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#### GENERAL MILLS STRATEGIC GROWTH PHASES

1928	Flour, Feed, Wheaties
1956	Food, Flour, Electronics, Specialty Chemicals
1966	Consumer Foods, Specialty Chemicals
1976	Consumer Foods, Restaurants, Toys, Fashion, Specialty Retailing, Furniture, Luggage, Collectible Coins & Stamps, Travel, Specialty Chemicals
1985	Consumer Foods, Restaurants, Specialty Retailing
1995	Consumer Foods
2001	Added Worldwide Pillsbury Businesses



#### GENERAL MILLS LONG-TERM GROWTH MODEL

**Compound Growth Rate** 

**Net Sales** 

Low Single Digit

Segment Operating Profit

Mid Single Digit

Diluted EPS

High Single Digit

+ Dividend Yield

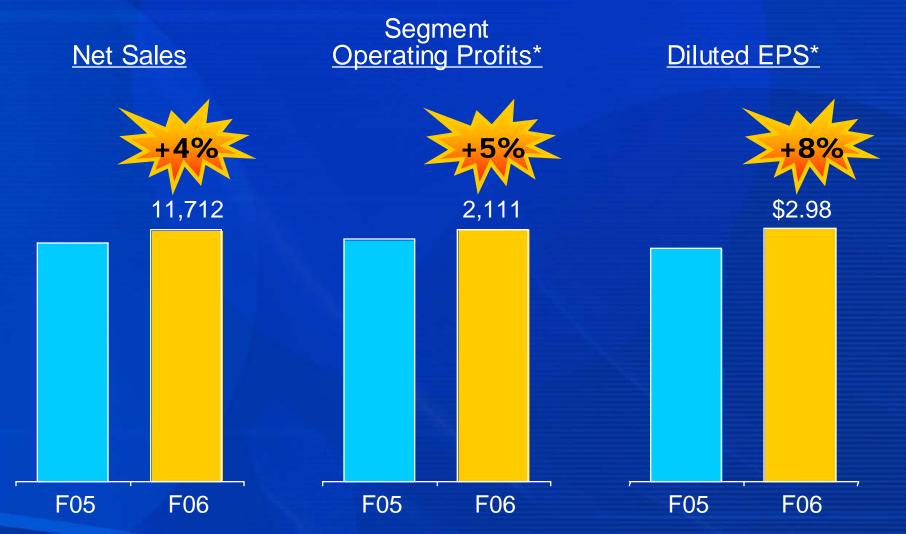
Total Shareholder Return

**Double Digit** 



#### **FISCAL 2006 RESULTS**

(\$ in Millions, Except Per Share Data)

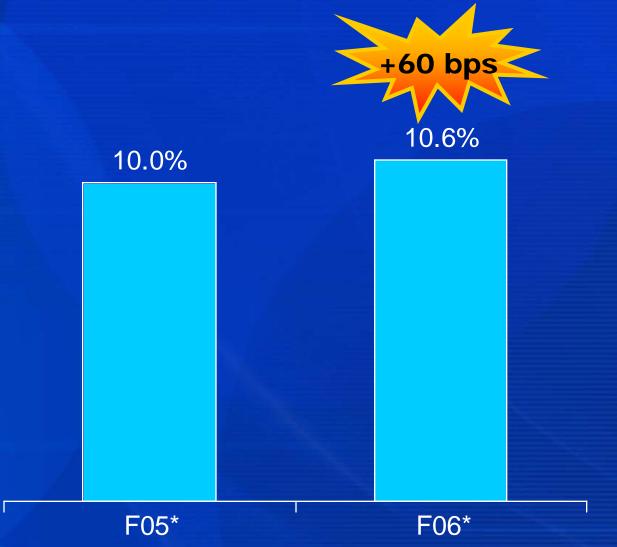




Excludes CoCo accounting impact, 2005 SVE/Lloyd's gain and bond buyback

\* See slides 50 and 51 for reconciliation of these non GAAP measures

#### **RETURN ON AVERAGE CAPITAL\***





Excludes 2005 SVE/Lloyd's gain and bond buyback

\* See slide 52 for reconciliation of this non GAAP measure

#### 1Q 2007 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(13 Wks. Ended Aug. 27, 2006; \$ in Millions Except Per Share Data)

	\$	% Change
Net Sales	\$2,860	+7%
Segment Operating Profit	532	+7
Earnings After Tax	267	+6
Diluted EPS	.74	+16
Diluted EPS, Excl. CoCos	.74	+9



### GENERAL MILLS KEY GROWTH ATTRIBUTES

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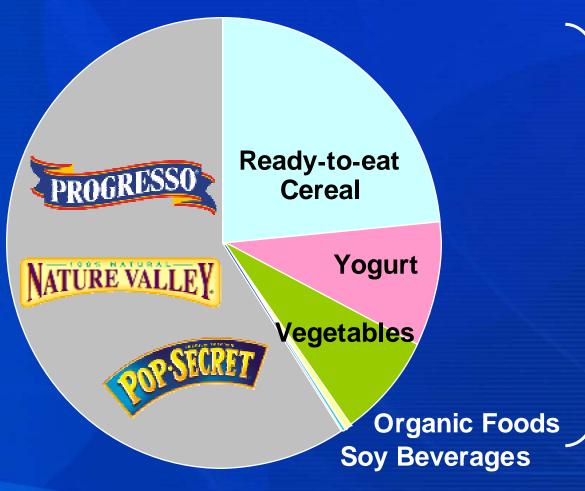
## LEADING MARKET POSITIONS IN U.S. RETAIL CATEGORIES

(Fiscal 2006, \$ in Millions)

Category	Category <u>Sales</u>	GMI <u>Rank</u>
Ready-to-eat Cereal	\$7,750	2
Refrigerated Yogurt	3,690	1
Frozen Vegetables	2,320	1
Ready-to-serve Soup	1,800	2
Mexican Products	1,780	2
Granola Bars / Grain Snacks	1,760	2
Refrigerated Dough	1,670	1
Dessert Mixes	1,510	1
Frozen Hot Snacks	1,020	2
Frozen Baked Goods	940	1



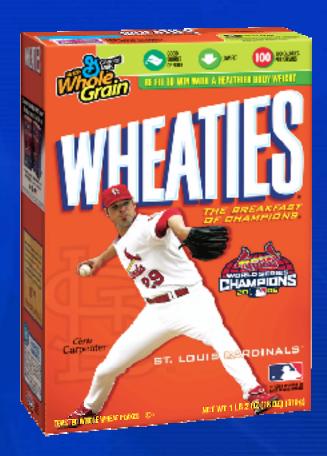
### A GLOBAL PORTFOLIO WITH A HEALTHY ADVANTAGE



40% of Worldwide Sales\*



### **READY-TO-EAT CEREALS**

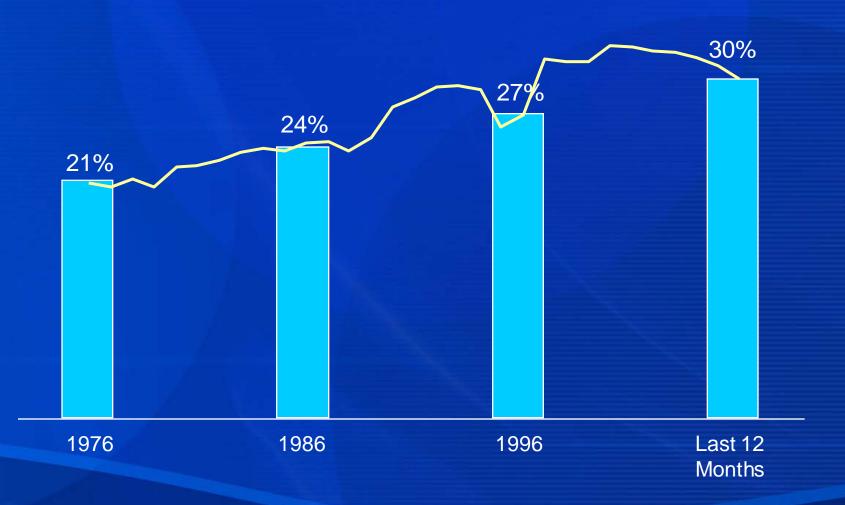


Entered U.S. Market in 1926



#### GENERAL MILLS U.S. CEREAL MARKET SHARE

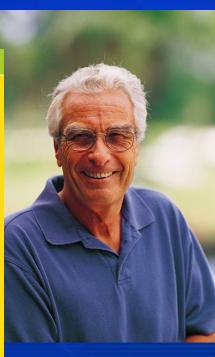
(Percent of Category \$ Sales)



#### THE CHEERIOS GROWTH STORY







Introduced in 1941

Dollar Sales Rank
#1 in U.S. Cereal Category
#1 with Adults 45+



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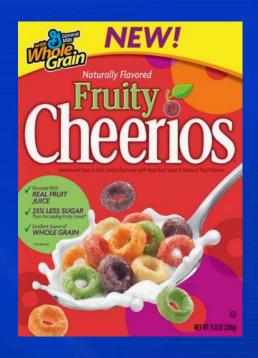


Introduced in 1979

Dollar Sales Rank
#2 in U.S. Cereal Category
#3 with Adults 45+



#### **CHEERIOS NEWS FOR KIDS**



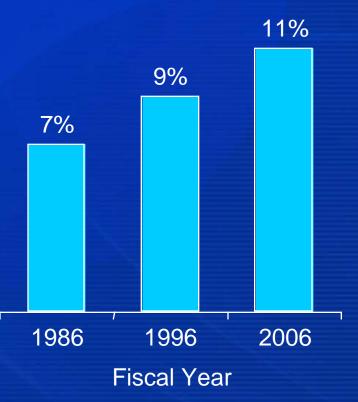
25% Less Sugar than Competitive Offerings2 Grams of Fiber per Serving16 Grams of Whole Grain per Serving



#### THE CHEERIOS GROWTH STORY



#### Franchise Dollar Share





Source: ACNielsen

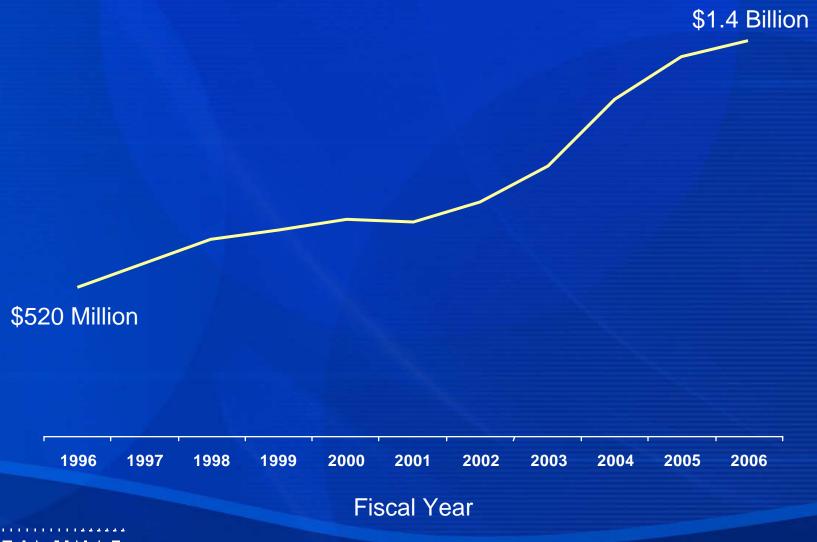
#### RECENT BIG G PROGRESS

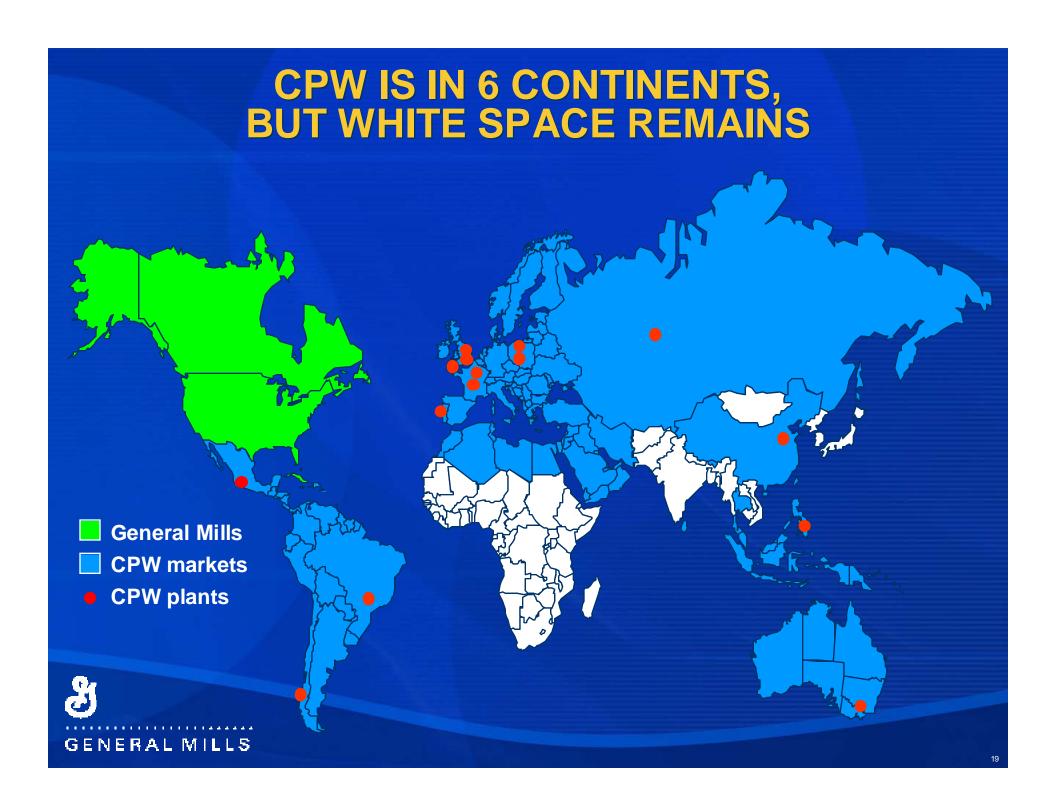
- Merchandised Volume Back to Competitive Levels
- Baseline Volumes Growing
- Renewed Net Sales Growth
- New Product Pipeline Strong



#### **OUR INTERNATIONAL CEREAL BUSINESS CEREAL PARTNERS WORLDWIDE**

(Net Sales, 100% Basis)





### CPW LEADS IN SOME MARKETS, SOLID #2 IN OTHERS

Market Leader	2005 Value Share
China	82
Turkey	76
Poland	74
Southeast Asia	68
Russia	56
Chile	56
Portugal	53
Greece	41

Solid #2	2005 Value Share
France	26
Italy	26
United Kingdom	25
Australia*	18
Mexico	16



# RTE CEREAL PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION IS STILL LOW IN MOST MARKETS

(KG per person)





#### **CEREAL PROVIDES KEY NUTRIENTS**

RTE Cereal's Contribution of Child's Daily Intake





Note: Pre-Sweetened Ready-t0-eat Cereal plus Milk for Children Ages 4-12 Source: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2001-02

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#### PRODUCTS WITH HEALTH BENEFITS

Health-related Improvements

Fiscal 2010 Goal

Fiscal 2005 – 2007 20% of Product Line 40% of Product Line



#### YOPLAIT YOGURT







- Retail Sales 2-year CGR
  - Total Yoplait +13%
  - Yoplait Light +31%



#### YOPLAIT KIDS YOGURT



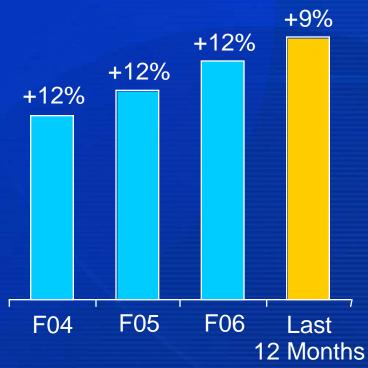
- 25% Less Sugar Than Leading Kid Yogurts
- No Artificial Sweeteners



#### **PROGRESSO SOUP**



### Retail Dollar Sales Growth

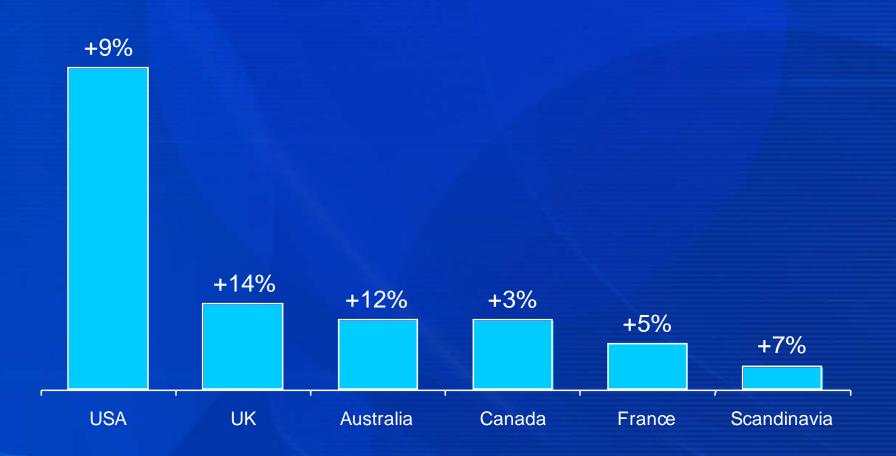


- 32 Varieties with 100 Calories or Less per Serving
- Low Sodium Varieties Exceeding Expectations



#### CONVENIENCE OLD EL PASO

(Net Sales Growth in Fiscal 2006)





## CONVENIENCE WANCHAI FERRY





- Launched in China in 1998
- \$50 Million in Net Sales
- Entering Taiwan Market

- Shelf Stable Dinner Kits
- Launched in France

#### CONVENIENCE REFRIGERATED BAKED GOODS

(Retail \$ Sales Growth)







### HEALTH & CONVENIENCE COMBINED NATURE VALLEY

Launched

1975



2006 Retail Sales in Measured Channels

\$140 MM

2001



\$110 MM

2005



\$65 MM



Source: ACNielsen Plus Wal ★Mart

## NATURE VALLEY CHANNEL AND MARKET EXPANSION



Convenience Stores and Vending



#### 60 International Markets

2002 Mexico

Venezuela

2005 Ireland

**United Kingdom** 

India

2006 Spain

Portugal Russia



#### NATURE VALLEY CEREAL







U.S. National Launch January 2007

#### STRONG NEW PRODUCT LINEUP



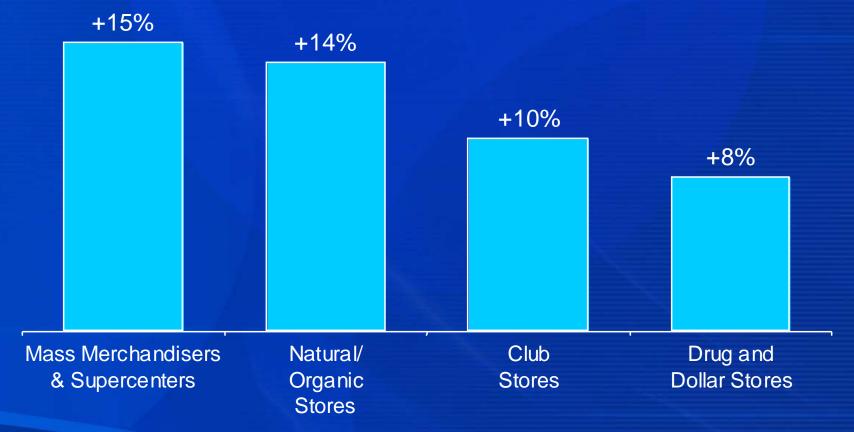
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# FASTER-GROWING U.S. RETAIL CHANNELS

(3-year Dollar Sales CGR)



## U.S. AWAY-FROM-HOME FOOD SALES GROWING

(\$ in Billions)





## BAKERIES & FOODSERVICE SEGMENT 2007 GROWTH PLANS



Convenience Store Product Expansion

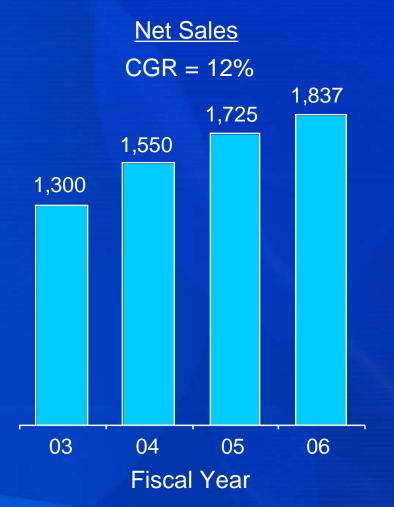


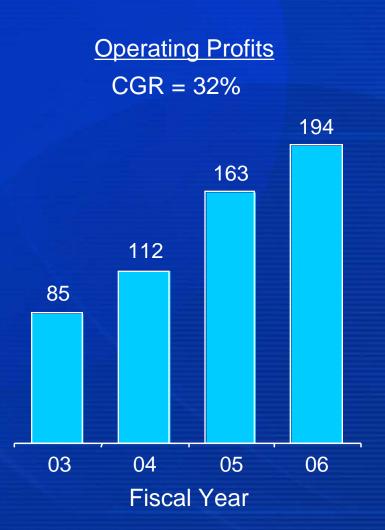
New Products to Foodservice Distributors



#### **INTERNATIONAL GROWTH**

(\$ in Millions)







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#### **BROAD-BASED MARGIN STRENGTH**

Segment Operating Profit Margin = 18%

Above Average Margins Today

Big G Cereals

Canada

Meals

Pillsbury USA

Yoplait

High Potential Margin Expansion

Bakeries & Foodservice

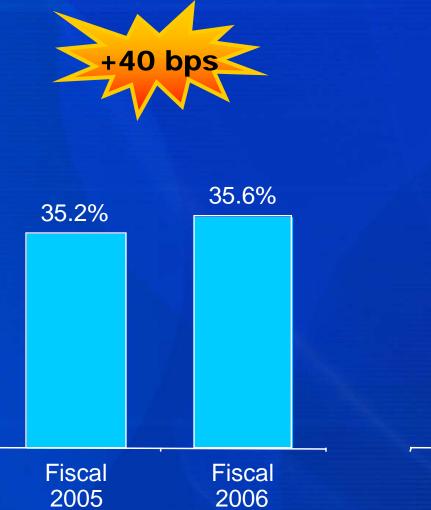
International

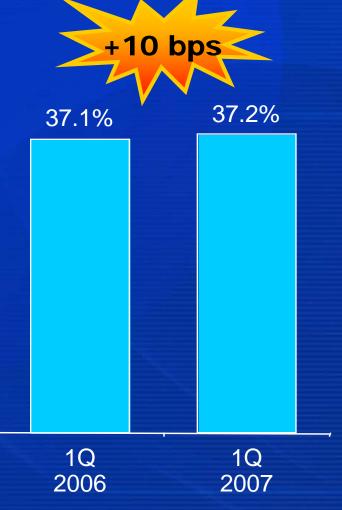
**Small Planet Foods** 

Snacks



#### **GROSS MARGIN PROGRESS**







#### **MARGIN EXPANSION LEVERS**

- Pricing
- Mix Management
- Trade Spending Efficiency
- Plant Operating Performance
- Productivity Initiatives



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#### HISTORICAL SHAREHOLDER RETURNS

(Compound Annual Growth)

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1956 – 2006

1966 - 2006

1976 - 2006

1986 - 2006

1996 - Today\*

#### General Mills

13%

13%

14%

13%

10%

#### S&P 500

11%

10%

12%

11%

9%





# RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP EPS TO DILUTED EPS

	Annual		
	2006	2005	
Diluted EPS	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.08	
Effect of Accounting for Contingent Convertible Debt	(.08)	(.19)	
EPS excluding CoCo Accounting	2.98	3.27	
Divestitures – gain	_ \ -	.75	
Debt repurchase costs		(.23)	
Diluted EPS excluding CoCos, 2005 divesture gain and bond buyback	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.75	
divesture garriand bond buyback	Ψ 2.90	Ψ 2.13	



# RECONCILIATION OF SEGMENT OPERATING PROFIT

(\$ in Millions)

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter		Annual	
	2007	2006	2006	2005
Segment Operating Profit:				
U.S. Retail	\$ 447	\$ 412	\$ 1,801	\$ 1,745
International	56	59	194	163
Bakeries & Foodservice	29	27	116	108
Total Segment Operating Profit	532	498	2,111	2,016
Unallocated Corporate Items	(43)	(37)	(123)	(32)
Total Operating Profit	\$ 489	\$ 461	\$ 1,988	\$ 1,984



## RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL (\$ in Millions)

	2006	2005	2004
Net earnings	\$ 1,090	\$ 1,240	
Interest, net, after-tax	261	289	
Divestitures gain, after-tax	-	(284)	
Debt repurchase cost, after-tax		87	
Earnings before interest after tax (adjusted)	1,351	1,332	
Current portion of long-term debt	2,131	1,638	233
Notes payable	1,503	299	583
Long-term debt	2,415	4,255	7,410
Total debt	6,049	6,192	8,226
Minority interest	1,136	1,133	299
Stockholders' equity	5,772	5,676	5,248
Total capital	12,957	13,001	13,773
2005 divestiture gain, net of debt repurchase cost	(197)	(197)	-
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(125)	(8)	144
Adjusted total capital	12,635	12,796	13,917
Average adjusted total capital	12,716	13,356	
Return on capital	10.6%	10.0%	

