |

\* For Hourly Employees Plan only.

Basis used to determine expected long-term return on plan assets

Historical and future projected returns of multiple asset classes were analyzed to develop a risk-free real rate of return and risk premiums for each asset class. The overall rate for each asset class was developed by combining a long-term inflation component, the risk-free real rate of return, and the associated risk premium. A weighted-average rate of return was developed based on those overall rates and the target asset allocation of the plans.

**Multiemployer Pension Plans**

The Company participates in a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan, the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Plan (“WCTPP”), that is union sponsored and collectively bargained for the benefit of certain employees subject to collective bargaining agreements. The Company makes contributions to WCTPP generally based on the number of hours worked by the participants in accordance with the provisions of negotiated labor contracts.

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Effective October 2011, the Company withdrew from the defined benefit pension plan, United Teamsters Pension Fund, and replaced it with the defined contribution pension plan, “United Teamsters Annuity Fund” (“Annuity Fund”), for its employees covered by a certain collective bargaining agreement with a term expiring in 2014. The Company incurred no

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withdrawal liabilities related to the withdrawal from the United Teamsters Pension Fund. The Company's contributions to the Annuity Fund are based on the number of compensable hours worked by the Company's employees who participate in the Annuity Fund.

In fiscal 2012, the Company withdrew from the Labor Management Pension Fund and recorded a charge of \$4.3 million associated with withdrawal from this plan, representing the present value of the estimated withdrawal liability expected to be paid in quarterly installments of \$0.1 million over 80 quarters. Installment payments will commence once the final determination of the amount of withdrawal liability is established, which determination may take up to 24 months from the date of withdrawal from the pension plan. Upon withdrawal, the employees covered under this multiemployer pension plan were included in the Company's 401(k) plan (the "401(k) Plan").

Future collective bargaining negotiations may result in the Company withdrawing from the remaining multiemployer pension plans in which it participates and, if successful, the Company may incur a withdrawal liability, the amount of which could be material to the Company's results of operations and cash flows.

#### Multiemployer Plans Other Than Pension Plans

The Company participates in nine defined contribution multiemployer plans other than pension plans that provide medical, vision and dental healthcare and disability benefits for certain retirees subject to collective bargaining agreements who meet the eligibility rules in effect when they retire and/or qualified members of their families.

#### 401(k) Plan

The Company's 401(k) Plan is available to all eligible employees who have worked more than 1,000 hours during a calendar year and were employed at the end of the calendar year. Participants in the 401(k) Plan may choose to contribute 1% to 15% of their annual pay subject to the maximum contribution allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company's matching contribution is discretionary based on approval by the Company's Board of Directors. For the calendar years 2011 and 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved a Company matching contribution of 50.0% of an employee's annual contribution to the 401(k) Plan, up to 6.0% of the employee's eligible income. The matching contributions (and any earnings thereon) vest at the rate of 20.0% for each of the participant's first 5 years of vesting service, so that a participant is fully vested in his or her matching contribution account after 5 years of vesting service. A participant is automatically vested in the event of death, disability or attainment of age 65 while employed by the Company. Employees are 100% vested in their contributions. For employees subject to a collective bargaining agreement, the match is only available if so provided in the labor agreement.

The Company recorded matching contributions of \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million in operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

#### Postretirement Benefits

The Company sponsors an unfunded postretirement medical, dental and vision plan that covers qualified non-union retirees and certain qualified union retirees. Under this postretirement plan, the Company's contributions toward premiums for retiree medical, dental and vision coverage for participants and dependents are scaled based on length of service, with greater Company contributions for retirees with greater length of service, but subject to a maximum monthly Company contribution.

The following table shows the components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.

| (In thousands)   | Three Months Ended September 30, |        |
|--|----------------------------------|--------|
|  | 2012                             | 2011   |
| Components of Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost | (Unaudited)                      |        |
| Service cost   | \$409                            | \$409  |
| Interest cost  | 330                              | 330    |
| Expected return on plan assets                         | —                                | —      |
| Amortization of net gain                               | (199                             | ) (199 |

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|  |       |       |   |
|--|-------|-------|---|
| Amortization of unrecognized transition (asset) obligation | —     | —     |   |
| Amortization of prior service cost (credit)                | (58   | ) (58 | ) |
| Net periodic postretirement benefit cost                   | \$482 | \$482 |   |

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Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic postretirement benefit cost

|               | Fiscal |       |
|---------------|--------|-------|
|               | 2013   | 2012  |
| Discount rate | 5.46%  | 5.46% |

The fiscal 2013 estimate of net periodic postretirement benefit cost is based on July 1, 2011 census data assuming there were no demographic actuarial gains or losses during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

#### Note 6. Bank Loan

On September 12, 2011, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") among the Company and Coffee Bean International, Inc. ("CBI"), as Borrowers, certain of the Company's other subsidiaries, as Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"), as Agent.

The Loan Agreement provides for a senior secured revolving credit facility of up to \$85.0 million, with a letter of credit sublimit of \$20.0 million. The revolving credit facility provides for advances of 85% of eligible accounts receivable and 75% of eligible inventory (subject to a \$60.0 million inventory loan limit), as defined. The Loan Agreement provides for interest rates based on modified Monthly Average Excess Availability levels with a range of PRIME + 0.25% to PRIME + 0.75% or Adjusted Eurodollar Rate + 2.0% to Adjusted Eurodollar Rate + 2.5%. The Loan Agreement has an amendment fee of 0.375% and an unused line fee of 0.25%. Outstanding obligations under the Loan Agreement are collateralized by all of the Borrowers' assets, including the Company's preferred stock portfolio. The Loan Agreement expires on March 2, 2015.

The Loan Agreement contains a variety of affirmative and negative covenants of types customary in an asset-based lending facility, including those relating to reporting requirements, maintenance of records, properties and corporate existence, compliance with laws, incurrence of other indebtedness and liens, limitations on certain payments, including the payment of dividends and capital expenditures, and transactions and extraordinary corporate events. The Loan Agreement allows the Company to pay dividends, subject to certain liquidity requirements. The Loan Agreement also contains financial covenants requiring the Borrowers to maintain minimum Excess Availability and Total Liquidity levels. The Loan Agreement allows the Lender to establish reserve requirements, which may reduce the amount of credit otherwise available to the Company, to reflect events, conditions, or risks that would have a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting the Lender's collateral or the Company's assets, including the Company's green coffee inventory.

On January 9, 2012, the Loan Agreement was amended ("Amendment No. 1") in connection with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan Chase"), becoming an additional Lender thereunder. Pursuant to Amendment No. 1, Wells Fargo will provide a commitment of \$60.0 million and JPMorgan Chase will provide a commitment of \$25.0 million.

On September 30, 2012, the Company was eligible to borrow up to a total of \$77.1 million under the credit facility. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had outstanding borrowings of \$25.0 million, excluding loan extension fees of \$0.2 million, utilized \$11.9 million of its letters of credit sublimit, and had excess availability under the credit facility of \$40.0 million. Due to the short-term nature of the credit facility and the variable interest rate, fair value of the balance outstanding approximates carrying value. As of September 30, 2012, the weighted average interest rate on the Company's outstanding borrowings under the credit facility was 2.73%. As of September 30, 2012, the Company was in compliance with all restrictive covenants under the credit facility. There can be no assurance that the Lender will issue a waiver or grant an amendment to the covenants in future periods, if the Company required one.

#### Note 7. Share-based Compensation

On August 23, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors approved the Farmer Bros. Co. 2007 Omnibus Plan (the "Omnibus Plan"), which was approved by stockholders on December 6, 2007. The maximum number of shares of common stock as to which awards may be granted under the Omnibus Plan is 1,000,000, subject to adjustment as

provided in the Omnibus Plan. The Company has placed a proposal on the ballot for its upcoming Annual Meeting of Stockholders requesting stockholder approval to amend the Omnibus Plan to increase the authorized number of shares available for issuance thereunder to 1,125,000.

The Company measures and recognizes compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made under the Omnibus Plan based on estimated fair values. No stock options were granted during the three months ended September 30, 2012 or 2011.

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**Stock Options**

The Company estimates the fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using an option-pricing model. The value of the portion of the award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as expense over the requisite service period in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

Share-based compensation expense recognized during the period is based on the value of the portion of share-based payment awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. Compensation expense recognized for all stock option awards granted is recognized using the straight-line method over the vesting period. The options generally vest ratably over a period of 3 years, however, fiscal 2012 grants included nonqualified stock option awards to executive officers with different vesting periods, in each case, subject to certain events of acceleration as provided in the applicable employment agreement or award agreement with the executive officer.

The share-based compensation expense recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is based on awards ultimately expected to vest. Currently, management estimates an annual forfeiture rate of 6.5% based on actual forfeiture experience from the inception of the Omnibus Plan. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option valuation model, which requires management to make certain assumptions for estimating the fair value of stock options at the date of the grant. The Company's assumption regarding expected stock price volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock price. The risk-free interest rate is based on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues at the date of grant with a remaining term equal to the expected life of the stock options. The average expected life is based on the midpoint between the vesting date and the end of the contractual term of the award.

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (unaudited):

| Outstanding Stock Options                       | Number<br>of<br>Stock<br>Options | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price (\$) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Grant Date<br>Fair Value (\$) | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Life<br>(Years) | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value<br>(Dollars<br>in thousands) |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Outstanding at June 30, 2012                    | 667,235                          | 12.84   | 4.78   | 4.8   | 143  |
| Granted   | —                                | —   | —  | 0   | —  |
| Cancelled/forfeited                             | (122,455)                        | 12.82   | 4.12   | 0   | —  |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2012               | 544,780                          | 12.84   | 4.93   | 5.4   | 404  |
| Vested and exercisable, September 30, 2012      | 206,600                          | 16.28   | 6.14   | 4.5   | —  |
| Vested and expected to vest, September 30, 2012 | 524,744                          | 12.84   | 4.96   | 5.4   | 367  |

The aggregate intrinsic values in the table above represent the total pretax intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing stock price of \$9.51 at September 28, 2012, representing the last trading day of the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012, which would have been received by award holders had all award holders exercised their awards that were in-the-money as of that date. Total fair value of options vested during three months ended September 30, 2012 was 0.

As of September 30, 2012 and 2011, there was approximately \$1.1 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, of unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options. Compensation expense recognized in general and

administrative expenses was \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million for fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

**Restricted Stock**

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, the Company granted a total of 6,830 shares of restricted stock, with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$9.06. No shares of restricted stock were granted during the three months ended September 30, 2011. Shares of restricted stock generally vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant for employees including officers. Shares of restricted stock generally vest ratably over a period of three years for directors and officers who are not employees. The fiscal 2012 grants included certain awards to executive officers with different vesting periods, in each case, subject to accelerated vesting as provided in the applicable employment agreement or award agreement with the executive officer.

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Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period based on the estimated fair value of the restricted stock. Compensation expense recognized in general and administrative expense was \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. As of September 30, 2012 and 2011, there was approximately \$1.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, of unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock.

The following table summarizes restricted stock activity for the three months ended September 30, 2012 (unaudited):

| Outstanding and Nonvested Restricted Stock Awards | Shares Awarded | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value (\$) | Weighted Average Remaining Life (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (\$ in thousands) |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|
| Outstanding June 30, 2012                         | 175,947        | 10.16                                       | 1.9                                     | 1,401                                       |
| Granted   | 6,830          | 9.06  |   | 62  |
| Vested  | —              | —   | —                                       | —   |
| Cancelled/forfeited                               | (1,535)        | 10.56                                       | —                                       |   |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2012                 | 181,242        | 10.12                                       | 1.7                                     | 1,724                                       |
| Expected to vest, September 30, 2012              | 181,242        | 10.12                                       | 1.7                                     | 1,724                                       |

#### Note 8. Income Taxes

The Company adjusts its effective tax rate each quarter based on its current estimated annual effective tax rate. The Company also records the tax impact of certain discrete items, unusual or infrequently occurring tax events and the effects of changes in tax laws or rates, in the interim period in which they occur. In addition, the Company evaluates its deferred tax assets quarterly to determine if a valuation allowance is required.

The Company considered whether a valuation allowance should be recorded against deferred tax assets based on the likelihood that the benefits of the deferred tax assets would or would not ultimately be realized in future periods. In making this assessment, significant weight was given to evidence that could be objectively verified such as recent operating results and less consideration was given to less objective indicators such as future earnings projections. After consideration of positive and negative evidence, including the recent history of losses, the Company cannot conclude that it is more likely than not to generate future earnings sufficient to realize the Company's deferred tax assets. Accordingly, the Company decreased its valuation allowance by \$1.2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2012 to \$83.8 million. The valuation allowance at June 30, 2012 was \$85.0 million.

A summary of the income tax expense recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 is as follows:

| (In thousands)                                 | Three Months Ended                |                    |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
|  | September 30, 2012<br>(Unaudited) | September 30, 2011 |
| Income (loss) before taxes                     | \$3,296                           | \$(7,238)          |
| Income tax expense (benefit) at statutory rate | \$1,121                           | \$(2,461)          |
| State income tax (net of federal tax benefit)  | 429                               | (280)              |
| Dividend income exclusion                      | —                                 | (50)               |
| Valuation allowance                            | (1,235)                           | 3,082              |
| Other permanent items                          | 107                               | 55                 |
| Income tax expense                             | \$422                             | \$346              |



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As of September 30, 2012 and June 30, 2012 the Company had not recognized the following tax benefits in its consolidated financial statements:

| (In thousands)  | As of<br>September 30,<br>2012<br>(Unaudited) | June 30,<br>2012 |
|---|---|------------------|
| Total unrecognized tax benefits*  | \$3,211                                       | \$3,211          |
| Unrecognized benefits that, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate, subject to the valuation allowance* | \$3,064                                       | \$3,064          |

\* Excluding interest and penalties

The Company believes it is reasonably possible that approximately \$43,000 of its total unrecognized tax benefits could be released in the next 12 months.

The Company is currently appealing a decision reached by the Internal Revenue Service regarding its June 30, 2003 through June 30, 2008 tax returns. In January 2012, the appeals officer gave a preliminary indication that the audit results will be upheld.

#### Note 9. Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share

The following table sets forth the calculation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share:

| (In thousands, except share and per share amounts)                  | Three Months Ended September 30,<br>2012<br>(Unaudited) | 2011       |
|---|---|------------|
| Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders—basic         | \$2,841   | \$(7,544)  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to nonvested restricted stockholders | 33  | (40)       |
| Total net income (loss)   | \$2,874   | \$(7,584)  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding—basic                           | 15,490,365  | 15,182,147 |
| Effect of dilutive securities:                                      |   |            |
| Shares issuable under stock options                                 | —   | —          |
| Weighted average shares outstanding—diluted                         | 15,490,365  | 15,182,147 |
| Net income (loss) per common share—basic and diluted                | \$0.19  | \$(0.50)   |

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Forward-Looking Statements

The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors. The results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period. The following discussion should be read in combination with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in Part I, Item 1 of this report and with the "Risk Factors" described in Part II, Item 1A of this report.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Credit Facility

On September 12, 2011, we entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") among the Company and CBI, as Borrowers, certain of the Company's other subsidiaries, as Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"), as Agent

The Loan Agreement provides for a senior secured revolving credit facility of up to \$85.0 million, with a letter of credit sublimit of \$20.0 million. The revolving credit facility provides for advances of 85% of eligible accounts receivable and 75% of eligible inventory (subject to a \$60.0 million inventory loan limit), as defined. The Loan Agreement provides for interest rates based on modified Monthly Average Excess Availability levels with a range of PRIME + 0.25% to PRIME + 0.75% or Adjusted Eurodollar Rate + 2.0% to Adjusted Eurodollar Rate + 2.5%. The Loan Agreement has an amendment fee of 0.375% and an unused line fee of 0.25%. Outstanding obligations under the Loan Agreement are collateralized by all of the Borrowers' assets, including the Company's preferred stock portfolio. The term of the Loan Agreement expires on March 2, 2015.

The Loan Agreement contains a variety of affirmative and negative covenants of types customary in an asset-based lending facility, including those relating to reporting requirements, maintenance of records, properties and corporate existence, compliance with laws, incurrence of other indebtedness and liens, limitations on certain payments, including the payment of dividends and capital expenditures, and transactions and extraordinary corporate events. The Loan Agreement allows us to pay dividends, subject to certain liquidity requirements. The Loan Agreement also contains financial covenants requiring the Borrowers to maintain minimum Excess Availability and Total Liquidity levels. The Loan Agreement allows the Lender to establish reserve requirements, which may reduce the amount of credit otherwise available to us, to reflect events, conditions, or risks that would have a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting the Lender's collateral or our assets, including our green coffee inventory.

The Loan Agreement provides that an event of default includes, among other things, subject to certain grace periods: (i) payment defaults; (ii) failure by any guarantor to perform any guarantee in favor of Lender; (iii) failure to abide by loan covenants; (iv) default with respect to other material indebtedness; (v) final judgment in a material amount not discharged or stayed; (vi) any change of control; (vii) bankruptcy or insolvency; and (viii) the failure of the Farmer Bros. Co. Employee Stock Ownership Benefit Trust, created by the Company to implement the Farmer Bros. Co. Employee Stock Ownership Plan ("ESOP"), to be duly qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or exempt from federal income taxation, or if the ESOP engages in a material non-exempt prohibited transaction.

On January 9, 2012, the Loan Agreement was amended ("Amendment No. 1") in connection with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan Chase"), becoming an additional Lender thereunder. Pursuant to Amendment No. 1, Wells Fargo will provide a commitment of \$60.0 million and JPMorgan Chase will provide a commitment of \$25.0 million. As of September 30, 2012, we had outstanding borrowings of \$25.0 million, excluding loan extension fees of \$0.2 million, utilized \$11.9 million of the letters of credit sublimit, and had excess availability under the credit facility of \$40.0 million. The weighted average interest rate on our outstanding borrowings under the Loan Agreement was 2.73% at September 30, 2012. Due to the short-term nature of the credit facility and the variable interest rate, fair value of the balance outstanding approximates carrying value. As of September 30, 2012, we were in compliance with all restrictive covenants under the Loan Agreement. There can be no assurance that the Lender will issue a waiver or grant an amendment to the covenants in future periods, if the Company required one. As of October 31, 2012, we had estimated outstanding borrowings of \$24.8 million, including loan extension fees of \$0.2 million, utilized \$10.2

million of the letters of credit sublimit, and had excess availability under the credit facility of \$41.7 million. As of October 31, 2012, the weighted average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings was 2.73%.

## Liquidity

We generally finance our operations through cash flow from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility described above. As of September 30, 2012, we had \$2.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$20.6 million in short-term investments. We believe our revolving credit facility, to the extent available, in addition to our cash flows from operations and other liquid assets, are sufficient to fund our working capital and capital expenditure requirements for the next 12 months.

We generate cash from operating activities primarily from cash collections related to the sale of our products. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$3.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2012, compared with net cash used in operating activities of \$33,000 in the three months ended September 30, 2011. Net cash provided by operating activities in the first quarter of fiscal 2013 was primarily due to net income, proceeds from sale of short-term investments and increase in accounts payable offset, in part, by increase in inventories. Net cash used in operating activities in the first quarter of fiscal 2012 was primarily due to net loss incurred, increase in inventory levels and decrease in accounts payable and other long-term liabilities offset, in part, by proceeds from the sale of short-term investments.

Net cash provided by investing activities decreased to \$0.2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2013, compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$2.7 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2012. In the first quarter of fiscal 2013, cash inflow of \$3.8 million in proceeds from sale of fixed assets offset capital expenditures of \$3.6 million. In the first quarter of the prior fiscal year cash inflow from sale of fixed assets was \$0.2 million and cash outflow for capital expenditures was \$2.9 million.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$5.2 million in fiscal 2012, compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$1.2 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2012. Cash flows related to financing activities included net repayments on our revolving line of credit of \$4.5 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2013 compared to net borrowings of \$1.6 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2012.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2013, we capitalized \$3.6 million in property, plant and equipment purchases which included \$1.9 million in expenditures to replace normal wear and tear of coffee brewing equipment, \$1.5 million in expenditures for vehicles, and machinery and equipment.

Our expected capital expenditures for fiscal 2013 include expenditures to replace normal wear and tear of coffee brewing equipment, vehicles, and machinery and equipment, and are expected not to deviate significantly from fiscal 2012 levels.

Our working capital is comprised of the following:

|                        | September 30, 2012<br>(Unaudited)        | June 30, 2012 |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| (In thousands)         |  |               |
| Current assets         | \$139,678                                | \$135,851     |
| Current liabilities    | 89,212                                   | 92,689        |
| Working capital        | \$50,466                                 | \$43,162      |
| Liquidity Information: |  |               |
|                        | Three Months Ended September 30,<br>2012 | 2011          |
| (In thousands)         | (Unaudited)                              |               |
| Capital expenditures   | \$3,572                                  | \$2,910       |

## Results of Operations

Net sales in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$2.0 million, or 2%, to \$119.2 million as compared to \$121.2 million in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2011. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in sales of our coffee products. Although coffee product sales unit volume increased, net sales dollars decreased slightly because of increase in sales to our national account customers who buy our coffee products at prices that closely track the coffee prices in the commodity markets which decreased substantially in the current quarter compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year.

Gross profit in the three months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$4.9 million, or 12%, to \$44.6 million, as compared to \$39.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2011 primarily due to lower average cost of coffee purchased. Gross margin increased to 37% in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 from 33% in the comparable period in the prior fiscal year.

Operating expenses in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 increased \$1.9 million, or 4%, to \$46.2 million, or 39% of sales, from \$44.3 million, or 37% of sales, in the first quarter of the prior fiscal year primarily due to higher payroll and related expenses resulting from our investments in additional sales and marketing personnel.

Total other income in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 was \$4.8 million compared to total other expense of \$2.6 million in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2011. Total other income in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 included \$3.2 million in gain on sales of real estate and \$0.8 million in recovery of an account previously deemed uncollectible. Additionally, total other income in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 included \$0.8 million in net derivative gains compared to \$2.6 million in net derivative losses in the comparable period of the prior fiscal year.

Income tax expense in the three months ended September 30, 2012 was \$0.4 million compared to \$0.3 million in the three months ended September 30, 2011.

As a result of the forgoing factors, net income in the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 was \$2.9 million, or \$0.19 per common share, as compared to net loss of (\$7.6) million, or (\$0.50) per common share, during the same period in the prior fiscal year.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to net income (loss) determined in accordance with GAAP, the Company uses certain non-GAAP financial measures, such as “EBITDAE” in assessing its operating performance. The Company believes that this non-GAAP financial measure serves as an appropriate measure to be used in evaluating the performance of its business.

The Company defines EBITDAE as net income (loss) excluding the impact of income taxes, interest expense, depreciation and amortization expense, ESOP and share-based compensation expense, non-cash impairment losses and pension withdrawal expense, if any, and net gains and losses from derivatives and investments. EBITDAE as defined by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. The Company does not intend for non-GAAP financial measures to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for other measures prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Set forth below is a reconciliation of reported net income (loss) to EBITDAE:

| (In thousands)                                 | Three Months Ended September 30, |           |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
|  | 2012                             | 2011      |
|  | (Unaudited)                      |           |
| Net income (loss), as reported(1)              | \$2,874                          | \$(7,584) |
| Income tax expense                             | 422                              | 346       |
| Interest expense                               | 457                              | 575       |
| Depreciation and amortization expense          | 8,340                            | 7,923     |
| ESOP and share-based compensation expense      | 823                              | 790       |
| Net (gain) loss on derivatives and investments | (802)                            | ) 2,621   |
| EBITDAE(1)                                     | \$12,114                         | \$4,671   |

(1) Three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, include \$3.2 million and \$0 in gain on sale of real estate.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

##### Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market value risk arising from changes in interest rates on our securities portfolio. Our portfolio of preferred securities has sometimes included investments in derivatives that provide a natural economic hedge of interest rate risk. We review the interest rate sensitivity of these securities and may enter into “short positions” in futures contracts on U.S. Treasury securities or hold put options on such futures contracts to reduce the impact of certain interest rate changes. Specifically, we attempt to manage the risk arising from changes in the general level of interest rates. We do not transact in futures contracts or put options for speculative purposes. The number and type of futures and options contracts entered into depends on, among other items, the specific maturity and issuer redemption provisions for each preferred stock held, the slope of the Treasury yield curve, the expected volatility of U.S. Treasury

yields, and the costs of using futures and/or options.

The following table demonstrates the impact of varying interest rate changes based on our preferred securities holdings and market yield and price relationships at September 30, 2012. This table is predicated on an “instantaneous” change in the

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general level of interest rates and assumes predictable relationships between the prices of our preferred securities holdings and the yields on U.S. Treasury securities. At September 30, 2012, we had no futures contracts or put options designated as interest rate risk hedges.

| (Unaudited)           | Market Value of                            |                        |
|-----------------------|--|------------------------|
|                       | Preferred Securities at September 30, 2012 | Change in Market Value |
| Interest Rate Changes | (In thousands)                             |                        |
| –150 basis points     | \$20,997                                   | \$783                  |
| –100 basis points     | \$20,792                                   | \$578                  |
| Unchanged             | \$20,214                                   | \$—                    |
| +100 basis points     | \$19,444                                   | \$(770)                |
| +150 basis points     | \$19,081                                   | \$(1,133)              |

Our revolving credit facility with Wells Fargo is at a variable rate. The interest rate varies based upon line usage, borrowing base availability and market conditions. As of September 30, 2012, we had outstanding borrowings of \$25.0 million, excluding loan extension fees of \$0.2 million, utilized \$11.9 million of the letters of credit sublimit, and had excess availability under the credit facility of \$40.0 million. The weighted average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings at September 30, 2012 was 2.73%. The Loan Agreement provides for interest rates based on modified Monthly Average Excess Availability levels with a range of PRIME + 0.25% to PRIME + 0.75% or Adjusted Eurodollar Rate + 2.0% to Adjusted Eurodollar Rate + 2.5%.

The following table demonstrates the impact of interest rate changes on our annual interest expense under the revolving credit facility based on the outstanding balance and interest rate as of September 30, 2012:

| (Unaudited)           | Interest Rate | Annual Interest Expense |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Interest Rate Changes |               | (In thousands)          |
| –150 basis points     | 1.23          | % \$310                 |
| –100 basis points     | 1.73          | % \$436                 |
| Unchanged             | 2.73          | % \$688                 |
| +100 basis points     | 3.73          | % \$939                 |
| +150 basis points     | 4.23          | % \$1,065               |

#### Commodity Price Risk

We are exposed to commodity price risk arising from changes in the market price of green coffee. We value green coffee inventory on the LIFO basis. In the normal course of business we hold a large green coffee inventory and enter into forward commodity purchase agreements with suppliers. We are subject to price risk resulting from the volatility of green coffee prices. Due to competition and market conditions, volatile price increases cannot always be passed on to our customers.

We routinely enter into specialized hedging transactions to purchase future coffee contracts to enable us to lock in green coffee prices within a pre-established range, and hold a mix of futures contracts and options to help hedge against volatility in green coffee prices. Gains and losses on these derivative instruments are realized immediately in "Other, net."

For the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we recorded \$0.4 million and \$(1.0) million, respectively, in coffee-related net realized derivative gains (losses). For the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, we recorded \$1.1 million and \$(2.7) million, respectively, in coffee-related net unrealized derivative gains (losses).

The following table demonstrates the impact of changes in the market value of coffee cost on the market value of coffee inventory and forward purchase contracts:

| (Unaudited)                        | Market Value        |                      |            | (Decrease) Increase in Market Value |             |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Coffee Cost (Decrease)<br>Increase | Coffee<br>Inventory | Futures &<br>Options | Total      | Derivatives                         | Inventory   |
|                                    | (In thousands)      |                      |            |                                     |             |
| – 10%                              | \$27,000            | \$(40                | ) \$26,960 | \$ (40                              | ) \$ (3,432 |
| Unchanged                          | \$30,432            | \$377                | \$30,809   | \$ —                                | \$ —        |
| +10%                               | \$33,000            | \$40                 | \$33,040   | \$ 40                               | \$ 2,568    |

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

(the “Exchange Act”), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. In January 2010, we adopted Disclosure Controls and Procedures that included the organization of a Disclosure Committee designed to enhance our process of documenting our compliance with Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act. The Disclosure Committee performed its duties as prescribed by our Disclosure Controls and Procedures in preparing this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal period ended September 30, 2012.

As of September 30, 2012, our management, with the participation of our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2012, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

#### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management has determined that there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act) during our fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1.

#### Legal Proceedings

On August 31, 2012, the Council for Education and Research on Toxics (“CERT”) filed an amendment to a private enforcement action adding a number of companies as defendants, including CBI, which sell coffee in California. The suit alleges that the defendants have failed to issue clear and reasonable warnings in accordance with Proposition 65 that the coffee they produce, distribute and sell contains acrylamide. This lawsuit was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court (the “Court”). CERT has requested that the alleged violators remove acrylamide from their coffee or provide Proposition 65 warnings on their products and pay \$2,500 per day for each and every violation while they are in violation of Proposition 65. The Company has joined a Joint Defense Group and filed with the Court requesting a Motion to Stay. The Court has set a date of November 15, 2012 to hear the motion. At this time, the Company is not able to predict the probability of the outcome or estimate of loss, if any, related to these matters.

### Item 1A.

#### Risk Factors

Certain statements contained in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are not based on historical fact and are forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws and regulations. These statements are based on management's current expectations, assumptions, estimates and observations of future events and include any statements that do not directly relate to any historical or current fact. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words like “anticipates,” “estimates,” “projects,” “expects,” “plans,” “believes,” “intends,” “will,” “assumes,” and other words of similar meaning. Owing to the uncertainties inherent in forward-looking statements, actual results could differ materially from those set forth in forward-looking statements. We intend these forward-looking statements to speak only at the time of this report and do not undertake to update or revise these statements as more information becomes available except as required under federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in availability and cost of green coffee, competition, organizational changes, the impact of a weaker economy, business conditions in the coffee industry and food industry in general, our continued success in attracting new customers, variances from budgeted sales mix and growth rates, weather and special or unusual events, changes in the quality or dividend stream of third parties' securities and other investment vehicles in which we have invested our assets, as well as other risks described in this report and other factors described from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

You should consider each of the following factors as well as the other information in this report, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes, in evaluating our business and our prospects. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial may also negatively affect our business operations. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business and financial results could be harmed. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline.

#### **INCREASES IN THE COST OF GREEN COFFEE COULD REDUCE OUR GROSS MARGIN AND PROFIT.**

Our primary raw material is green coffee, an agricultural commodity. The bulk of the world's green coffee supply is mainly grown outside the United States and can be subject to volatile price fluctuations. Weather, real or perceived supply shortages, speculation in the commodity markets, political unrest, labor actions, currency fluctuations, armed conflict in coffee producing nations, and government actions, including treaties and trade controls between the U.S. and coffee producing nations, can affect the price of green coffee. In fiscal 2011, the market for green Arabica coffee increased approximately 80% per pound compared to the prior fiscal year. Additionally, green specialty coffees sell at a premium to other green coffees due to the inability of producers to increase supply in the short run to meet rising demand. As a result, the price spread between specialty coffee and non-specialty coffee is likely to widen as demand for specialty coffee continues to increase.

Green coffee prices can also be affected by the actions of producer organizations. The most prominent of these are the Colombian Coffee Federation, Inc. (CCF) and the International Coffee Organization (ICO). These organizations seek to increase green coffee prices largely by attempting to restrict supplies, thereby limiting the availability of green coffee to coffee consuming nations. As a result, these organizations or others may succeed in raising green coffee

prices.

There can be no assurance that we will be successful in passing commodity price increases on to our customers without losses in sales volume or gross margin in the future. Additionally, if green coffee beans from a region become unavailable or prohibitively expensive, we could be forced to use alternative coffee beans or discontinue certain blends, which could adversely impact our sales.

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**OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF QUALITY COFFEES MAY BE UNSUCCESSFUL AND IMPACT OUR ABILITY TO SUPPLY OUR CUSTOMERS OR EXPOSE US TO COMMODITY PRICE RISK.**

Some of the Arabica coffee beans of the quality we purchase do not trade directly on the commodity markets. Rather, we purchase these coffee beans on a negotiated basis from coffee brokers, exporters and growers. If any of these supply relationships with coffee brokers, exporters or growers deteriorate, we may be unable to procure a sufficient quantity of high quality coffee beans at prices acceptable to us or at all. In such case, we may not be able to fulfill the demand of our existing customers, supply new customers or expand other channels of distribution.

Maintaining a steady supply of green coffee is essential to keep inventory levels low and secure sufficient stock to meet customer needs. To help ensure future supplies, we may purchase coffee for delivery, in some instances, up to 18 months in the future. Non-performance by suppliers could expose us to credit and supply risk. Additionally, entering into such future commitments exposes us to purchase price risk. Because we are not always able to pass price changes through to our customers due to competitive pressures, unpredictable price changes can have an immediate effect on operating results that cannot be corrected in the short run. To reduce our potential price risk exposure we have, from time to time, entered into futures contracts to hedge coffee purchase commitments. Open contracts associated with these hedging activities are described in Part I, Item 3, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" of this report.

**DECLINES IN OF GREEN COFFEE COMMODITY PRICES MAY NOT BE IMMEDIATELY REFLECTED IN OUR COST OF GOODS SOLD AND MAY INCREASE VOLATILITY IN OUR RESULTS.**

We routinely use futures contracts to lock-in green coffee market prices, in some instances, as much as 18 months prior to the actual delivery date. Accounting rules require that we value our open futures contracts by marking them to market price at the end of each reporting period and include in our financial results the unrealized gains or losses based on whether the market price is higher or lower than the price we locked-in. If green coffee commodity prices decline below our locked-in price, we will be required to recognize the resulting losses in our results. Although such losses are offset by future gains when we sell the coffee, such transactions could potentially cause volatility in our results because the recognition of losses and the offsetting gains may occur in different fiscal periods. Rapid, sharp decreases in the cost of green coffee could also force us to lower sales prices before realizing cost reductions in our green coffee inventory.

**WE FACE EXPOSURE TO OTHER COMMODITY COST FLUCTUATIONS, WHICH COULD IMPACT OUR MARGINS AND PROFITABILITY.**

We are exposed to cost fluctuations in other commodities, including milk, spices, natural gas and gasoline. In addition, an increase in the cost of fuel could indirectly lead to higher electricity costs, transportation costs and other commodity costs. Much like green coffee costs, the costs of these commodities depend on various factors beyond our control, including economic and political conditions, foreign currency fluctuations, and global weather patterns. To the extent we are unable to pass along such costs to our customers through price increases, our margins and profitability will decrease.

**IMPAIRMENT CHARGES RELATED TO OUR DEFINITE-LIVED AND INDEFINITE-LIVED INTANGIBLE ASSETS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR FUTURE OPERATING RESULTS.**

Indefinite-lived intangible assets (other than goodwill) are not amortized but instead are reviewed for impairment annually and on an interim basis if events or changes in circumstances between annual tests indicate that an asset might be impaired. A definite-lived intangible asset is only deemed to have become impaired if the sum of the projected undiscounted future cash flows related to the asset is less than the carrying value of the asset. If the sum of the projected cash flows is less than the carrying value, then we must write down the carrying value to its estimated fair value in the period in which the determination is made. An indefinite-lived intangible asset (other than goodwill) is deemed impaired if its estimated fair value is less than its carrying value.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2012, we determined that certain indefinite-lived intangible asset consisting of trademarks acquired in connection with the CBI acquisition were impaired and recorded an impairment charge of \$0.5 million in operating expenses. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011, we determined that definite-lived intangible assets consisting of the customer relationships acquired, and the distribution agreement and co-pack agreement entered into,

in connection with the DSD Coffee Business acquisition were impaired and recorded an impairment charge of \$7.8 million in operating expenses. Failure to achieve our forecasted operating results, due to further weakness in the economic environment or other factors, and further declines in our market capitalization, among other things, could result in further impairment of our definite-lived and indefinite-lived intangible assets.

**OUR LEVEL OF INDEBTEDNESS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO RAISE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TO FUND OUR OPERATIONS, AND LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO REACT TO CHANGES IN THE ECONOMY OR OUR INDUSTRY.**

We have an \$85.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility. As of October 31, 2012, we had estimated outstanding borrowings of \$24.8 million, including \$0.2 million in loan extension fees, utilized \$10.2 million of the letters of credit sublimit, and had excess availability under the credit facility of \$41.7 million. Maintaining a large loan balance under our credit facility could adversely affect our business and limit our ability to plan for or respond to changes in our business. Additionally, our borrowings under the credit facility are at variable rates of interest, exposing us to the risk of interest rate volatility, which could lead to an increase in our net loss. Our debt obligations could also:

- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- require us to dedicate a portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow for other purposes, including funding daily operations, investing in future business opportunities and capital expenditures;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate thereby placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that may have less debt or debt with less restrictive debt covenants;
- limit, by the financial and other restrictive covenants in our loan agreement, our ability to borrow additional funds; and

have a material adverse effect on us if we fail to comply with the covenants in our loan agreement because such failure could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could result in our indebtedness becoming immediately due and payable.

**RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN OUR CREDIT FACILITY MAY RESTRICT OUR ABILITY TO PURSUE OUR BUSINESS STRATEGIES.**

Our revolving credit facility contains various covenants that limit our ability and/or our subsidiaries' ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- pay dividends on or make distributions in respect of capital stock or make certain other restricted payments or investments;
- sell assets;
- create liens on certain assets to secure debt; and
- consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets.

Our credit facility also contains restrictive covenants that require the Company and its subsidiaries to satisfy financial condition and liquidity tests. Our ability to meet those tests may be affected by events beyond our control, and there can be no assurance that we will meet those tests. The breach of any of these covenants or our failure to meet the financial condition or liquidity tests could result in a default under the credit facility, and the lender could elect to declare all amounts borrowed thereunder, together with accrued interest, to be due and payable and could proceed against the collateral securing that indebtedness.

**OUR BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE.**

Our success depends to a significant extent on a number of factors that affect discretionary consumer spending, including economic conditions, disposable consumer income and consumer confidence, which have deteriorated due to current economic conditions. In a slow economy, businesses and individuals scale back their discretionary spending on travel and entertainment, including "dining out" as well as the purchase of high-end consumables like specialty coffee. Economic conditions may also cause businesses to reduce travel and entertainment expenses, and may even cause office coffee benefits to be eliminated. The current economic downturn and decrease in consumer spending may continue to adversely impact our revenues, and may affect our ability to market our products or otherwise implement our business strategy. Additionally, many of the effects and consequences of the global financial crisis and a broader global economic downturn are currently unknown; any one or all of them could potentially have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and capital resources, including our ability to sell third party securities in which we have

invested some of our short-term assets or raise additional capital, if needed, or the ability of

our lender to honor draws on our credit facility, or otherwise negatively affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

**WE RELY ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ARE DEPENDENT ON ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOFTWARE IN OUR OPERATIONS. ANY MATERIAL FAILURE, INADEQUACY, INTERRUPTION OR SECURITY FAILURE OF THAT TECHNOLOGY COULD AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY OPERATE OUR BUSINESS.**

We rely on information technology systems across our operations, including management of our supply chain, point-of-sale processing, and various other processes and transactions. Our ability to effectively manage our business and coordinate the production, distribution and sale of our products depends significantly on the reliability and capacity of these systems. The failure of these systems to operate effectively, problems with transitioning to upgraded or replacement systems, or a breach in security of these systems could result in delays in processing replenishment orders from our branch warehouses, our inability to record product sales and reduced operational efficiency. Significant capital investments could be required to remediate any potential problems.

**VOLATILITY IN THE EQUITY MARKETS COULD REDUCE THE VALUE OF OUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO.**

We maintain a portfolio of fixed-income based investments disclosed as cash equivalents and short-term investments on our consolidated balance sheets. The value of our investments may be adversely affected by interest rate fluctuations, downgrades in credit ratings, illiquidity in the capital markets and other factors which may result in other than temporary declines in the value of our investments. Any of these events could cause us to record impairment charges with respect to our investment portfolio or to realize losses on the sale of investments. If our operating losses continue, a portion of this entire investment portfolio may be liquidated to fund those losses.

**WE ARE LARGELY RELIANT ON MAJOR FACILITIES IN CALIFORNIA, TEXAS AND OREGON FOR PRODUCTION OF OUR PRODUCT LINE.**

A significant interruption in operations at our manufacturing facilities in Torrance, California (our largest facility); Houston, Texas; or Portland, Oregon, whether as a result of a natural disaster, terrorism or other causes, could significantly impair our ability to operate our business. The majority of our green coffee comes through the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, Houston, San Francisco and Portland. Any interruption to port operations, highway arteries, gas mains or electrical service in these areas could restrict our ability to supply our branch warehouses with product and would adversely impact our business.

**INCREASED SEVERE WEATHER PATTERNS MAY INCREASE COMMODITY COSTS, DAMAGE OUR FACILITIES, AND IMPACT OR DISRUPT OUR PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES AND SUPPLY CHAIN.**

There is increasing concern that a gradual increase in global average temperatures due to increased concentration of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have caused and will continue to cause significant changes in weather patterns around the globe and an increase in the frequency and severity of extreme weather events. Major weather phenomena like El Niño and La Niña are dramatically affecting coffee growing countries. The wet and dry seasons are becoming unpredictable in timing and duration causing improper development of the coffee cherries. Decreased agricultural productivity in certain regions as a result of changing weather patterns may affect the quality, limit availability or increase the cost of key agricultural commodities, such as green coffee, sugar and tea, which are important ingredients for our products. Increased frequency or duration of extreme weather conditions could also damage our facilities, impair production capabilities, disrupt our supply chain or impact demand for our products. As a result, the effects of climate change could have a long-term adverse impact on our business and results of operations.

**OUR INDUSTRY IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND WE MAY NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY.**

We primarily compete with other coffee companies, including multi-national firms with substantially greater financial, marketing and operating resources than the Company. We face competition from many sources including the institutional foodservice divisions of multi-national manufacturers of retail products such as J.M. Smucker (Folgers Coffee), Dunkin' Donuts and Kraft Foods Inc. (Maxwell House Coffee), wholesale foodservice distributors such as Sysco Corporation and U.S. Foods, regional institutional coffee roasters such as S & D Coffee, Inc. and Boyd Coffee Company, and specialty coffee suppliers such as Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc., Rogers Family Company,

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Coffee, Inc., and Peet's Coffee & Tea, Inc. As many of our customers are small foodservice operators, we also compete with club stores such as Costco and Restaurant Depot. If we do not succeed in differentiating ourselves from our competitors or our competitors adopt our strategies, then our competitive position may be weakened. In addition, from time to time, we may need to reduce our prices in response to competitive and customer pressures and to maintain our market share. Competition and customer pressures, however, also may restrict our ability to increase prices in response to commodity and other cost increases. Our results of operations will be adversely affected if our profit margins decrease, as a result of a reduction in prices or an increase in costs, and if we are unable to increase sales volumes to offset those profit margin decreases.

**VOLATILITY IN THE EQUITY MARKETS OR INTEREST RATE FLUCTUATIONS COULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE OUR PENSION FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR FINANCIAL POSITION.**

At June 30, 2012, the projected benefit obligation under our single employer defined benefit pension plans was \$130.4 million and the fair value of plan assets was \$85.8 million. The difference between plan obligations and assets, or the funded status of the plans, significantly affects the net periodic benefit cost and ongoing funding requirements of those plans. Among other factors, changes in interest rates, mortality rates, early retirement rates, investment returns and the market value of plan assets can affect the level of plan funding, cause volatility in the net periodic benefit cost and increase our future funding requirements. As of September 30, 2012, we have made \$1.3 million in contributions to these pension plans and accrued \$0.3 million in expense. We expect to make approximately \$4.3 million in contributions to our single employer defined benefit pension plans in fiscal 2013 and accrue expense of approximately \$1.2 million per year beginning in fiscal 2013. These pension payments are expected to continue at this level for several years, and the current economic environment increases the risk that we may be required to make even larger contributions in the future.

**OUR SALES AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IS COSTLY TO MAINTAIN.**

Our sales and distribution network requires a large investment to maintain and operate. Costs include the fluctuating cost of gasoline, diesel and oil, costs associated with managing, purchasing, leasing, maintaining and insuring a fleet of delivery vehicles, the cost of maintaining distribution centers and branch warehouses throughout the country, and the cost of hiring, training and managing our route sales professionals. Many of these costs are beyond our control, and many are fixed rather than variable. Some competitors use alternate methods of distribution that eliminate many of the costs associated with our method of distribution.

**EMPLOYEE STRIKES AND OTHER LABOR-RELATED DISRUPTIONS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR OPERATIONS.**

We have union contracts relating to a significant portion of our workforce. Although we believe union relations have been amicable in the past, there is no assurance that this will continue in the future. There are potential adverse effects of labor disputes with our own employees or by others who provide transportation (shipping lines, truck drivers) or cargo handling (longshoremen), both domestic and foreign, of our raw materials or other products. These actions could restrict our ability to obtain, process and/or distribute our products.

**GOVERNMENT MANDATORY HEALTHCARE REQUIREMENTS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR PROFITS.**

We offer healthcare benefits to all employees who work at least 40 hours a week and meet service eligibility requirements. In the past, some states, including California, have proposed legislation mandating that employers pay healthcare premiums into a state-run fund for all employees immediately upon hiring or pay a penalty for failing to do so. If legislation similar to this were to be enacted in California, or in the other states in which we do business, it could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, comprehensive health care legislation (the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010) was passed and signed into law in March 2010. Due to the breadth and complexity of this legislation, it is difficult to predict the financial and operational impacts this legislation will have on us. Our expenses may significantly increase over the long-term as a result of this legislation.

**POSSIBLE LEGISLATION OR REGULATION INTENDED TO ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS, CASH FLOWS AND**

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Governmental agencies are evaluating changes in laws to address concerns about the possible effects of greenhouse gas emissions on climate. Increased public awareness and concern over climate change may increase the likelihood of more

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proposals to reduce or mitigate the emission of greenhouse gases. Laws enacted that directly or indirectly affect our suppliers (through an increase in the cost of production or their ability to produce satisfactory products) or our business (through an impact on our inventory availability, cost of goods sold, operations or demand for the products we sell) could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Compliance with any new or more stringent laws or regulations, or stricter interpretations of existing laws, including increased government regulations to limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions as a result of concern over climate change, could require us to reduce emissions and to incur compliance costs which could affect our profitability or impede the production or distribution of our products, which could affect our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition. In addition, public expectations for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions could result in increased energy, transportation and raw material costs and may require us to make additional investments in facilities and equipment.

**CHANGES IN CONSUMER PREFERENCES COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS.**

Our continued success depends, in part, upon the demand for coffee. We believe that competition from other beverages continues to dilute the demand for coffee. Consumers who choose soft drinks, juices, bottled water, teas and other beverages reduce spending on coffee. Consumer trends away from coffee could negatively impact our business.

**WE ARE SELF-INSURED. OUR RESERVES MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER FUTURE CLAIMS.**

We are self-insured for many risks up to significant deductible amounts. The premiums associated with our insurance continue to increase. General liability, fire, workers' compensation, directors and officers liability, life, employee medical, dental and vision and automobile risks present a large potential liability. While we accrue for this liability based on historical

experience, future claims may exceed claims we have incurred in the past. Should a different number of claims occur compared to what was estimated or the cost of the claims increase beyond what was anticipated, reserves recorded may not be sufficient and the accruals may need to be adjusted accordingly in future periods. In May 2011, we did not meet the minimum credit rating criteria for participation in the alternative security program for California self-insurers. As a result we were required to post a \$5.9 million letter of credit as a security deposit to the State of California Department of Industrial Relations Self-Insurance Plans. As of September 30, 2012, this letter of credit continues to serve as a security deposit.

**COMPETITORS MAY BE ABLE TO DUPLICATE OUR ROASTING AND BLENDING METHODS, WHICH COULD HARM OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION.**

We consider our roasting and blending methods essential to the flavor and richness of our coffees and, therefore, essential to our brand. Because our roasting methods cannot be patented, we would be unable to prevent competitors from copying these methods if such methods became known. If our competitors copy our roasts or blends, the value of our brand may be diminished, and we may lose customers to our competitors. In addition, competitors may be able to develop roasting or blending methods that are more advanced than our production methods, which may also harm our competitive position.

**OUR OPERATING RESULTS MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT FLUCTUATIONS FROM QUARTER TO QUARTER WHICH COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON OUR STOCK PRICE.**

Our operating results may fluctuate from period to period or within certain periods as a result of a number of factors, including fluctuations in the price and supply of green coffee, fluctuations in the selling prices of our products, the success of our hedging strategy, competition from existing or new competitors in our industry, changes in consumer preferences, and our ability to manage inventory and fulfillment operations and maintain gross margins. At the end of each quarter, we record the expected effect of the liquidation of LIFO inventory quantities, if any, and record the actual impact at fiscal year end. Fluctuations in our operating results as a result of these factors or for any other reason, could cause our stock price to decline. Accordingly, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results are not necessarily meaningful, and such comparisons should not be relied upon as indicators of future performance.

**OPERATING LOSSES MAY CONTINUE AND, AS A RESULT, COULD LEAD TO INCREASED LEVERAGE WHICH MAY HARM OUR FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.**

We have recorded net income in the quarter ended September 30, 2012, but incurred operating losses and net losses for each of the prior three fiscal years. If our current strategies are unsuccessful we may not achieve the levels of sales and earnings we expect. As a result, we could suffer additional losses in future years and our stock price could decline leading to deterioration in our credit rating, which could limit the availability of additional financing and increase the cost of obtaining financing. In addition, an increase in leverage could raise the likelihood of a financial covenant breach which in turn could limit our access to existing funding under our revolving credit facility.

Our ability to satisfy our operating lease obligations and make payments of principal and interest on our indebtedness depends on our future performance. Should we experience deterioration in operating performance, we will have less cash flow available to meet these obligations. In addition, if such deterioration were to lead to the closure of branch warehouses or distribution centers, we would need to fund the costs of terminating those leases. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow from operations in the future to satisfy these financial obligations, we may be required to, among other things:

- seek additional financing in the debt or equity markets;
- refinance or restructure all or a portion of our indebtedness;
- sell selected assets; or
- reduce or delay planned capital or operating expenditures.

Such measures might not be sufficient to enable us to satisfy our financial obligations. In addition, any such financing, refinancing or sale of assets might not be available on economically favorable terms.

**WE COULD FACE SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWAL LIABILITY IF WE WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION PLANS IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATE.**

We participate in a multiemployer defined benefit pension plan and a multiemployer defined contribution pension plan for certain union employees. We make periodic contributions to these plans to allow them to meet their pension benefit obligations to their participants. In the event we withdraw from participation in one or both of these plans, we could be required to make an additional lump-sum contribution to the plan, which would be reflected as an expense in our consolidated statement of operations and a liability on our consolidated balance sheet. Our withdrawal liability for any multiemployer plan would depend on the extent of the plan's funding of vested benefits. In fiscal 2012, in connection with the withdrawal from one of the multiemployer pension plans in which we participated, we recorded a charge of \$4.3 million, representing the present value of the estimated withdrawal liability expected to be paid in quarterly installments of \$0.1 million over 80 quarters. The installment payments will commence once the final amount of withdrawal liability is established, which determination may take up to 24 months from the date of withdrawal from the pension plan. Future collective bargaining negotiations may result in the Company withdrawing from the remaining multiemployer pension plans in which we participate and, if successful, may result in a withdrawal liability, the amount of which could be material to our results of operations and cash flows.

**WE DEPEND ON THE EXPERTISE OF KEY PERSONNEL. THE UNEXPECTED LOSS OF ONE OR MORE OF THESE KEY EMPLOYEES COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR OPERATIONS AND COMPETITIVE POSITION.**

Our continued success largely depends on the efforts and abilities of our executive officers and other key personnel. There is limited management depth in certain key positions throughout the Company. We must continue to recruit, retain and motivate management and other employees to maintain our current business and support our projected growth. The loss of key employees could adversely affect our operations and competitive position. We do not maintain key person life insurance policies on any of our executive officers.

**CONCENTRATION OF OWNERSHIP AMONG OUR PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS MAY PREVENT NEW INVESTORS FROM INFLUENCING SIGNIFICANT CORPORATE DECISIONS AND MAY RESULT IN A LOWER TRADING PRICE FOR OUR STOCK THAN IF OWNERSHIP OF OUR STOCK WAS LESS CONCENTRATED.**

As of November 2, 2012, members of the Farmer family or entities controlled by the Farmer family (including trusts) as a group beneficially owned approximately 39.3% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, these stockholders, acting together, may be able to influence the outcome of stockholder votes, including votes concerning the election and removal of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions. This level of concentrated ownership may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in the management or voting control of the Company. In addition, this significant concentration of share ownership may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock if investors perceive disadvantages in owning stock in a company with such concentrated ownership.

**FUTURE SALES OF SHARES BY EXISTING STOCKHOLDERS COULD CAUSE OUR STOCK PRICE TO DECLINE.**

All of our outstanding shares are eligible for sale in the public market, subject in certain cases to limitations under Rule 144 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Also, shares subject to outstanding options and restricted stock under the Farmer Bros. Co. 2007 Omnibus Plan (the "Omnibus Plan") are eligible for sale in the public market

to the extent permitted by the provisions of various vesting agreements, our stock ownership guidelines, and Rule 144 under the Securities Act. If these shares are sold, or if it is perceived that they will be sold in the public market, the trading price of our common stock could decline.

**ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR A THIRD PARTY TO ACQUIRE US.**

We have adopted a stockholder rights plan (the “Rights Plan”) pursuant to which each share of our outstanding common stock is accompanied by one preferred share purchase right (a “Right”). Each Right, when exercisable, will entitle the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value per share, at a purchase price of \$112.50, subject to adjustment. The Rights expire on March 28, 2015, unless they are earlier redeemed, exchanged or terminated as provided in the Rights Plan. Because the Rights may substantially dilute the stock ownership of a person or group attempting to take us over without the approval of our Board of Directors, our Rights Plan could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us (or a significant percentage of our outstanding capital stock) without first negotiating with our Board of Directors regarding such acquisition.

In addition, our Board of Directors has the authority to issue up to 500,000 shares of preferred stock (of which 200,000 shares have been designated as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock) and to determine the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, of those shares without any further vote or action by stockholders. The rights of the holders of our common stock may be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any preferred stock that may be issued in the future. The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of the Company without further action by stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of our common stock. Further, certain provisions of our charter documents, including a classified board of directors, provisions eliminating the ability of stockholders to take action by written consent, and provisions limiting the ability of stockholders to raise matters at a meeting of stockholders without giving advance notice, may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in control or management of the Company, which could have an adverse effect on the market price of our stock. In addition, our charter documents do not permit cumulative voting, which may make it more difficult for a third party to gain control of our Board of Directors. Further, we are subject to the anti-takeover provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which will prohibit us from engaging in a “business combination” with an “interested stockholder” for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, even if such combination is favored by a majority of stockholders, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. The application of Section 203 also could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control or management.

**QUALITY CONTROL PROBLEMS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BRANDS THEREBY NEGATIVELY IMPACTING OUR SALES.**

Our success depends on our ability to provide customers with high quality products and service. Although we take measures to ensure that we sell only fresh coffee, tea and culinary products, we have no control over our products once they are purchased by our customers. Accordingly, customers may store our products for longer periods of time, potentially affecting product quality. If consumers do not perceive our products and service to be of high quality, then the value of our brands may be diminished and, consequently, our operating results and sales may be adversely affected.

**ADVERSE PUBLIC OR MEDICAL OPINIONS ABOUT CAFFEINE AND REPORTS OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING FOOD BORNE ILLNESS AND TAMPERING MAY HARM OUR BUSINESS.**

Coffee contains significant amounts of caffeine and other active compounds, the health effects of some of which are not fully understood. A number of research studies conclude or suggest that excessive consumption of caffeine may lead to increased adverse health effects. An unfavorable report on the health effects of caffeine or other compounds present in coffee could significantly reduce the demand for coffee which could harm our business and reduce our sales.

Similarly, instances or reports, whether true or not, of unclean water supply, food-borne illnesses and food tampering have in the past severely injured the reputations of companies in the food processing sector and could in the future

affect us as well. Any report linking us to the use of unclean water, food-borne illnesses or food tampering could damage the value of our brands, negatively impact sales of our products, and potentially lead to product liability claims. Clean water is critical to the preparation of coffee beverages. We have no ability to ensure that our customers use a clean water supply to prepare coffee beverages.

**PRODUCT RECALLS AND INJURIES CAUSED BY PRODUCTS COULD REDUCE OUR SALES AND HARM OUR BUSINESS.**

Selling products for human consumption involves inherent legal risks. We could be required to recall products due to product contamination, spoilage or other adulteration, product misbranding or product tampering. We may also suffer losses if our products or operations violate applicable laws or regulations, or if our products cause injury, illness or death. A significant product liability claim against us, whether or not successful, or a widespread product recall may reduce our sales and harm our business.

**GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS COULD INCREASE OUR OPERATING COSTS, REDUCE DEMAND FOR OUR PRODUCTS OR RESULT IN LITIGATION.**

The conduct of our business, including the production, distribution, sale, advertising, marketing, labeling, safety, transportation and use of many of our products, are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations. These laws and regulations and interpretations thereof are subject to change as a result of political, economic or social events. Such changes may include changes in: food and drug laws; laws relating to product labeling, advertising and marketing practices; laws regarding ingredients used in our products; and increased regulatory scrutiny of, and increased litigation involving, product claims and concerns regarding the effects on health of ingredients in, or attributes of, our products. For example, we are subject to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as “Proposition 65”), a law which requires that a specific warning appear on any product sold in California that contains a substance listed by that State as having been found to cause cancer or birth defects. Proposition 65 exposes all food and beverage producers to the possibility of having to provide warnings on their products in California because it does not provide for any generally applicable quantitative threshold below which the presence of a listed substance is exempt from the warning requirement. Consequently, the detection of even a trace amount of a listed substance can subject an affected product to the requirement of a warning label. On June 21, 2012, the Council for Education and Research on Toxics, a public interest group, issued a pre-litigation notice of intent to sue a number of companies, including CBI, which sell coffee in California for allegedly failing to issue clear and reasonable warnings that the coffee they produce, distribute and/or sell contains acrylamide in accordance with Proposition 65, and on September 18, 2012, we were served with this lawsuit. We have joined a Joint Defense Group and filed with the Court requesting a Motion to Stay. The Court has set a date in November 2012 to hear this case. Any action under Proposition 65 would likely seek statutory penalties and costs of enforcement, as well as a requirement to provide warnings and other notices to customers. If we were required to add warning labels to any of our products or place warnings in certain locations where our products are sold, sales of those products could suffer not only in those locations but elsewhere. Any change in labeling requirements for our products also may lead to an increase in packaging costs or interruptions or delays in packaging deliveries. If we fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations, we may be subject to civil remedies, including fines, injunctions, recalls or seizures, as well as potential criminal sanctions, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

**FAILURE TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE INTERNAL CONTROLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 404 OF THE SARBANES OXLEY ACT OF 2002 COULD HAVE A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR BUSINESS AND STOCK PRICE.**

As directed by Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 (“SOX”), the SEC adopted rules requiring us, as a public company, to include a report of management on our internal controls over financial reporting in our annual report on Form 10 K and quarterly reports on Form 10 Q that contains an assessment by management of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting. In addition, our independent auditors must attest to and report on management’s assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of the end of the fiscal year. Compliance with SOX Section 404 has been a challenge for many companies. Our ability to continue to comply is uncertain as we expect that our internal controls will continue to evolve as our business activities change. If, during any year, our independent auditors are not satisfied with our internal controls over financial reporting or the level at which these controls are designed, documented, operated, tested or assessed, or if the independent auditors interpret the requirements, rules or regulations differently than we do, then they may decline to attest to management’s assessment or may issue a report that is qualified. In addition, if we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, we may not be able to ensure that we can conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal

controls over financial reporting in accordance with SOX Section 404. Failure to maintain an effective internal control environment could have a material adverse effect on our stock price. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to remediate material weaknesses, if any, which may be identified in future periods.

Item 6.

Exhibits

See Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

FARMER BROS. CO.

By: /S/ MICHAEL H. KEOWN  
Michael H. Keown  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(chief executive officer)  
Date: November 5, 2012

By: /S/ JEFFREY A. WAHBA  
Jeffrey A. Wahba  
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
(principal financial and accounting officer)  
Date: November 5, 2012

EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 filed with the SEC on May 11, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 25, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.1 Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on May 10, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.2 Rights Agreement, dated March 17, 2005, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Rights Agent (filed as Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on May 10, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 4.3 Specimen Stock Certificate (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-A/A filed with the SEC on February 6, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.1 Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated September 12, 2011, by and among Farmer Bros. Co. and Coffee Bean International, Inc., as Borrowers, Coffee Bean Holding Co., Inc. and FBC Finance Company, as Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Agent (filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 filed with the SEC on September 12, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.2 Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, effective January 9, 2012, by and among Farmer Bros. Co. and Coffee Bean International, Inc., as Borrowers, Coffee Bean Holding Co., Inc. and FBC Finance Company, as Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto, and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Agent (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC on February 8, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.3 Farmer Bros. Co. Pension Plan for Salaried Employees (filed herewith).\*
- 10.4 Amendment No. 1 to Farmer Bros. Co. Retirement Plan effective June 30, 2011 (filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 filed with the SEC on September 12, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.5 Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan (Amended and Restated as of December 31, 2008) (filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2008 filed with the SEC on February 10, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.6 Farmer Bros. Co. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as adopted by the Board of Directors on December 9, 2010 and effective as of January 1, 2010 (filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.7 Action of the Administrative Committee of the Farmer Bros. Co. qualified Employee Retirement Plans amending the Farmer Bros. Co. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Ownership Plan, effective as of

January 1, 2012 (filed herewith).

10.8 ESOP Loan Agreement including ESOP Pledge Agreement and Promissory Note, dated March 28, 2000, between Farmer Bros. Co. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee for the Farmer Bros Co. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.13 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).

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- 10.9 Amendment No. 1 to ESOP Loan Agreement, dated June 30, 2003, between Farmer Bros. Co. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee for the Farmer Bros Co. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.10 ESOP Loan Agreement No. 2 including ESOP Pledge Agreement and Promissory Note, dated July 21, 2003 between Farmer Bros. Co. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Trustee for the Farmer Bros Co. Employee Stock Ownership Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.15 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2010 filed with the SEC on February 9, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
- 10.11 Separation Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2011, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Roger M. Laverty III (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 6, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.12 Employment Agreement, dated March 9, 2012, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Michael H. Keown (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 13, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.13 Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective as of April 19, 2011, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Jeffrey A. Wahba (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 23, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.14 Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of August 30, 2011, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Jeffrey A. Wahba (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 2, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.15 Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective as of February 13, 2012, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Jeffrey A. Wahba (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 17, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.16 Letter Agreement, effective as of April 19, 2011, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Mark A. Harding (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 23, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.17 Employment Agreement, dated as of April 4, 2012, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Thomas W. Mortensen (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on April 10, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.18 Employment Agreement, effective as of April 19, 2011, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Patrick G. Criteser (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on May 23, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
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Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective as of February 13, 2012, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Patrick G. Criteser (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 17, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*

10.20 Employment Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2010, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Larry B. Garrett (filed as Exhibit 10.29 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 filed with the SEC on September 12, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*

10.21 Resignation Agreement, dated as of July 20, 2012, by and between Farmer Bros. Co. and Larry B. Garrett (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on July 24, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*

10.22 2007 Omnibus Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.22 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 filed with the SEC on September 10, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*

- 10.23 Form of 2007 Omnibus Plan Stock Option Grant Notice and Stock Option Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.24 Form of 2007 Omnibus Plan Restricted Stock Award Grant Notice and Restricted Stock Award Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.25 Stock Ownership Guidelines for Directors and Executive Officers (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.26 Form of Award Letter (Fiscal 2012) under Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 24, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.27 Form of Target Award Notification Letter (Fiscal 2013) under Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 28, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.28 Form of Target Award Notification Letter (Fiscal 2012) under Farmer Bros. Co. 2005 Incentive Compensation Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on September 21, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.29 Form of Change in Control Severance Agreement for Executive Officers of the Company (with schedule of executive officers attached) (filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on April 10, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 10.30 Form of Indemnification Agreement for Directors and Officers of the Company, as adopted on May 18, 2006 and as amended on December 31, 2008 (with schedule of indemnitees attached) (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on April 10, 2012 and incorporated herein by reference).\*
- 31.1 Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 31.2 Principal Financial and Accounting Officer Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 32.1 Principal Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).
- 32.2 Principal Financial and Accounting Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).

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The following financial statements from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended September 30, 2012, formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language: (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (furnished herewith).

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\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.