ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Fiscal Year	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (1) (2)					
NET SALES	**$2,092,189**	$2,151,393	$2,156,833	$2,539,671	$2,651,975
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES	**333,679**	307,316	295,198	495,345	508,691
PROVISION (CREDIT) FOR INCOME TAXES	**8,437**	7,009	(3,399)	52,533	59,890
INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY GAIN	**31,972**	22,600	6,701	105,981	120,525
INCOME BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY GAIN PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:					
Basic Earnings	**0.64**	0.46	0.13	2.06	2.34
Diluted Earnings	**0.64**	0.46	0.13	2.05	2.32
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:					
Cash Dividends	**.77**	.88	.88	.88	.68
Shareholders' Investment	**$ 14.01**	$ 16.90	$ 16.94	$ 20.47	$ 18.28
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (in 000's)	**49,572**	49,549	49,715	51,479	51,472
DILUTED NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (in 000's)	**49,725**	49,652	49,827	51,594	51,954
OTHER DATA (1) (2)					
SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT	**$ 694,684**	$ 837,523	$ 838,454	$1,045,492	$ 943,837
LONG-TERM DEBT	**281,104**	365,555	384,048	383,324	486,321
CAPITAL LEASES	**1,807**	1,677	2,379	1,385	1,988
TOTAL ASSETS	**1,619,023**	1,833,294	1,884,468	2,049,436	2,072,538
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	**995,682**	1,012,987	1,006,402	1,008,164	1,005,644
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF RESERVES	**364,175**	391,833	388,318	430,288	447,255
PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION	**63,981**	65,133	70,379	72,734	66,348
EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	**43,027**	65,513	68,000	69,518	86,075
WORKING CAPITAL	**$ 557,431**	$ 644,935	$ 519,023	$ 680,606	$ 761,037
Current Ratio	**2.9 to 1**	2.9 to 1	2.1 to 1	3.0 to 1	3.1 to 1
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT YEAR-END	**6,847**	7,145	7,260	8,701	9,073
NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS AT YEAR-END	**3,509**	3,545	3,693	3,874	4,058
QUOTED MARKET PRICE:					
High	**$ 21.51**	$ 33.40	$ 33.07	$ 40.38	$ 44.50
Low	**$ 11.13**	$ 12.80	$ 24.29	$ 30.01	$ 30.83

(1) The amounts include the acquisitions of Victa Lawncare Pty. Limited since June 30, 2008 and certain assets of Murray, Inc. since February 11, 2005.

(2) Share data adjusted for effect of 2-for-1 stock split effective October 29, 2004.