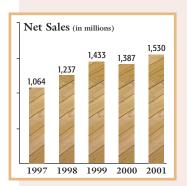


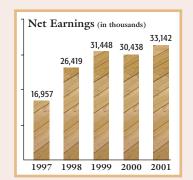
Universal Forest Products, Inc., is the nation's leading producer and supplier of premium wood products and structural lumber to the do-it-yourself (D-I-Y) retail home center, site-built construction, manufactured housing, and industrial/agricultural markets. • Backed by 47 years of experience, and a history of innovation and success, Universal has become the supplier of choice for these industries. Our competitive edges in distribution, engineering, manufacturing, and human capital distinguish us from the rest. Our competitive spirit and practical business solutions enable sure, steady growth so we can meet and exceed the needs of our customers and the expectations of our shareholders. • Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Universal has more than 6,500 people who work in 90 facilities in 79 locations throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Our national presence and the hardest-working people in the industry help Universal build dreams from coast to coast.

Fin	ancial Highlig	ghts	
(In thousands, except per share and statistical data.)	2001	2000	% change
Consolidated Statements of Earnings Data			
Net sales	\$1,530,353	\$1,387,130	+ 10.3
Gross profit	211,479	187,013	+ 13.1
Earnings before income taxes, minority interest and equity			
in earnings of investee	54,300	50,375	+ 7.8
Net earnings	33,142	30,438	+ 8.9
Dividends per share	\$0.085	\$0.080	+ 6.3
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.63	\$1.49	+ 9.4
Weighted average shares outstanding with common stock equivalents	20,377	20,477	- 0.5
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data			
Working capital	\$124,071	\$120,321	+ 3.1
Total assets	551,209	485,320	+ 13.6
Long-term debt and capital leases	210,785	159,590	+ 32.1
Shareholders' equity	230,862	235,769	- 2.1
Statistics			
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales	13.8%	13.5%	n/a
Net earnings as a percentage of net sales	2.2%	2.2%	n/a
Return on equity	14.1%	14.4%	n/a
Current ratio	2.1	2.5	n/a
Debt to equity ratio	.92	.68	n/a



Book value per common share





\$12.02



-2.4

\$11.73

#### To Our Shareholders:

If we ever had a year that tested – and confirmed – the strategic direction of Universal Forest Products, Inc., it was 2001. We saw great success in spite of tough obstacles. The lumber market was deflated. Our markets slowed, especially manufactured housing, resulting in even tougher competition. Our customers demanded more and more of us in terms of cost containment, service, and quality. That was our focus at Universal, and we delivered.

On Sept. 11, 2001, our nation suffered the most wrenching tragedy in history. It forever changed the way we think, live, and work as

a nation. It disrupted our business sectors and Wall Street – but only for a short time. Those who tried to destroy our nation certainly couldn't have imagined the affect of their cowardice: we united as a country and resolved, collectively and individually, to arise stronger than ever before.

The diversity of Universal's business and the innovation and dedication of our people proved, once again, to be our strengths. Add to that our sound acquisitions, our commitment to extraordinary customer service, and our prudent, yet ambitious goals, and you have the reasons for Universal's success in 2001.

We grew sales by 10.3 percent to more than \$1.5 billion. We increased net earnings by 8.9 percent, from \$30.4 million in 2000 to \$33.1 million in 2001. Our results by market were as impressive:

- In retail D-I-Y, we grew sales to \$739.1 million, up 11.9 percent over 2000;
- In site-built construction, we grew sales to \$308.8 million, an increase of 26.6 percent over 2000;

- Our agricultural/industrial sales were
   \$202.0 million, up 5.5 percent over 2000; and
- We saw sales of \$280.5 million in manufactured housing, down only 3.8 percent from 2000 despite a 23 percent decrease in housing production by the industry.

How did we do it? First, we focused internally. We enhanced processes and products. We identified ways to drive down costs. We focused on recruitment and retention so we could add good people and give them reasons to stay with Universal. We improved new-employee orientation to reduce turnover and the costs associated with it.

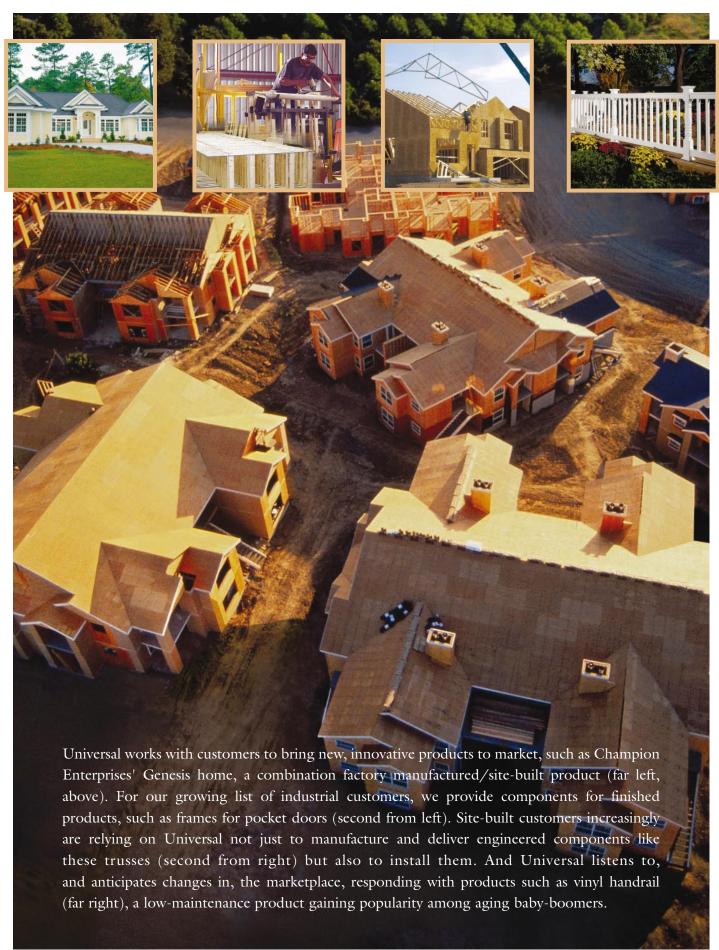
We took advantage of our tremendous growth opportunities within our current organization, plants, and business segments and sought out opportunities not recognized by our competitors.

For example: We grew our Industrial Sales Assault Team to sharpen our focus on the

vast opportunities in the industrial market. By dedicating 50 full-time and 30 part-time salespeople to this market, we realized new opportunities. This also gave plants focused on manufactured housing a chance for new business so they could successfully weather the temporary downturn in manufactured housing and create a new, strong stream of business opportunity.

Our Information Systems group used new techniques and enhanced existing systems to continually improve our purchasing and procurement functions. Today, management gets detailed and accurate information more quickly than ever allowing us to make timely, solid decisions. That enhances our responsiveness to our customers.





Our manufacturing team continued its evaluation of our facilities and processes to enhance operations and drive down costs. For example, a time study in many of our site-built truss-making plants will result in best practices to enhance collaboration and reduce production costs in plants nationwide.

Of course, not all of Universal's growth was the result of internal enhancements. In 2001, we acquired some of the best companies in the markets we serve and quickly assimilated them into our business and culture. By bringing these companies into the Universal fold, we didn't just add buildings, equipment, and manufacturing capacity; we increased our human capital by adding some of the best professionals in the industry. The management and staff of Sunbelt Wood Components, Superior Truss, P & R Truss, and D & R Framing Contractors quickly contributed to Universal's success.

Most importantly, we served customers with the experience, responsiveness, and quality products that have become synonymous with Universal Forest Products. We're proud of the reputation we've built as one of the world's leading suppliers of value-added wood products to four key markets. We're proud of our prudent, strategic growth. And we intend to maintain that sure, steady path to success for years to come.

In the coming year, we expect to grow by strengthening the systems we have and taking advantage of the many opportunities before us. We also expect that our strength will be enhanced as the commodity lumber market stabilizes, the manufactured housing market begins to recover, the D-I-Y market continues moderate growth, and as we continue to grow our sales to the site-built and industrial/agricultural markets.

We're honored by our award from Forbes magazine, which named us to its Platinum 400, an annual ranking of the 400 best-performing companies in the U.S. with more than \$1 billion in revenue. It's nice when others recognize and honor our hard work and success.

That award and the congratulations for a great year go to the more than 6,500 people of Universal, who are among the best, hardest-working employees in the world. We are grateful to them – and to our shareholders, who continually place their confidence in us. We are honored by that trust. And we intend to earn it again in 2002 and beyond.

Peter F. Secchia

Chairman of the Board

William G. Currie

Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

William E. Curil

When Peter F. Secchia purchased control of Universal Forest Products, Inc. in 1971, there were four employees and sales of \$10 million. Today, there are more than 6,500 employees who work in 79 locations in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Universal's success is a direct result of Peter's leadership, vision, drive, and generosity. At the end of 2002, Peter Secchia retires from active employment with Universal Forest Products, although he'll remain as a non-executive chairman of the board. Thank you Peter. We are grateful for your leadership.

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# Selected Financial Data

(In thousands, except per share and statistics data.)

		2001		2000		1999		1998		1997
Consolidated Statement of Earnings Data										
Net sales <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1	,530,353	\$1	,387,130	\$]	,432,601	\$1	,236,711	\$]	1,064,194
Gross profit		211,479		187,013		178,387		145,973		93,372
Earnings before income taxes, minority										
interest and equity in earnings of investee		54,300		50,375		51,537		43,034		25,982
Net earnings		33,142		30,438		31,448		26,419		16,957
Diluted earnings per share	\$	1.63	\$	1.49	\$	1.48	\$	1.28	\$	0.93
Dividends per share	\$	0.085	\$	0.080	\$	0.075	\$	0.070	\$	0.065
Weighted average shares outstanding with										
common stock equivalents		20,377		20,477		21,186		20,613		18,234
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data										
Working capital	\$	124,071	\$	120,321	\$	124,324	\$	99,559	\$	89,783
Total assets		551,209		485,320		468,638	Ċ	419,795		229,383
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations		210,785		159,590		154,298		141,880		49,977
Shareholders' equity		230,862		235,769		214,562		191,583		115,898
Statistics										
Gross profit as a percentage of net sales <sup>(1)</sup>		13.89	6	13.5%	6	12.4%	0	11.89	6	8.8%
Net earnings as a percentage of net sales		2.2%	6	2.2%	6	2.29	0	2.19	6	1.6%
Return on beginning equity		14.19	6	14.4%	6	16.6%	0	22.89	6	16.8%
Current ratio		2.10		2.50		2.36		2.21		2.32
Debt to equity ratio		0.92		0.68		0.72		0.74		0.43
Book value per common share	\$	11.73	\$	12.02	\$	10.65	\$	9.29	\$	6.65

<sup>(1)</sup> In 2001, we reclassified customer rebate expense from cost of goods sold to include it in net sales. Prior year amounts have been reclassified.

#### Risk Factors

Included in this report are certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of management, together with information available to us when the statements were made. Future results could differ materially from those included in such forward-looking statements as a result of, among other things, the factors set forth below and certain economic and business factors which may be beyond our control. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainty.

We are subject to fluctuations in the price of lumber. We experience significant fluctuations in the cost of commodity lumber products from primary producers (the "Lumber Market"). A variety of factors over which we have no control, including government regulations, environmental regulations, weather conditions, economic conditions and natural disasters, impact the cost of lumber products and our selling prices. While we attempt to minimize our risk from severe price fluctuations, substantial, prolonged trends in lumber prices can negatively affect our sales volume, our gross margins and our profitability. We anticipate that these fluctuations will continue in the future.

Our growth may be limited by the markets we serve. Our sales growth is dependent, in part, upon the growth of the markets we serve. If our markets do not achieve anticipated growth, or if we fail to maintain our market share, financial results could be impaired.

The manufactured housing industry is currently hampered by market conditions, including an oversupply of product and tightened credit policies which have impacted our ability to achieve short-term performance objectives. Significant lenders who previously provided financing to consumers of these products and industry participants have either restricted credit or exited the market. A continued shortage of financing to this industry could adversely affect our operating results. Our ability to achieve growth in sales and margins to the site-built construction market is somewhat dependent on housing starts. If housing starts decline significantly, our financial results could be negatively impacted.

We are witnessing consolidation by our customers. These consolidations will result in a larger portion of our sales being made to some customers and may limit the customer base we are able to serve.

Our growth may be limited by our ability to make successful acquisitions. A key component of our growth strategy is to complete business combinations. Business combinations involve inherent risks, including assimilation and successfully managing growth. While we conduct extensive due diligence and have taken steps to ensure successful assimilation, factors beyond our control could influence the results of these acquisitions. Also, the repurchase of approximately \$36 million of our stock from our largest shareholder may reduce the number and scope of our acquisitions in 2002.

We may be adversely affected by the impact of environmental and safety regulations. We are subject to the requirements of federal, state and local environmental and occupational health and safety laws and regulations. There can be no assurance that we are at all times in complete compliance with all of these requirements. We have made and will continue to make capital and other expenditures to comply with environmental regulations. If additional laws and regulations are enacted in the future, which restrict our ability to manufacture and market our products, including our treated lumber products, it could adversely affect our sales and profits. If existing laws are interpreted differently, it could also increase the financial costs to us. See additional discussion below under the caption "Environmental Considerations and Regulations."

Seasonality and weather conditions could adversely affect us. Some aspects of our business are seasonal in nature and results of operations vary from quarter to quarter. Our treated lumber and outdoor specialty products, such as fencing, decking and lattice, experience the greatest seasonal effects. Sales of treated lumber, primarily consisting of Southern Yellow Pine ("SYP"), also experience the greatest Lumber Market risk (see Historical Lumber Prices). Treated lumber sales are generally at their highest levels between April and August.

This sales peak, combined with capacity constraints in the wood treatment process, requires us to build our inventory of treated lumber throughout the winter and spring. This also has an impact on our receivables balances, which tend to be significantly higher at the end of the second and third quarters. Because sales prices of treated lumber products may be indexed to the Lumber Market at the time they are shipped, our profits can be negatively affected by prolonged declines in the Lumber Market during our primary selling season. To mitigate this risk, programs are maintained with certain vendors and customers that are intended to decrease our exposure. These programs include those materials which are most susceptible to adverse changes in the Lumber Market. Vendor programs also allow us to carry a lower investment in inventories.

The majority of our products are used or installed in outdoor construction activities; therefore, short-term sales volume, our gross margins, and our profits can be negatively affected by adverse weather conditions. In addition, adverse weather conditions can negatively impact our productivity and costs per unit.

We may be adversely affected if our customers and vendors are not willing to modify our existing distribution strategies. While we have invested heavily in technology and established electronic business-to-business efficiencies with certain customers and vendors, the willingness of customers and vendors to modify existing distribution strategies poses a potential risk. We believe the nature of our products, together with our value-added services, ensures that we have a secure position in the supply chain.

When analyzing this report to assess our future performance, please recognize the potential impact of the various factors set forth above.

#### Historical Lumber Prices

The following table presents the Random Lengths framing lumber composite price for the years ended December 29, 2001, December 30, 2000 and December 25, 1999.

	Random Lengths Composite Average \$/MBF		
	2001	2000	1999
January	\$269	\$ 386	\$370
February	285	385	386
March	306	382	394
April	331	359	393
May	411	326	421
June	365	331	454
July	325	308	480
August	336	289	404
September	309	287	392
October	278	280	360
November	283	281	385
December	277	275	384
Annual average	\$315	\$ 324	\$402
Annual percentage change	(2.8%)	(19.4%)	15.2%

In addition, a SYP composite price, prepared and used by our managers, is presented below. Sales of products produced using this species comprise up to fifty percent of our sales volume.

	SYP Composite Average \$/MBF		
	2001	2000	1999
January	\$369	\$488	\$471
February	393	490	497
March	408	494	513
April	427	483	496
May	509	439	523
June	496	456	563
July	426	432	590
August	419	403	492
September	406	395	473
October	365	384	456
November	371	374	456
December	371	378	484
Annual average	\$413	\$435	\$501
Annual percentage change	(5.1%)	(13.2%)	6.4%

#### Impact of the Lumber Market on Our Operating Results

We generally price our products to pass lumber costs through to our customers so that our profitability is based on the value-added manufacturing, distribution and services we provide. As a result, our sales levels (and working capital requirements) are impacted by the lumber costs of our products.

Our gross margins are impacted by both (1) the relative level of the Lumber Market (i.e. whether prices are higher or lower from comparative periods), and (2) the trend in the market price of lumber (i.e. whether the price of lumber is increasing or decreasing within a period or from period to period). Moreover, as explained below, our products are priced differently. Some of our products have fixed selling prices, while the selling prices of other products are indexed to the reported Lumber Market with a fixed dollar adder to cover conversion costs and profits. Consequently, the level and trends of the Lumber Market impact our products differently.

Below is a general description of the different ways in which our products are priced.

- Products with fixed selling prices. These products include value-added products such as decking and fencing sold to do-it-yourself/retail ("DIY/retail") customers, as well as trusses, wall panels and other components sold to the site-built construction market. Prices for these products are generally fixed at the time of the sales quotation for a specified period of time or are based upon a specific quantity. In order to maintain margins and eliminate or reduce any exposure to changes in the price of component lumber products, we attempt to lock in prices for these sales commitments with our suppliers. Also, the time periods and quantity limitations generally allow us to reprice our products for changes in lumber prices from our suppliers.
- Products with selling prices indexed to the reported Lumber Market with a fixed dollar "adder" to cover conversion costs and profits. These products include treated lumber, remanufactured lumber and trusses sold to the manufactured housing industry. For these products, we estimate the customers' needs and carry anticipated levels of inventory. Because lumber costs are set in advance of final sale prices, subsequent increases or decreases in the market price of lumber impact our gross margins. For these products, our margins are exposed to changes in the trend of lumber prices.

Changes in the trend of lumber prices have their greatest impact on those products that have significant inventory levels with low turnover rates. This particularly impacts treated lumber, which comprises over twenty five percent of our total sales. In other words, the longer the period of time that products remain in inventory,

the greater the exposure to changes in the price of lumber. This exposure is less significant with remanufactured lumber, trusses sold to the manufactured housing market and other similar products, due to the higher level of inventory turnover.

In addition to the impact of Lumber Market trends on gross margins, changes in the level of the market causes fluctuations in gross margins when comparing operating results from period to period. This is explained in the following example, which assumes the price of lumber has increased from period one to period two, with no changes in the trend within each period.

	Period 1	Period 2
Lumber cost	\$300	\$400
Conversion cost	50	50
= Product cost	350	450
Adder	50	50
= Sell price		500
Gross margin		10.0%

As is apparent from the preceding example, the level of lumber prices does not impact our overall profits, but does impact our margins. Gross margins are negatively impacted during periods of high lumber prices; conversely, we experience margin improvement when lumber prices are relatively low.

#### **Business Combinations**

We completed the following business combinations in fiscal 2001 and 2000 (see Note B to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further details). These business combinations were accounted for using the purchase method.

Company Name	Acquisition Date	Business Description
P&R Truss Company, Inc. and P&R Truss-Sidney, Inc	October 15, 2001	Facilities in Auburn, Chaffee, Hudson and Sidney, New York, which serve the site-built construction market.
Superior Truss Division of Banks Corporation ("Superior")	June 1, 2001	One facility in Syracuse, Indiana and one in Minneota, Minnesota which serve the site-built construction market.
Sunbelt Wood Components ("Sunbelt")	April 3, 2001	Facilities in New London, North Carolina; Haleyville, Alabama; Ashburn, Georgia; and Glendale, Arizona which serve the manufactured housing industry.
D&R Framing Contractors ("D&R")	February 28, 2001	One facility in Englewood, Colorado. Framer serving the site-built construction market.
Gang-Nail Components, Inc. ("Gang-Nail")	June 5, 2000	One facility in Fontana, California. Manufacturer of engineered roof trusses for site-built construction market.

Company Name	Acquisition Date	Business Description
ECJW Holdings, Inc. ("TED")		
— Purchased 50% ownership interest	April 17, 2000	Two subsidiaries located in London,
— Purchased remaining 50% interest	March 5, 2001	Ontario, Canada. Thorndale Roof
		Systems, Inc. manufactures engineered
		roof trusses, and Edcor Floor Systems,
		Inc. is a licensed manufacturer of Open
		Joist 2000 <sup>TM</sup> .

#### Results of Operations

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, the components of our Consolidated Statements of Earnings as a percentage of net sales.

	Years Ended			
	December 29, 2001	December 30, 2000	December 25, 1999	
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Cost of goods sold	86.2	86.5	87.6	
Gross profit	13.8	13.5	12.4	
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	9.5	9.0	8.0	
Earnings from operations	4.3	4.5	4.4	
Interest, net	0.8	0.9	0.8	
Earnings before income taxes, minority interest and equity in				
earnings of investee	3.5	3.6	3.6	
Income taxes.	1.3	1.4	1.4	
Earnings before minority interest and equity in earnings of investee	2.2	2.2	2.2	
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Equity in earnings of investee	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net earnings	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	

#### **NET SALES**

We engineer, manufacture, treat and distribute lumber and other building products to the DIY/retail, site-built construction, manufactured housing, industrial and wholesale lumber markets. Our strategic sales objectives include:

- Diversifying our end market sales mix by increasing sales of specialty wood packaging to industrial users and engineered wood products to the site-built construction market. Engineered wood products include roof trusses, wall panels and floor systems.
- Increasing sales of "value-added" products. Value-added product sales consist of fencing, decking, lattice and other specialty products sold to the DIY/retail market, specialty wood packaging and engineered wood products. One of our goals is to achieve a ratio of value-added sales to total sales of at least 50%. Although we consider the treatment of dimensional lumber with certain chemical preservatives a value-added process, treated lumber is not presently included in the value-added sales totals.
- Maximizing profitable top-line sales growth while increasing DIY/retail market share.
- Maintaining manufactured housing market share.

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, our net sales (in thousands) and percentage of total net sales by market classification.

	Years Ended					
Market Classification	December 29, 2001	%	December 30, 2000	%	December 25, 1999	%
DIY/retail	\$ 739,062	48.3	\$ 660,275	47.6	\$ 654,035	45.7
Site-Built Construction	308,795	20.2	243,874	17.6	213,567	14.9
Manufactured Housing	280,520	18.3	291,563	21.0	393,911	27.5
Industrial	125,917	8.2	119,417	8.6	94,612	6.6
Wholesale Lumber	76,059	5.0	72,001	5.2	76,476	5.3
Total	\$1,530,353	100.0	\$1,387,130	100.0	\$1,432,601	100.0

Note: In the second quarter of 2001, we reviewed our customer lists and made certain reclassifications. Historical information has been restated to reflect these reclassifications.

The following table estimates, for the periods indicated, our percentage change in net sales which were attributable to changes in overall selling prices versus changes in units shipped.

		% Change	
	in Sales	in Selling Prices	
2001 versus 2000	+10%	-3%	+13%
2000 versus 1999	-3%	-6%	+3%
1999 versus 1998	+16%	+4%	+12%

The increase in unit sales in 2001 was a result of significant increases in unit sales to the site-built construction, DIY/retail and industrial markets. Unit sales to the manufactured housing market remained relatively flat despite a 23.3% decline in industry shipments. The decrease in overall selling prices was attributable to the Lumber Market.

In 2000, the manufactured housing industry reported a 25.7% decline in shipments. A decrease in overall selling prices in 2000 was attributable to the Lumber Market. The increase in unit sales we experienced to the DIY/retail, industrial and site-built construction markets in 2000 was partially offset by a decrease in unit sales to the manufactured housing market of approximately 17%.

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, our percentage of value-added and commodity-based sales to total sales.

	Value-Added	Commodity-Based
2001	48.4%	51.6%
2000	44.2%	55.8%
1999	40.8%	59.2%

The increase in our ratio of value-added sales to total sales in 2001 compared to 2000 is primarily due to a 21% increase in value-added sales while commodity-based sales remained relatively flat. Value-added sales increased primarily due to increased unit sales of engineered roof trusses, I-joists and Open Joist 2000<sup>TM</sup> products to the site-built construction market, truss sales to the manufactured housing market and fencing and decking to the DIY/retail market.

The increase in our ratio of value-added sales to total sales in 2000 compared to 1999 is primarily due to a 5% increase in value-added sales while commodity-based sales decreased 9%. Value-added sales increased primarily due to increased unit sales of engineered roof trusses, I-joists and Open Joist 2000<sup>TM</sup> products to the site-built construction market and fencing to the DIY market. These increases were offset partially by a decline in truss sales to the manufactured housing market.

#### DIY/Retail:

We have developed strong relationships with national retail customers due to our ability to provide quality products and a high level of service at competitive prices. The most significant is our long standing relationship with The Home Depot, which comprised 32.8% of our total sales and 67.9% of our DIY/retail sales in 2001.

Net sales to the DIY/retail market increased 12% in 2001 compared to 2000, primarily due to growth in sales to The Home Depot. Our sales to The Home Depot increased 14% due to unit sales increases across several regions in all product lines.

Net sales to the DIY/retail market increased 2% in 2000 compared to 1999 was primarily due to a 17% increase in sales to The Home Depot despite a decrease in overall selling prices caused by a decline in the Lumber Market (see "Historical Lumber Prices"). In addition, this increase in unit sales was partially offset by a decrease in sales to two customers due to a decline in their financial positions.

#### Site-Built Construction:

Net sales to the site-built construction market increased 27% in 2001 compared to 2000 primarily due to several acquisitions we completed during 2001 (see "Business Combinations") combined with 11% growth out of our existing operations.

Net sales to the site-built construction market increased 15% in 2000 compared to 1999 primarily due to the acquisitions of TED and Gang-Nail during the year 2000 (see "Business Combinations").

#### Manufactured Housing:

Net sales to the manufactured housing market decreased 4% in 2001 compared to 2000 due to a decline in selling prices resulting from the Lumber Market. Our unit sales remained relatively flat despite a 23.3% decline in industry shipments. Since the fourth quarter of 1999, our customers have been struggling with an oversupply of finished homes at the retail level, tightened credit conditions and an increase in repossessions. The industry appears to have reached its low point for production in 2001.

Net sales to the manufactured housing market decreased in 2000 compared to 1999 due to a decline in both unit sales and selling prices due to the deflated Lumber Market. Our unit sales decreased as customers struggled with market conditions. The Manufactured Housing Institute, in its December 2000 "Manufacturing Report" estimated that the number of finished homes shipped to retailers declined 25.7% from 1999 to 2000.

#### Industrial:

Net sales to the industrial market increased 5% in 2001 compared to 2000. This resulted from re-directing sales efforts and manufacturing capacity at certain plants due to the downturn in the manufactured housing market and the continued efforts of our industrial sales personnel. We anticipated stronger growth in 2001, but the slowing economy had a significant impact on many of our customers, particularly those in the technology sector.

Net sales to the industrial market increased 25% in 2000 compared to 1999 due to increased market share in several regions. Additional sales personnel focused exclusively on industrial sales, combined with the effects of re-directing sales efforts and manufacturing capacity at certain plants as a result of the downturn in the manufactured housing market, caused this increase.

#### COST OF GOODS SOLD AND GROSS PROFIT

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased in 2001 compared to 2000. This increase was primarily due to an increase in our ratio of sales of higher margin, value-added products, particularly sales of engineered wood products to the site-built construction market, trusses to the manufactured housing market and fencing and

decking to the DIY/retail market. These positive effects were offset by margin pressure in the site built market as activity in several regions softened.

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased in 2000 compared to 1999, primarily due to the following factors

- An increase in the ratio of value-added product sales to total sales due to increased sales of engineered wood products to the site-built construction market, specialty packaging products to the industrial market and fencing products to the DIY/retail market.
- An increase in gross margins on certain products due to the low level of the Lumber Market throughout 2000 compared to 1999. The selling prices of many of our products are indexed to the Lumber Market along with a fixed dollar adder to cover conversion costs and profits. Therefore, in periods when the Lumber Market is low, the fixed adder will result in higher gross margins. See "Impact of the Lumber Market on Our Operating Results."
- The above increases were offset by lower margins on sales to the manufactured housing market due to the effect of price competition and manufacturing inefficiencies resulting from lower volumes.

#### SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative expenses ("SG&A") as a percentage of sales increased to 9.5% in 2001 compared to 9.0% in 2000. This increase was primarily due to:

- An increase in compensation and related benefit costs from a higher headcount.
- An increase in consulting costs associated with certain projects.
- Losses on the sale or impairment of idle assets.

SG&A as a percentage of sales increased to 9.0% in 2000 compared to 8.0% in 1999, primarily due to an increase in selling and administrative headcount to support the growth of the business and to pursue strategic initiatives.

#### INTEREST, NET

Net interest costs were lower in 2001 compared to 2000. Although we had higher average debt levels due to acquisitions in 2001, this was offset by a substantial decrease in short-term borrowing rates on variable rate debt. The average interest rate on our primary revolving credit facility was 4.7% and 7.1% for 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Net interest costs increased in 2000 compared to 1999, primarily due to higher average debt balances associated with share repurchases and acquisitions. Short-term borrowing rates on variable rate debt were also higher in 2000 compared to 1999. The average interest rate on our primary revolving credit facility was 7.1% and 5.9% for 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### **INCOME TAXES**

Effective tax rates differ from statutory federal income tax rates, primarily due to provisions for state and local income taxes and permanent tax differences.

Our effective tax rate declined to 36.1% in 2001 from 38.1% in 2000. This decline primarily resulted from a permanent tax difference associated with our 50% investment in D&R and receipt of a tax credit we did not anticipate.

Our tax rate declined to 38.1% in 2000 from 38.7% in 1999 due to lower estimated state and local income taxes.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash flows from operating activities increased in 2001 compared to 2000. This improvement was primarily due to:

- Increased earnings, depreciation and amortization.
- An increase in accrued liabilities due to increases in workers' compensation and medical reserves.
- An increase in accounts payable was offset by an increase in accounts receivable. These changes resulted primarily from the timing of disbursements and receipts at year end.

Due to the seasonality of our business and the effects of the Lumber Market, we believe our cash cycle (days sales outstanding plus days supply of inventory less days payables outstanding) is a good indicator of our working capital management. Our cash cycle decreased to 44 days in 2001 from 45 days in 2000. This decrease was primarily due to a 4 day decrease in our days supply of inventory resulting from better inventory management. This improvement was offset by an increase in our days sales outstanding due to increased sales to the site-built construction market, which has a longer receivables cycle.

Capital expenditures totaled \$23 million in 2001. These expenditures consisted of several projects to improve efficiencies and expand manufacturing capacity at existing plants and \$6 million in costs to acquire two new truss plants. On December 29, 2001, outstanding purchase commitments on capital projects totaled \$1.7 million. We intend to satisfy these commitments utilizing our primary revolving credit facility.

We spent approximately \$50 million in 2001 related to acquisitions which are discussed earlier under the caption "Business Combinations." We funded the purchase price of these acquisitions using our primary revolving credit facility. In November 2001, we agreed to purchase approximately \$36 million of common stock from our largest shareholder. This transaction, which was completed in January 2002, is expected to reduce the level of acquisitions this year.

On December 29, 2001, we had \$27 million outstanding on our \$175 million primary revolving credit facility and \$19 million Canadian (\$12 million U.S.) outstanding on our \$20 million Canadian revolving credit facility. Financial covenants on these facilities and senior unsecured notes include a minimum net worth requirement, minimum interest coverage tests and a maximum leverage ratio. We were within our requirements on December 29, 2001.

#### Environmental Considerations and Regulations

We are self-insured for environmental impairment liability and accrue for the estimated cost of monitoring or remediation activities. We own or operate 21 wood preserving facilities throughout the United States that treat lumber products with a chemical preservative. In accordance with applicable federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, we may be potentially liable for costs and expenses related to the environmental condition of our real property. We have established reserves for remediation activities at our North East, Maryland; Union City, Georgia; Stockertown, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Auburndale, Florida; and Schertz, Texas facilities.

We have accrued, in other long-term liabilities, amounts totaling \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, respectively, for the activities described above. We believe the potential future costs of known remediation efforts will not have a material adverse effect on our future financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

For the past several years, the EPA has been conducting a scientific review of CCA, a wood preservative we use to extend the useful life of wood fiber, as part of its re-registration process and in response to allegations by certain environmental groups that CCA poses health risks. Recently, the EPA announced that the manufacturers

of CCA preservative agreed to the re-registration of CCA for certain industrial and commercial uses. The manufacturers agreed to voluntarily discontinue the registration of CCA for certain residential applications by December 31, 2003. The manufacturers will continue to produce CCA for use in various industrial, marine, and non-residential uses. This agreement will require us to change the preservative we use to one of several new alternatives over the next 20 months. We estimate that we will incur capital costs totaling approximately \$1.5 million to convert our plants to the new alternative preservatives.

In addition, an environmental group petitioned the Consumer Products Safety Commission ("CPSC") to ban the use of CCA treated wood in playsets. We have been assured by our vendors and by scientific studies that CCA treated lumber poses no unreasonable risks and its continued use should be permitted. The EPA, in a recent press release concluded that there isn't any reason to remove or replace any CCA treated structures, including decks or playground equipment.

We have been requested by a customer to defend it from purported class action lawsuits filed against it in Florida and Louisiana. The complaints allege that CCA treated lumber is defective. As previously stated, our vendors believe and scientific studies support the fact that CCA treated lumber poses no unreasonable risks, and we intend to vigorously defend our Company. We have also been named as a defendant in a purported class action lawsuit in Louisiana, which contains similar allegations as the complaints against our customer. We intend to vigorously defend the complaint.

#### Forward Outlook

The following section contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of management, together with information available to us when the statements were made. Future results could differ materially from those included in such forward-looking statements as a result of, among other things, the factors set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of this report and certain economic and business factors which may be beyond our control. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainty.

#### PERFORMANCE 2002

In 1997, we announced our goals for growth and diversification entitled Performance 2002. The goals called for us to double our sales by the fiscal year ending 2002, while maintaining or achieving a leadership position in the four markets that consume the vast majority of softwood fiber in the United States. Since the announcement of our goals, the Lumber Market has declined 24.5%. In addition, in November 2001, we decided to re-direct financial resources from acquisitions, a key component of our growth strategy, to a 2 million share redemption from our largest shareholder for \$36 million. We believe the share redemption provided the best potential return for our shareholders. While we are currently the leader in each of the markets we serve, as a result of the factors above, we do not believe we will reach our 2002 sales goal of \$2 billion. By the end of 2002, we expect to resume our acquisition activities and pursue sales growth objectives.

#### DIY/RETAIL

Do-It-Yourself Retailing forecasts a 4.5% increase in total retail sales for home improvement retailers from 2001 to 2002. The consolidation within the DIY/retail industry is expected to continue in 2002 as top performers obtain additional market share. We feel we are in a position to continue to capitalize on these industry conditions as a result of our national presence, service capabilities that meet stringent customer requirements and diversified product offerings. Our goal is to continue to increase market share through business combinations and internal growth, with a continued emphasis on value-added products.

#### SITE-BUILT CONSTRUCTION MARKET

As a result of higher unemployment levels and other economic factors, we expect the site-built construction market to be "soft" for at least the first six months of this year. Accordingly, we expect continuing pressure on our sales volumes and margins in certain regions.

On a long-term basis, we believe the sale of engineered wood products will continue to grow because of the benefits these products provide builders over traditional carpentry methods employed on the job site. Some of these benefits include cost advantages through more efficient labor and better material utilization, faster home construction and improved product quality. In addition, consolidation toward large production-oriented builders, which tend to prefer the use of engineered products and who desire suppliers with a national presence, may provide us with growth opportunities.

#### MANUFACTURED HOUSING MARKET

Manufactured Home Merchandiser, in its January 2002 edition, forecasted an increase of industry shipments to retailers of over 3% in 2002. While there has been a prolonged downturn in this market, there is a consensus in the industry that there will be a slight improvement in manufactured home shipments in 2002. In addition, we expect to experience strong sales growth in our first quarter of 2002 as compared to 2001 due to our acquisition of Sunbelt Wood Components in April 2001.

#### INDUSTRIAL MARKET

One of our key strategic objectives is to increase our sales of wood packaging products to industrial users. The vast amount of hardwood and softwood lumber consumed for industrial applications, combined with the highly fragmented nature of this market provides us with significant long-term growth opportunities. Our short-term growth objectives have been impacted by the slowing economy. On a long-term basis, we plan to continue to obtain market share through an internal growth strategy utilizing our current manufacturing capabilities and industrial sales force, while also continuing to evaluate strategic acquisitions.

#### **GROSS PROFIT**

We believe the following factors may impact our gross profits in the future:

- We have a long-term goal of increasing our ratio of value-added sales to total sales to 50%, which in turn should increase gross margins. Our acquisition and internal sales growth strategies will help us continue to make progress toward this objective. Achievement of this goal is dependent, in part, upon certain factors that are beyond our control. See the discussion above under the caption "Impact of the Lumber Market on Our Operating Results."
- Our ability to increase sales and gross margins on products sold to our largest customers. We believe our level of service, geographic diversity and quality of products provide an added value to our customers. If our customers are unwilling to pay for the additional services, our sales and gross margins may be reduced.
- On February 12, 2002, the EPA announced that the registered manufacturers of CCA had agreed to voluntarily limit the future residential uses of CCA treated wood products by December 31, 2003. CCA treated products will still be permitted for a variety of industrial and non-residential applications. If consumer demand for the new preservatives is not as strong as the demand for CCA treated products, it could have a significant adverse impact on our results of operations. See "Environmental Considerations and Regulations."
- We expect activity in the site-built construction market to be "soft" for at least the first six months of 2002. This may cause pressure on pricing and gross margins in certain regions.

#### SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

SG&A costs have increased as a percentage of sales in recent years, in part, due to acquisitions of engineered wood product manufacturers which have extensive engineering and design costs, and costs associated with creating new national sales, marketing and manufacturing departments to execute key strategic initiatives. SG&A costs as a percentage of sales may continue to increase in the future as engineered wood products and specialty wood packaging become a greater percentage of our total business. However, we strive to achieve economies of scale in other administrative departments as sales growth objectives are met.

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets* ("SFAS 142"). This statement changes the accounting and reporting for goodwill and other intangible assets. Upon adoption of this statement, goodwill will no longer be amortized, however tests for impairment will be performed annually or when a triggering event occurs. This statement applies to assets acquired after June 30, 2001, and existing goodwill and other intangible assets upon the adoption of SFAS 142, in fiscal 2002. Pre-tax amortization of goodwill was \$3.6 million and \$2.8 million for 2001 and 2000, respectively.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Management expects to spend between \$22 million and \$25 million on capital expenditures in 2002 and incur depreciation and amortization of approximately \$23 million. Besides "maintenance" capital expenditures totaling approximately \$17 million, we plan to spend an additional \$6 million to expand the business, including a new truss plant in Massachusetts. We do not expect any significant acquisition activity for most of 2002 as a result of temporarily re-directing financial resources to the share redemption discussed above.

In recent sales negotiations with The Home Depot, we agreed to extend our payment terms by an additional 15 days. We expect this will increase our average accounts receivables by \$20 million in 2002 (\$35 million increase at our seasonal peak and \$10 million increase at the low point). Our intention is to compensate for most of this increase through a combination of consigned inventory programs with vendors and other strategies for reducing working capital.

We have no present intention to change our current, semi-annual dividend policy which is currently \$0.045 per share paid semi-annually.

Our Board of Directors has approved a share repurchase program under which we have authorization to buy back approximately 3.9 million shares as of December 29, 2001. In January 2002, we purchased 2 million shares from our largest shareholder for \$36 million.

We are obligated to pay amounts due on long-term debt totaling approximately \$20.4 million in 2002, which includes a Canadian revolving credit facility with approximately \$12.0 million outstanding (\$19.0 million Canadian) as of December 29, 2001. We expect to renew this facility through January 2003.

We also have a \$175 million revolving credit facility used to fund seasonal working capital requirements and growth. We believe our peak seasonal working capital requirements will consume up to \$85 million of this availability through June of 2002 and then decrease for the balance of the year in line with historical trends. We plan to finance our capital requirements by using this revolving credit facility.

### Report of Independent Public Accountants

To The Shareholders and Board of Directors of Universal Forest Products, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Universal Forest Products, Inc. (a Michigan Corporation) and subsidiaries as of December 29, 2001, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 29, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Universal Forest Products, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 29, 2001 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 29, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Grand Rapids, Michigan January 25, 2002

arthur andersen LLP

# Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors Universal Forest Products, Inc. Grand Rapids, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Universal Forest Products, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 30, 2000 and the related consolidated statements of earnings, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two fiscal years in the period ended December 30, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Universal Forest Products, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 30, 2000 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two fiscal years in the period ended December 30, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Deloithe & Touche LLP

January 29, 2001

# Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share data.)

	Note	December 29, 2001	December 30, 2000
Assets			
CURRENT ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 22,887	\$ 2,392
Restricted cash equivalents		86,256	1,364 64,386
Raw materials		41,061 79,708	41,885 81,306
		120,769	123,191
Other current assets		2,546	2,236
Prepaid income taxes		1,629	1,394
Deferred income taxes	M	879	5,396
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		234,966	200,359
OTHER ASSETSGOODWILL AND NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS	F, K	11,585	11,392
(net of accumulated amortization of \$14,004 and \$9,761)	В, С	122,996	105,579
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:  Land and improvements	Е	41,188	35,934
Buildings and improvements	E	103,233	93,821
Machinery, equipment and office furniture	Ē	139,704	120,834
Construction in progress		2,758	6,069
		286,883	256,658
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	E	(105,221)	(88,668)
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET		181,662	167,990
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 551,209	\$485,320
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity CURRENT LIABILITIES:			
Short-term debt		\$ 1,402	\$ 1,270
Accounts payable		46,862	35,589
Compensation and benefits	L	34,029	29,423
Other	D E	8,187	4,973
Current portion of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	D, E	20,415	8,783
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		110,895	80,038
LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS, less current portion		154,370	150,807
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES		9,580	9,092
OTHER LIABILITIESCOMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES	F, N	9,502	9,614
TOTAL LIABILITIES	11	294 247	240 551
		284,347	249,551
TEMPORARY SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY: Value of shares subject to redemption agreement; 2,000,000 shares issued and outstanding	C	36,000	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:	u	30,000	
Preferred stock, no par value; shares authorized 1,000,000; issued and outstanding,			
none Common stock, no par value; shares authorized 40,000,000; issued and outstanding,			
17,787,860 and 19,719,114	G.H.I.J	17,788	19,719
Additional paid-in capital		80,994	79,800
Retained earnings		132,677	136,645
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings		558	860
	т	232,017	237,024
Officers' stock notes receivable		(1,155)	(1,255)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		230,862	235,769
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		\$ 551,209	\$485,320
See notes to consolidated financial statements.			

# Consolidated Statements of Earnings

(In thousands, except per share data.)

	Year Ended				
	Note	December 29, 2001	December 30, 2000	December 25, 1999	
NET SALES		\$1,530,353	\$1,387,130	\$1,432,601	
COST OF GOODS SOLD	E, L	1,318,874	1,200,117	1,254,214	
GROSS PROFIT		211,479	187,013	178,387	
SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	С,Е,Н,К,L	145,722	124,391	115,589	
EARNINGS FROM OPERATIONS		65,757	62,622	62,798	
INTEREST, NET: Interest expense		12,043 (586) 11,457	12,804 (557) 12,247	11,853 (592) 11,261	
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES, MINORITY INTEREST AND EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF INVESTEE		54,300	50,375	51,537	
INCOME TAXES	M	19,612	19,218	19,955	
EARNINGS BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST AND EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF INVESTEE		34,688	31,157	31,582	
MINORITY INTEREST		(1,792)	(750)	(701)	
EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF INVESTEE		246	31	567	
NET EARNINGS		\$ 33,142	\$ 30,438	\$ 31,448	
EARNINGS PER SHARE — BASIC		\$ 1.68	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.52	
EARNINGS PER SHARE — DILUTED		\$ 1.63	\$ 1.49	\$ 1.48	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES		10 :	20.00	20.72	
OUTSTANDING		19,774	20,086	20,637	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING WITH COMMON STOCK EQUIVALENTS		20,377	20,477	21,186	

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity

(In thousands, except share and per share data.)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings	Officers' Stock Notes Receivable	Total
Balance at December 26, 1998	\$20,710	\$77,526	\$ 95,221	\$(1,072)	\$ (802)	\$191,583
Comprehensive earnings:  Net earnings  Foreign currency translation adjustment	,		31,448	2,105		
Total comprehensive earnings			(1,539)			33,553 (1,539)
stock plans	178	764				942
programs	2 (678)	38	(9,803)			40 (10,481)
Tax benefits from non-qualified stock options exercised		297			167	297
receivable	¢20.212	\$79.63F	¢115 227	¢ 1 022	167	167
Balance at December 25, 1999	\$20,212	\$78,625	\$115,327	\$ 1,033	\$ (635)	\$214,562
Net earnings			30,438	(173)		
Total comprehensive earnings			(1,605)			30,265 (1,605)
stock plans  Issuance of 2,100 shares under stock grant	80	400				480
programs	2 (635)	30	(7,515)			32 (8,150)
options exercised	60	5 740			(900)	5 0
Issuance of officers' stock notes receivable Payments received on officers' stock notes receivable	00	740			(800) 180	180
Balance at December 30, 2000	\$19,719	\$79,800	\$136,645	\$ 860	\$(1,255)	\$235,769
Net earnings			33,142	(302)		22.040
Total comprehensive earnings			(1,683)			32,840 (1,683)
stock plans	165	705				870
grant programs	13 (109)	173	(1,427)			186 (1,536)
options exercised	(2,000)	316	(34,000)			316 (36,000)
receivable					100	100
Balance at December 29, 2001	\$17,788	\$80,994	\$132,677	\$ 558	\$(1,155)	\$230,862

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

# Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands.)

	Year Ended			
	Note	December 29, 2001	December 30, 2000	December 25, 1999
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net earnings		\$ 33,142	\$ 30,438	\$ 31,448
operating activities:		20.101	17.450	14.005
Depreciation	E	20,101	17,659	14,885
Amortization of non-compete agreements and goodwill Deferred income taxes	В, С М	4,375 4,587	3,803 237	3,270 (774)
Loss on sale or impairment of property, plant and	1V1	4,367	23/	(//4)
equipment		1,445	422	489
Changes in:		1,110	122	10)
Accounts receivable		(11,753)	14,134	(7,300)
Inventories		10,051	13,001	(23,136)
Accounts payable		9,891	(12,099)	7,870
Accrued liabilities and other		6,217	(590)	5,776
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		78,056	67,005	32,528
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(22,748)	(29,436)	(35,418)
Acquisitions, net of cash received	В	(49,534)	(32,557)	, , ,
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		2,497	1,040	2,247
Advances on notes receivable		(886)	(500)	(139)
Collection of notes receivable		945	432	3,431
Restricted cash equivalents		1,364	(1,364)	
Purchases of other assets		(132)	(306)	(87)
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(68,494)	(62,691)	(29,966)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Net borrowings (repayments) of notes payable and				
revolving credit facilities	D	23,129	4,090	(5,056)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	D	2,500	7,045	27,502
Repayment of long-term debt	D	(10,697)	(7,888)	(10,744)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	H, I	870	480	942
Distributions to minority shareholder		(1,650) (1,683)	(1,605)	(1,539)
Repurchase of common stock	Н	(1,536)	(8,150)	(1,339) $(10,481)$
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	11	10,933		624
			(6,028)	
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		20,495	(1,714)	3,186
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF				
YEAR		2,392	4,106	920
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR		\$ 22,887	\$ 2,392	\$ 4,106

# Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued) (In thousands.)

	Year Ended			
	Note	December 29, 2001	December 30, 2000	December 25, 1999
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: Cash paid during the year for:				
Interest	D	\$ 12,303	\$ 12,721	\$ 11,760
Income taxes	M	14,911	17,369	20,746
Property, plant and equipment acquired through capital				
leases	E	247	220	255
Officers' stock notes receivable	J		800	
Accounts receivable exchanged for a note receivable			441	

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

#### Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **OPERATIONS**

We engineer, manufacture, treat and distribute lumber products for the do-it-yourself/retail ("DIY/retail"), site-built construction, manufactured housing, industrial and wholesale markets. Our principal products include preservative-treated wood, remanufactured lumber, lattice, fence panels, deck components, specialty packaging, engineered trusses, wall panels, I-joists and other building products.

#### PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries and partnerships. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. The equity method of accounting is used for our less than 50% owned affiliates.

#### INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATE

On December 18, 1998, one of our subsidiaries acquired a 45% interest in Pino Exporta, renamed to Pinelli Universal S. de R.L. de C.V. ("Pinelli"), a manufacturer of mouldings and related products. Pinelli operates out of one facility in Durango, Durango, Mexico. We exchanged \$3.0 million for our share of the outstanding common stock of Pinelli, and account for our investment utilizing the equity method of accounting. In addition, we retained an option to acquire an additional 5% interest in Pinelli for \$1 million. This option was extended and exercised in January 2002.

At the time of acquisition, we advanced \$3.2 million to Pinelli for working capital purposes in exchange for a note receivable. On December 29, 2001, approximately \$1.8 million was outstanding on this note.

#### MINORITY INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES

Minority interest in results of operations of consolidated subsidiaries represents the minority shareholders' share of the income or loss of various consolidated subsidiaries. The minority interest included in "Other Liabilities" reflects the original investment by these minority shareholders combined with their proportional share of the earnings or losses of these subsidiaries.

#### FISCAL YEAR

Our fiscal year is a 52 or 53 week period, ending on the last Saturday of December. Unless otherwise stated, references to 2001, 2000 and 1999 relate to the fiscal years ended December 29, 2001, December 30, 2000 and December 25, 1999, respectively. Fiscal years 2001 and 1999 were comprised of 52 weeks, and fiscal year 2000 was comprised of 53 weeks.

#### FAIR VALUE DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 107, Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments, the estimated fair values of financial instruments have been determined by us; significant differences in fair market values and recorded values are disclosed in Note D. The estimated fair value amounts have been determined using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that we could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management as of December 29, 2001. Although we are not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since that date, and current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and highly-liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less.

As a result of our cash management system, checks issued but not presented to our bank for payment creates negative cash balances. These negative balances are included in trade accounts payable and totaled \$18.8 million and \$11.0 million as of December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, respectively.

#### RESTRICTED CASH EQUIVALENTS

Unexpended proceeds from certain borrowings, that are restricted as to use, have been excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

#### **INVENTORIES**

Inventories are stated at the lower of average cost or market. Raw materials consist primarily of unfinished wood products expected to be manufactured or treated prior to sale, while finished goods represent various manufactured and treated wood products ready for sale.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Expenditures for renewals and betterments are capitalized, and maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is computed principally by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings and improvements	15 to 31.5 years
Land improvements	5 to 15 years
Machinery, equipment and office furniture	3 to 8 years

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

The financial statements of our foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at current rates of exchange, with gains or losses included as a separate component of shareholders' equity.

#### **SELF-INSURANCE**

We are partially self-insured for general liability, workers' compensation, and certain employee health benefits. We are fully self-insured for environmental. The general, workers' compensation and environmental liabilities are managed through a wholly-owned insurance captive; the related assets and liabilities are included in the financial statements at December 29, 2001. Our policy is to accrue amounts equal to actuarially determined or internally computed liabilities. The actuarial and internal valuations are based on historical information along with certain assumptions about future events. Changes in assumptions for such matters as legal actions, medical costs and changes in claims experience could cause these estimates to change in the future.

#### INCOME TAXES

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future. Such deferred income tax asset and liability computations are based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized. Income tax expense is the tax payable or refundable for the period plus or minus the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

#### REVENUE RECOGNITION AND ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS

Revenue is recognized at the time the product is shipped to the customer. Generally, title passes at the time of shipment. In certain circumstances, the customer takes title when the shipment arrives at the destination. However, our shipping process is typically completed the same day.

We accrue for bad debt expense based on our history of accounts receivable write-offs to sales. Individual accounts receivable balances are evaluated on a monthly basis, and those balances considered to be uncollectible are charged to the allowance. Collections of amounts previously written off are recorded as an increase to the allowance. Bad debt expense amounted to approximately \$1,412,000, \$1,531,000 and \$858,000, for 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### **CUSTOMER REBATES**

In 2001, the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") released its consensus on Issue No. 00-22, Accounting for "Points" and Certain Other Time-Based or Volume-Based Sales Incentive Offers, and Offers for Free Products or Services to Be Delivered in the Future ("EITF 00-22"). This consensus provides guidance on the classification of expenses related to customer rebate and refund obligations. We adopted EITF 00-22 effective with the first quarter 2001 and have reclassified prior periods to include customer rebates as a component of net sales.

#### EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted EPS is calculated based on the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding during the periods presented, giving effect to stock options granted in (see Note I) utilizing the "treasury stock" method.

A reconciliation of the changes in the numerator and the denominator from the calculation of basic EPS to the calculation of diluted EPS follows (in thousands, except per share data):

		2001			2000			1999	
	Income (Num- erator)	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount	Income (Num- erator)	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount	Income (Num- erator)	Shares (Denominator)	Per Share Amount
Net Earnings	\$33,142			\$30,438			\$31,448		
EPS — Basic									
Income available to common stockholders	33,142	19,774	\$1.68	30,438	20,086	\$1.52	31,448	20,637	\$1.52
Effect of Dilutive Securities									
Options		603			391			549	
EPS — Diluted									
Income available to common stockholders and assumed									
options exercised	\$33,142	20,377	\$1.63	\$30,438	20,477	\$1.49	\$31,448	21,186	\$1.48

Options to purchase 399,548 shares of common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$19.75 to \$36.01 were outstanding at December 29, 2001, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common stock during the period and, therefore, would be antidilutive.

#### LONG-LIVED ASSETS

The Company evaluates the recoverability of its long-lived assets by determining whether unamortized balances can be recovered through undiscounted future operating cash flows over the remaining lives of the assets in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of ("SFAS 121"). If the sum of the expected future cash flows is less than the

carrying value of the assets, an impairment loss is recognized for the excess of the carrying value over the fair value. The estimated fair value is determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a rate that would be required for a similar investment with like risks.

In August 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment and Disposal of Long-Term Assets ("SFAS 144"). SFAS 144 supercedes SFAS 121, and the accounting and reporting provisions of the Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 30, Reporting the Results of Operations-Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions. SFAS 144 also amends Accounting Research Bulletin ("ARB") No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements. SFAS 144 retains the provisions of SFAS 121 for recognition and measurement of impairment of long-lived assets to be held and used, and measurement of long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale. Discontinued operations are no longer measured on a net realizable value basis, and future operating losses are no longer recognized before they occur. SFAS 144 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. We do not expect the impact of adopting this standard to be significant.

#### USE OF ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We believe our estimates to be reasonable, however, actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made in the 1999 and 2000 consolidated financial statements to conform to the classifications used in 2001.

#### **B.** Business Combinations

Each of the following business combinations have been accounted for as a purchase. Accordingly, in each instance, the purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired, liabilities assumed and identifiable intangible assets as applicable based on their fair market values at the date of acquisition. Any excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the acquired assets, including identifiable intangible assets, and assumed liabilities was recorded as goodwill in each transaction. For business combinations prior to June 30, 2001, we amortized goodwill on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from 20 to 40 years. Non-compete agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreements. In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141, *Business Combinations* ("SFAS 141"). SFAS 141 supercedes APB No. 16, *Business Combinations*, and requires that all business combinations be accounted for using the purchase method and further clarifies the criteria to recognize intangible assets separately from goodwill. The results of operations of each acquisition is included in our consolidated financial statements since the date it was acquired.

On October 15, 2001, one of our subsidiaries acquired the assets of P&R Truss Company, Inc. and the stock of P&R Truss-Sidney, Inc. (collectively "P&R"). P&R has plants in Auburn, Chaffee, Hudson and Sidney, New York. The total purchase price was approximately \$21.0 million, and allocated \$10.4 million to net assets acquired, \$0.7 million to identifiable intangibles (non-compete agreements), and the remaining \$9.9 million to goodwill. P&R had net sales in fiscal 2000 totaling approximately \$23 million.

On June 1, 2001, three of our subsidiaries acquired certain assets of the Superior Truss Division of Banks Corporation ("Superior"). The assets include operations in Syracuse, Indiana and Minneota, Minnesota which serve the site-built construction market. The total purchase price for the assets was approximately \$11.0 million. Superior had net sales in fiscal 2000 totaling approximately \$20 million.

On April 3, 2001, several of our subsidiaries acquired certain assets of the Sunbelt Wood Component Division ("Sunbelt") of Kevco, Inc. The assets include operations in New London, North Carolina; Haleyville, Alabama; Ashburn, Georgia; and Glendale, Arizona which serve the manufactured housing market. The total purchase price for the assets was approximately \$7.8 million. Sunbelt had net sales in fiscal 2000 totaling approximately \$63 million.

On February 28, 2001, one of our subsidiaries acquired 50% of the assets of D&R Framing Contractors ("D&R") of Englewood, Colorado for approximately \$7.6 million. D&R had net sales in fiscal 2000 totaling approximately \$44 million.

On June 5, 2000, Universal Truss, Inc. ("UTI"), one of our wholly-owned subsidiaries acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of Gang-Nail Components, Inc. ("Gang-Nail") of Fontana, California, a manufacturer of engineered roof trusses. The total purchase price for the net assets was approximately \$29.4 million. Gang-Nail had net sales in fiscal 1999 totaling approximately \$41 million.

On April 17, 2000, one of our subsidiaries acquired 50% of the stock of ECJW Holdings, Inc. and its two subsidiaries, Thorndale Roof Systems, Inc. and Edcor Floor Systems, Inc. (collectively "TED"), which are located in London, Ontario, Canada. Thorndale Roof Systems, Inc. manufactures engineered roof trusses for residential and light commercial building applications. Edcor Floor Systems, Inc. is a licensed manufacturer of the patented Open Joist 2000<sup>TM</sup> web floor truss system. The total purchase price for the stock of TED was approximately \$3.2 million. In fiscal 1999, TED had net sales totaling approximately \$15 million. On March 2, 2001, our subsidiary acquired the remaining 50% of the stock of ECJW Holdings. The purchase price for this remaining 50% was approximately \$3.5 million.

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations for the years ended December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000 assumes the acquisitions of P&R, Superior, D&R, TED, and Gang-Nail occurred as of the beginning of the periods presented (in thousands, except per share data).

		ar Ended iber 29, 2001		ar Ended iber 30, 2000
Net sales	\$1,559,756		\$1	,489,708
Net earnings	\$	34,739	\$	34,156
Earnings per share:				
Basic			\$	1.70
Diluted	\$	1.70	\$	1.67
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic		19,774		20,086
Diluted		20,377		20,477

The pro forma results above include certain adjustments to give effect to amortization of goodwill, interest expense, compensation of management, certain other adjustments and related income tax effects. The pro forma results are not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have occurred had the acquisitions been completed as of the beginning of the period presented, nor are they necessarily indicative of future operating results. Pro forma results are not presented for Sunbelt. We purchased certain assets of this operation out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy. As a result of substantial changes in the operations and customer base, proforma results are not meaningful.

#### C. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets* ("SFAS 142"). This statement changes the accounting and reporting for goodwill and other intangible assets. Upon adoption of this statement, goodwill will no longer be amortized, however tests for impairment will be performed annually or when a triggering event occurs. This statement applies to assets acquired after June 30, 2001, and existing goodwill and other intangible assets upon the adoption of SFAS 142, in fiscal 2002. Pre-tax amortization of goodwill was \$3.6 million, \$2.8 million and \$1.5 million for 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### D. Debt

On November 13, 1998, we completed a five-year, \$175 million revolving credit facility which includes amounts reserved for letters of credit. Borrowings under the revolver are charged interest at a rate of 50 basis points over the applicable Eurodollar rate. The average rates on these borrowings in 2001 and 2000 were 4.7% and 7.1%, respectively. The amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility are included in the long-term debt summary below.

On November 30, 2000, we completed a revolving credit facility totaling \$20 million Canadian. The facility expires on March 1, 2002, and we expect to renew it for an additional one year term. Borrowings under the revolver are currently charged interest at a rate of 75 basis points over the bankers acceptance rate. The amount outstanding under the facility is included in the long-term debt summary below.

Outstanding letters of credit extended on our behalf aggregated \$25.5 million on December 29, 2001, which includes approximately \$14.6 million related to Industrial Development Revenue Bonds.

Long-term debt and capital lease obligations are summarized as follows on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000 (amounts in thousands):

	2001	2000
Senior unsecured notes, \$5,714,000 due annually commencing May 1998 through May 2004, interest due semi-annually at 7.15%	\$ 17,143	\$ 22,857
Series 1998-A Senior Notes Tranche C, due on December 21, 2008, interest payable semi-annually at 6.98%	19,000	19,000
Series 1998-A Senior Notes Tranche B, due on December 21, 2008, interest payable semi-annually at 6.98%	59,500	59,500
Series 1998-A Senior Notes Tranche A, due on December 21, 2005, interest payable semi-annually at 6.69%	21,500	21,500
monthly at a floating rate (2.41% on December 29, 2001)	26,883	10,300
due monthly at a floating rate (2.93% on December 29, 2001)	11,974	6,433
interest payable monthly at a floating rate (2.10% on December 29, 2001)  Series 1999 Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, due on July 1, 2029, interest	1,300	1,300
payable monthly at a floating rate (2.06% on December 29, 2001)	2,400	2,400
payable monthly at a floating rate (1.94% on December 29, 2001)	3,300	3,300
payable monthly at a floating rate		1,800
payable monthly at a floating rate (2.16% on December 29, 2001)	2,700	2,700
interest payable monthly at a floating rate (2.09% on December 29, 2001) Series 2001 Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, due on November 1, 2021,	2,400	2,400
interest payable monthly at a floating rate (1.49% on December 29, 2001)	2,500	
Capital lease obligations, interest imputed at rates ranging from 7.25% to 8.00%	2,581	3,548
Notes payable under non-compete agreements, interest imputed at a rate of 7.0%	1.704	268
Other	1,604	2,284
Less current portion	174,785 20,415	159,590 8,783
Long-term portion	\$154,370	\$150,807

The terms of the revolving credit facilities and senior unsecured note agreements (collectively the "agreements") require, in part, us to maintain a minimum net worth and comply with certain financial ratios. The agreements also restrict the amount of additional indebtedness we may incur and the amount of assets which may be sold.

On December 29, 2001, the principal maturities of long-term debt and capital lease obligations are as follows (in thousands):

2002	\$ 20,415
2003	33,007
2004	5,916
2005	21,702
2006	195
Thereafter	93,550
	\$174,785

On December 29, 2001, the estimated fair value of our long-term debt, including the current portion, was \$175,846,000, which was \$1,061,000 greater than the carrying value. The estimated fair value is based on rates anticipated to be available to us for debt with similar terms and maturities. The estimated fair value of notes payable included in current liabilities approximated the carrying value.

#### E. Leases

Leased property included in the balance sheet on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000 is as follows (in thousands):

	2001	2000
Land and improvements	\$ 19	\$ 19
Buildings and improvements	161	161
Machinery and equipment	3,335	3,390
	3,515	3,570
Less accumulated amortization	(559)	(502)
	\$2,956	\$3,068

We lease certain real estate under operating lease agreements with original terms ranging from one to ten years. We are required to pay real estate taxes and other occupancy costs under these leases. Certain leases carry renewal options of five to fifteen years. We also lease motor vehicles and equipment under operating lease agreements, for periods of one to ten years. Future minimum payments under noncancellable leases on December 29, 2001 are as follows (in thousands):

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases	Total
2002	\$2,516	\$ 6,859	\$ 9,375
2003	94	5,248	5,342
2004	63	4,037	4,100
2005	68	2,424	2,492
2006	63	866	929
Subsequent		178	178
Total minimum lease payments	2,804	\$19,612	\$22,416
Less imputed interest	(223)		
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$2,581		

Rent expense was approximately \$11,193,000, \$9,238,000 and \$6,939,000 in 2001, 2000 and 1999 respectively.

#### F. Deferred Compensation

We have a program whereby certain executives irrevocably elected to defer receipt of certain compensation in 1985 through 1988. Deferred compensation payments to these executives will commence upon their retirement. We purchased life insurance on such executives, payable to us in amounts which, if assumptions made as to mortality experience, policy dividends and other factors are realized, will accumulate cash values adequate to reimburse us for all payments for insurance and deferred compensation obligations. In the event cash values are not sufficient to fund such obligations, the program allows us to reduce benefit payments to such amounts as may be funded by accumulated cash values. The deferred compensation liabilities and related cash surrender value of life insurance policies are included in "Other Liabilities" and "Other Assets," respectively.

We also maintain a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the "Plan") for the benefit of senior management employees who may elect to defer a portion of their annual bonus payments. The Plan provides investment options similar to our 401(k) plan, including our stock. Investments in shares of our stock are made on a "phantom stock" basis, and may only be distributed in our stock. Assets held by the Plan totaled approximately \$1,878,000 and \$1,982,000 on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, respectively, and are included in "Other Assets." Related liabilities totaled \$3,131,000 and \$3,039,000 on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, respectively, and are included in "Other Liabilities." The assets are recorded at fair market value. The related liabilities are recorded at fair market value, with the exception of the phantom stock which is recorded at the market value on the date of deferral.

#### G. Stock Redemption Agreement

During 2001, we entered into an agreement with our Chairman of the Board for the future redemption of 2 million shares of our outstanding stock at a price of \$18 per share. The cost of the redemption will be funded by our revolving credit facilities.

The shares subject to the agreement have been classified on the balance sheet under temporary equity. At December 29, 2001, the shares subject to redemption were considered outstanding for the purpose of determining weighted average shares outstanding.

The redemption was completed on January 15, 2002.

#### H. Common Stock

On June 1, 1993, shareholders approved the Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan") for our officers. Options for the purchase of all 1,200,000 shares of our common stock authorized under the Plan have been granted. The Plan provides that the options are exercisable only if the officer is employed by us at the time of exercise and holds at least seventy-five percent of the individuals' shares held on April 1, 1993. The Plan also requires the option shares to be held for periods of six months to three years. The remaining options are exercisable within thirty days of the anniversary of the Plan in 2001 through 2008.

In January 1994, the Employee Stock Gift Program was approved by the Board of Directors which allows us to gift shares of stock to eligible employees based on length of service. We gifted 1,552 shares, 400 shares and 275 shares of stock under this Plan in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively, and recognized the market value of the shares at the date of issuance as an expense.

In April 1994, shareholders approved the Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("Stock Purchase Plan") and Director Retainer Stock Plan ("Stock Retainer Plan"). The Stock Purchase Plan allows eligible employees to purchase shares of our stock at a share price equal to 90% of fair market value on the purchase date. In 2001, 2000 and 1999, 12,264 shares, 19,664 shares and 17,789 shares, respectively, were issued under this Plan for amounts totaling approximately \$183,000, \$227,000 and \$301,000, respectively. The Stock Retainer Plan allows eligible members of the Board of Directors to defer their retainer fees and receive shares of our stock at the time of their

retirement, disability or death. The number of shares to be received is equal to the amount of the retainer fee deferred multiplied by 110% divided by the fair market value of a share of our stock at the time of deferral, and is increased for dividends declared. We have accrued, in "Accrued Liabilities — Other," approximately \$300,000 and \$247,000 on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, respectively, for amounts incurred under this Plan.

In January 1997, we instituted a Directors' Stock Grant Program. In lieu of a cash increase in the amount of Director fees, each outside Director receives 100 shares of stock for each board meeting attended up to a maximum of 400 shares per year. In 2001, 2000 and 1999, we issued 1,500 shares, 1,700 shares and 1,800 shares, respectively, and recognized the market value of the shares on the date of issuance as an expense.

On April 22, 1997, the shareholders approved the Long Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "1997 Plan") to succeed our 1994 Employee Stock Option Plan. The 1997 Plan reserved a maximum of 1,100,000 shares, and provided for the granting of incentive stock options, reload options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance shares and other stock-based awards. The term of the Plan was ten years. In 1999, we granted incentive stock options for 231,161 shares under the 1997 Plan.

On April 28, 1999, the shareholders approved the Long Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "1999 Plan") to succeed the 1997 Plan. The 1999 Plan reserves a maximum of 1,000,000 shares, plus 406,029 shares remaining under the 1997 Plan, plus an annual increase of no more than 200,000 shares which may be added on the date of the annual meeting of shareholders each year. The 1999 Plan provides for the granting of incentive stock options, reload options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance shares and other stock-based awards. The term of the 1999 Plan is ten years. In 2001 and 2000, we granted incentive stock options for 390,597 shares and 505,934 shares, respectively. On December 29, 2001, a total of 2,731,174 shares are reserved for issuance under the plans mentioned above and under Note I below.

On October 21, 1998, the Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program (which succeeded a previous program) allowing us to repurchase up to 1,800,000 shares of our common stock. On October 18, 2000 and November 14, 2001, the Board of Directors authorized an additional 1,000,000 shares and 2,500,000 shares, respectively, to be repurchased under the program. In 2001, 2000 and 1999, we repurchased 109,482 shares, 635,411 shares and 677,801 shares, respectively, under these programs.

#### I. Stock Options and Stock-Based Compensation

Stock options issued under the Long Term Stock Incentive Plan are granted to employees and officers at exercise prices which equaled or exceeded the market value of the stock on the date of grant. The options are exercisable from three to fifteen years from the date of grant and the recipients must be employed by us at the date of exercise.

Stock purchased under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan is purchased at a price equal to 90% of fair market value on the purchase date.

As permitted under SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, ("SFAS 123"), we continue to apply the provisions of APB Opinion No. 25 which recognizes compensation expense under the intrinsic value method. Had compensation cost for the stock options granted and stock purchased in 2001, 2000 and 1999

been determined under the fair value based method defined in SFAS 123, our net earnings and earnings per share would have been reduced to the following pro forma amounts (in thousands, except per share data):

		2001	2	2000	]	1999
Net Earnings:						
As Reported	\$3	3,142	\$3	0,438	\$3	1,448
Pro Forma	\$3	1,771	\$2	9,790	\$3	0,897
EPS — Basic:		ŕ		ŕ		ŕ
As Reported	\$	1.68	\$	1.52	\$	1.52
Pro Forma						
EPS — Diluted:						
As Reported	\$	1.63	\$	1.49	\$	1.48
Pro Forma						

Options were granted in 2000 and 1999 at exercise prices which exceeded the market prices on the date of grant. Options to purchase 40,000 shares were granted in 2000 with a weighted average exercise price of \$21.56 per share, and a weighted average fair market price of \$14.75 on the date of grant. Options to purchase 80,000 shares were granted in 1999 with a weighted average exercise price of \$29.25 per share and a weighted average fair market price of \$20.02 on the date of the grant. No options were granted in 2001 with exercise prices which exceeded the market prices on the date of grant.

The fair value of each option granted in 2001, 2000 and 1999 is estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions.

	2001	2000	1999
Risk Free Interest Rate	4.6%	6.2%	6.2%
Expected Life	4.5 years	6.1 years	9.0 years
Expected Volatility	26.62%	27.09%	27.75%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.40%	0.40%	0.40%

Stock option activity since the end of 1998 is summarized as follows:

Shares of Common Stock Attributable to Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Options	Weighted Average Fair Value of Options Granted
1,382,538 256,161 (160,000) (161,184)	\$ 9.59 \$22.74 \$ 4.00 \$10.97	\$7.14
1,317,515 505,934 (60,000) (101,911)	\$12.66 \$13.22 \$ 4.25 \$15.96	\$4.67
1,661,538 390,597 (152,500) (187,901) 1,711,734	\$12.95 \$14.13 \$ 4.50 \$11.20 \$14.15	\$4.15
	Common Stock Attributable to Options  1,382,538 256,161 (160,000) (161,184)  1,317,515 505,934 (60,000) (101,911)  1,661,538 390,597 (152,500) (187,901)	Common Stock Attributable to Options         Weighted Average Exercise Price of Options           1,382,538         \$ 9.59           256,161         \$22.74           (160,000)         \$ 4.00           (161,184)         \$10.97           1,317,515         \$12.66           505,934         \$13.22           (60,000)         \$ 4.25           (101,911)         \$15.96           1,661,538         \$12.95           390,597         \$14.13           (152,500)         \$ 4.50           (187,901)         \$11.20

The following table summarizes information concerning options on December 29, 2001 (there are no options exercisable on December 29, 2001):

Range of Exercise Prices	Number Outstanding	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life
\$4.25 - \$10.00	370,000	3.72
\$10.01 - \$14.00	502,001	4.32
\$14.01 - \$18.00	410,185	4.35
\$18.01 - \$25.00	319,548	5.27
\$25.01 - \$36.01	110,000	10.27
	1,711,734	

#### J. Officers' Stock Notes Receivable

Officers' stock notes receivable represent notes obtained by us from certain officers for the purchase of our common stock. On April 21, 2000, we sold 60,376 shares of common stock to eight officers in exchange for additional notes receivable totaling almost \$800,000. Interest on all of the outstanding notes ranges from fixed rates of seven to eleven percent per annum and a variable rate of the prime rate less 10% (minimum 6%, maximum 12%). On December 29, 2001, payments on the notes are due as follows (in thousands):

2002	\$ 50
2003	87
2004	5 <i>7</i>
2005	61
2006	188
Thereafter	712
	\$1,155

#### K. Life Insurance

In September 1995, we acquired a second-to-die life insurance policy on our Chairman of the Board and his spouse, our largest shareholders. The death benefit on the policy totals \$8,700,000 and we are the beneficiary. We also maintain an officer's life insurance policy on the Chairman with a death benefit of \$1,300,000. The cash surrender value on these policies on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000 is included in "Other Assets."

#### L. Retirement Plans

We have a profit sharing and 401(k) plan for the benefit of substantially all of our employees excluding the employees of certain subsidiaries. Amounts contributed to the plan are made at the discretion of the Board of Directors. We contributed approximately \$682,000, \$546,000 and \$1,548,000 in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. In addition, we matched 50% of employee contributions in 2001 and 2000, and 25% in 1999, on a discretionary basis, totaling \$1,838,000, \$1,706,000 and \$717,000 in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively. The basis for matching contributions may not exceed the lesser of 6% of the employee's annual compensation or \$10,500.

In addition, a wholly-owned subsidiary acquired in 1998 has a 401(k) plan for the benefit of substantially all of its employees. This subsidiary matched 50% of employee contributions, on a discretionary basis, totaling \$586,000, \$509,000 and \$522,000 in 2001, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### M. Income Taxes

Income tax provisions for the years ended December 29, 2001, December 30, 2000, and December 25, 1999 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

	2001	2000	1999
Currently payable:			
Federal	\$12,801	\$16,688	\$18,049
State and local	1,385	1,781	2,455
Foreign	421	505	225
	14,607	18,974	20,729
Net Deferred:			
Federal	4,430	(263)	301
State and local	447	(189)	115
Foreign	128	696	(1,190)
	5,005	244	(774)
	\$19,612	\$19,218	\$19,955

The effective income tax rates are different from the statutory federal income tax rates for the following reasons:

	2001	2000	1999
Statutory federal income tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
State and local taxes (net of federal benefits)	2.2	2.1	3.2
Foreign subsidiary adjustments			(1.6)
Goodwill	1.1	1.2	1.1
Effect of minority owned interest in earnings of D&R	(0.9)		
Other, net	(1.3)	(0.2)	1.0
Effective income tax rate	<u>36.1</u> %	<u>38.1</u> %	<u>38.7</u> %

We have no present intention of remitting undistributed earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries aggregating \$6,210,000 on December 29, 2001 and, accordingly, no deferred tax liability has been established relative to these earnings. If these amounts were not considered permanently reinvested, a deferred tax liability of approximately \$1,035,000 would have been required.

Temporary differences which give rise to deferred tax assets and (liabilities) on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000 are as follows (in thousands):

	2001	2000
Employee benefits	\$ 4,483	\$ 3,554
Foreign subsidiary net operating loss	253	548
Depreciation	(11,104)	(11,117)
Inventory	257	389
Accrued expenses	661	2,814
All other, net	(2,592)	116
	\$ (8,042)	\$ (3,696)
Valuation allowance	(659)	
	\$ (8,701)	\$ (3,696)

The valuation allowance consists of a capital loss carryforward we have related to a prior investment in a wholly-owned subsidiary, UFP de Mexico. We do not anticipate realizing a future benefit from this loss carryforward, therefore, we have established an allowance for the entire amount of the future benefit. This carryforward will expire at the end of 2005. The foreign subsidiary net operating loss carryforward also expires in 2005.

#### N. Commitments and Contingencies

We are self-insured for environmental impairment liability and accrue an expense for the estimated cost of required remediation actions when situations requiring such action arise. We own and operate a number of facilities throughout the United States that chemically treat lumber products. In connection with the ownership and operation of these and other real properties, and the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances, we may, under various federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, be potentially liable for removal and remediation costs, as well as other potential costs, damages and expenses. Remediation activities are currently being conducted or planned at our North East, Maryland; Union City, Georgia; Stockertown, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Auburndale, Florida; and Schertz, Texas wood preservation facilities.

We have accrued, in "Other Liabilities," amounts totaling approximately \$2.4 million and \$2.3 million on December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000, respectively, representing the estimated costs to complete remediation efforts currently in process and those expected to occur in the future. The accrued costs include operating ground water reclamation wells, estimated costs of chemical treatments and consultant fees.

For the past several years, the EPA has been conducting a scientific review of CCA, a wood preservative we use to extend the useful life of wood fiber, as part of its re-registration process and in response to allegations by certain environmental groups that CCA poses health risks. Recently, the EPA announced that the manufacturers of CCA preservative agreed to the re-registration of CCA for certain industrial and commercial uses. The manufacturers agreed to voluntarily discontinue the registration of CCA for certain residential applications by December 31, 2003. The manufacturers will continue to produce CCA for use in various industrial, marine, and non-residential uses. This agreement will require us to change the preservative we use to one of several new alternatives over the next 20 months. We estimate that we will incur capital costs totaling approximately \$1.5 million to convert our plants to the new alternative preservatives.

In addition, an environmental group petitioned the Consumer Products Safety Commission ("CPSC") to ban the use of CCA treated wood in playsets. We have been assured by our vendors and by scientific studies that CCA treated lumber poses no unreasonable risks and its continued use should be permitted. The EPA, in a recent press release concluded that there isn't any reason to remove or replace any CCA treated structures, including decks or playground equipment.

We have been requested by a customer to defend it from purported class action lawsuits filed against it in Florida and Louisiana. The complaints allege that CCA treated lumber is defective. As previously stated, our vendors believe and scientific studies support the fact that CCA treated lumber poses no unreasonable risks, and we intend to vigorously defend our Company. We have also been named as a defendant in a purported class action lawsuit in Louisiana, which contains similar allegations as the complaints against our customer. We intend to vigorously defend the complaint. In addition, various lawsuits and claims, including those involving ordinary routine litigation incidental to our business, to which we are a party, are pending, or have been asserted, against us. Although the outcome of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, and some of them may be disposed of unfavorably to us, management has no reason to believe that their disposition will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, operating results or liquidity.

On December 29, 2001, we had outstanding purchase commitments on capital projects totaling \$1.7 million.

#### O. Derivative and Hedging Activities

In June 1998, the FASB issued SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities ("SFAS 133"). SFAS 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities. Under SFAS 133, certain contracts that were not formerly considered derivatives may now meet the definition of a derivative. In June 1999, the FASB issued SFAS No. 137, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities — Deferral of the Effective date of FASB Statement No. 133. In June 2000, the FASB issued SFAS No. 138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities, an amendment of SFAS 133.

Based on the revised effective date, we adopted SFAS 133, as amended, effective December 31, 2000 (the first day of our fiscal year ending December 29, 2001). The adoption of SFAS 133 did not have a significant impact on our financial position or results of operations because we do not have significant derivative activity.

#### P. Segment Reporting

SFAS No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information ("SFAS 131") defines operating segments as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. Under the definition of a segment, our Eastern and Western Divisions may be considered an operating segment of our business. Under SFAS 131, segments may be aggregated if the segments have similar economic characteristics and if the nature of the products, distribution methods, customers and regulatory environments are similar. We have chosen to aggregate our divisions into one reporting segment. Our divisions operate manufacturing and treating facilities throughout North America.

In 2001, 2000 and 1999, 33%, 32% and 26% of net sales, respectively, were to a single customer.

Information regarding principal geographic areas was as follows (in thousands):

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	Net Sales	Long-Lived Tangible Assets	Net Sales	Long-Lived Tangible Assets	Net Sales	Long-Lived Tangible Assets
United States	\$1,483,110 47,243	\$172,407 20,840	\$1,339,851 47,279	\$161,773 17,609	\$1,392,161 40,440	\$146,719 13,230
Total	\$1,530,353	\$193,247	\$1,387,130	\$179,382	\$1,432,601	\$159,949

Sales generated in Canada are primarily to customers in the United States of America.

The following table presents, for the periods indicated, our percentage of value-added and commodity-based sales to total sales.

	Value-Added	Commodity-Based
2001	48.4%	51.6%
2000	44.2%	55.8%
1999	40.8%	59.2%

Value added product sales consist of fencing, decking, lattice and other specialty products sold to the DIY/retail market, specialty wood packaging and engineered wood products. Although we consider the treatment of dimensional lumber with certain chemical preservatives a value-added process, treated lumber is not presently included in the value-added sales totals. Commodity-based product sales consist primarily of remanufactured lumber and preservative treated lumber.

#### Q. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

The following table sets forth selected financial information for all of the quarters during the years ended December 29, 2001 and December 30, 2000 (in thousands, except per share data):

	Fi	rst	Sec	ond	Third		Fourth	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Net sales <sup>(1)</sup>	\$284,069	\$303,551	\$485,153	\$430,695	\$431,861	\$370,555	\$329,270	\$282,329
Gross profit	43,119	40,411	66,397	57,298	56,182	48,927	45,781	40,377
Net earnings	4,977	6,081	14,238	12,917	9,808	8,148	4,119	3,292
Diluted earnings								
per share	0.25	0.30	0.70	0.63	0.48	0.40	0.20	0.16

<sup>(1)</sup> In 2001, we reclassified customer rebate expense from cost of goods sold to include it in net sales. Prior year amounts have been reclassified.

# Price Range of Common Stock and Dividends

Our common stock trades on the Nasdaq National Market tier of the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol UFPI. The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices as reported by Nasdaq.

Fiscal 2001	High	Low	Fiscal 2000	High	Low
Fourth Quarter	21.500	16.163	Fourth Quarter	14.000	10.750
Third Quarter	22.948	14.118	Third Quarter	16.125	11.500
Second Quarter	22.449	13.491	Second Quarter	14.000	11.000
First Quarter	15.433	12.944	First Quarter	14.875	10.625

There were approximately 5,200 shareholders of record as of March 1, 2002.

In 2001, we paid dividends on our common stock of \$.040 per share in June and \$.045 per share in December. In 2000, we paid dividends on our common stock of \$.040 per share in June and \$.040 per share in December. We intend to continue with our current dividend policy for the foreseeable future.

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#### Shareholder Information

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Universal Forest Products,® Inc. will be held at 8:00 a.m. on April 17, 2002, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Pearl and Monroe, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

# SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Shares of the Company's stock are traded under the symbol UFPI on the NASDAQ Stock Market. The Company's 10-K report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission will be provided free of charge to any shareholder upon written request. For more information, contact:

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