

Five Year Comparisons

Fiscal Year	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS					
NET SALES	1,316,413	1,287,029	1,339,677	1,285,517	1,139,462
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES	221,216	261,748	271,618	266,540	212,601
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	37,740	56,640	65,570	67,240	44,060
NET INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF ACCOUNTING CHANGES	61,565	92,412	104,805	102,481	70,345
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (000)	28,551	28,927	28,927	28,927	28,927
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:					
Net Income before cumulative effect of accounting changes ...	2.16	3.19	3.62	3.54	2.43
Net Income	2.16	3.19	3.62	2.42	2.43
Cash Dividends	1.09	1.05	.98	.90	.85
Shareholders' Investment	13.82	17.30	15.19	13.96	12.45
OTHER DATA					
SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT	351,097	500,505	439,478	403,792	359,958
LONG-TERM DEBT	142,897	60,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
TOTAL ASSETS	842,189	838,164	798,493	777,355	656,107
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	796,714	776,638	726,331	669,593	658,120
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT NET OF RESERVES ...	396,266	374,212	343,297	285,890	295,542
PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION	43,345	43,032	44,445	42,950	47,222
EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT .	71,262	77,746	131,034	40,804	38,110
WORKING CAPITAL	204,422	266,208	256,075	276,040	195,019
Current Ratio	2.0 to 1	2.4 to 1	2.3 to 1	2.3 to 1	2.2 to 1
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT YEAR END	7,661	7,199	6,958	8,628	7,950
NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS AT YEAR END ...	5,336	5,879	6,792	6,228	6,651
QUOTED MARKET PRICE:					
High	53-5/8	46-7/8	39-1/4	45-1/8	34-1/4
Low	36-1/2	32-3/4	30-1/2	32-1/2	21

NOTES:

- (1) The number of shares of common stock and per share data have been adjusted for a 2-for-1 stock split in fiscal 1995.
- (2) The cumulative effects of accounting changes in 1994 were for postretirement health care, postemployment benefits and deferred income taxes.