



Maple Leaf Foods Investor Presentation

Third Quarter 2008 Financial Results

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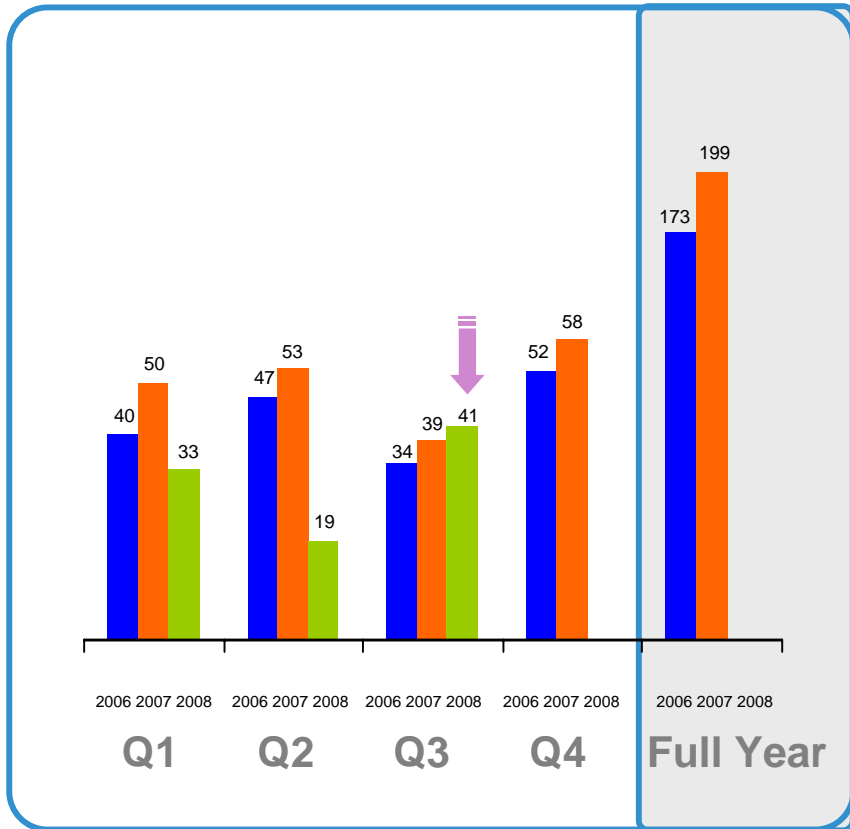
Third Quarter 2008 Highlights

- Adjusted Earnings per Share¹ of \$0.13 compared to \$0.06 last year
- Impact of recall at the Bartor Road plant and lower poultry processor margins were offset by improved earnings in other businesses
 - Improved margins in the Bakery group
 - Higher pork processor margins, strong rendering results and reduced hog production losses
 - Benefits from protein restructuring
- Focus on stabilizing the business, restoring volumes and continuing strategic initiatives to enhance financial performance

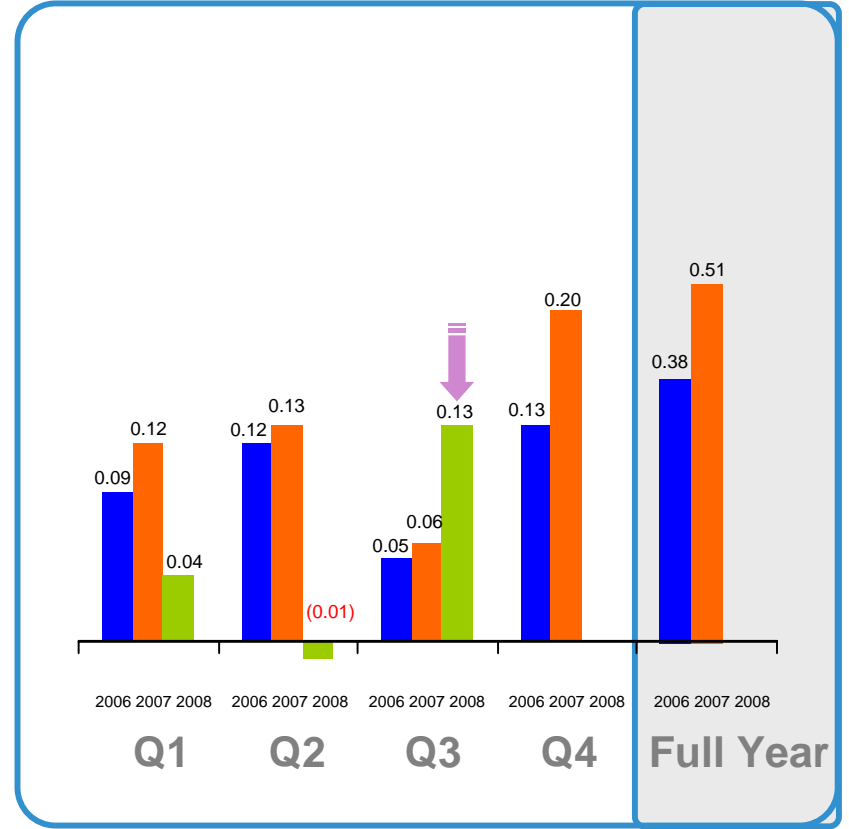
¹Earnings from continuing operations before one-time direct product recall, restructuring and other related costs and other income

Adjusted Earnings Per Share of \$0.13

Adjusted Operating Earnings (\$Millions)



Adjusted Earnings Per Share (\$CAD)



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Commodity Costs Eased late in Q3 2008

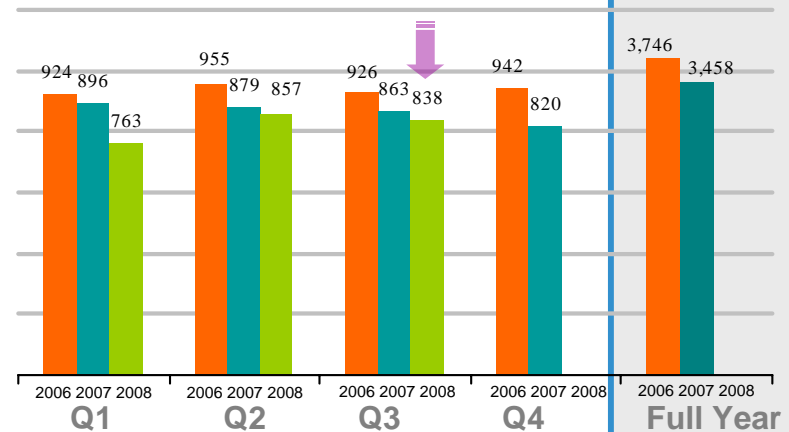
Although they remained at higher levels than Q3/07

Commodities	Change from Q2/08	Change from Q3/07	Q3 2008 margin trends
Wheat	↓ (24%)	↑ 26%	Lower flour costs and improved bakery margins Lower hog feed costs
Corn	↓ (6%)	↑ 69%	Lower hog feed costs
Soybean	↓ (10%)	↑ 45%	Higher rendering earnings as selling prices are linked to corn and soybean
Oil	↓ (4%)	↑ 58%	Higher operating costs in all businesses Increased value of biodiesel sales
Natural gas	↓ (23%)	↑ 53%	Higher operating costs in all businesses
Poultry processor margins	↓ (3%)	↓ (27%)	Lower margins in primary poultry processing
Wholesale Chicken	↑ 2%	↓ (3%)	
Live Birds	↑ 5%	↑ 16%	
Pork processor margins (per cwt)	↑ \$1.43	↑ \$3.57	Improved pork processor margins in Q3 2008 vs. Q2 2008 and Q3 2007 in the Meat Group
Wholesale pork	↑ \$8.9	↑ \$12.3	
Live Hog	↑ \$7.5	↑ \$8.8	

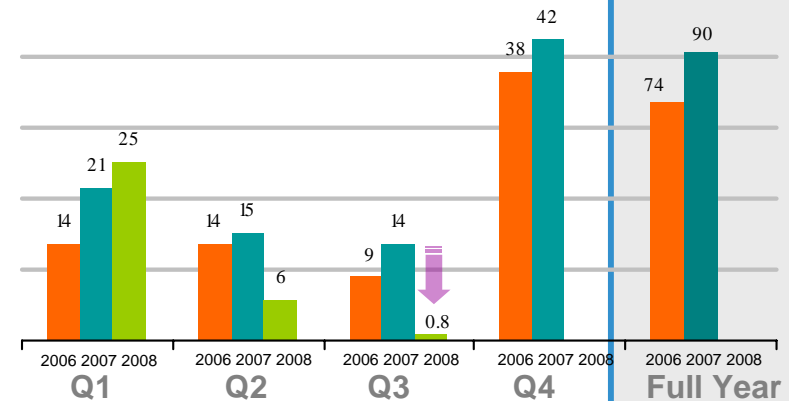
Meat Products Group

- **Sales declined 3% mainly due to packaged meat product recall**
- **Adjusted operating earnings declined 94%**
 - Lower sales and higher supply chain costs due to product recall were the primary factor
 - Poultry margins were pressured by higher live bird costs and lower chicken meat prices
 - Pork processor margins improved in the quarter, although resulted in higher meat costs in the packaged meats business
- **Strategic repositioning of protein operations yielded benefits in the quarter**
 - Start-up costs related to Brandon expansion almost complete; higher efficiencies and reduced costs were realized

Sales (\$Millions)



Operating Earnings (\$Millions)





Bartor Road Packaged Meats Recall

- Listeria contamination found in three sliced meat products resulted in a major product recall and temporary closure of Bartor Road plant in Toronto
 - Limited production resumed on Sept. 17th under highly controlled ramp-up
- One time direct costs currently estimated at \$25-\$30 million, of which \$19 million were recorded in the third quarter
 - Costs include product returns, extensive sanitization and testing, extensive communications and consumer outreach
- Management estimates operating earnings impact from lost sales and increased supply chain costs to be approximately \$14 million
- Recovery strategy highlights include
 - Enhancements to our food safety program
 - Innovation and brand investment
 - Food safety industry leadership
- Continued earnings impact expected in the fourth quarter

Pork Restructuring Update

Establishing a low cost high quality raw material supply

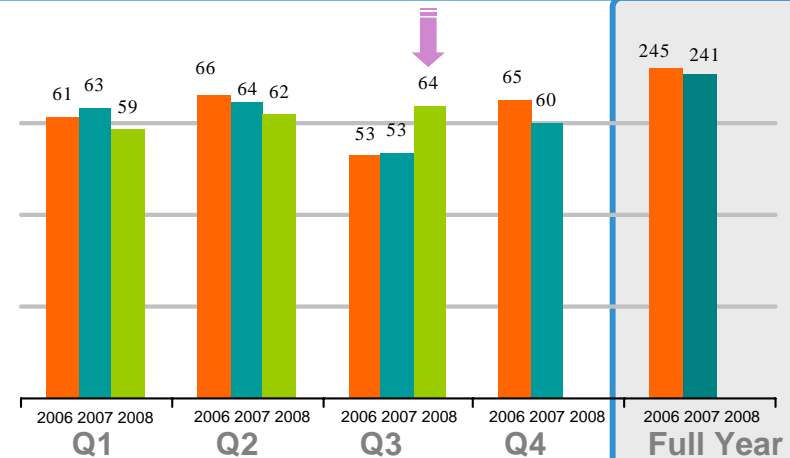
- Very successful ramp-up of Brandon pork plant expansion
 - Plant now processes 83,000 hogs per week on a full double-shift (compared to 45,000 on a single shift in 2007)
 - Net benefits should increase as start-up costs decline
- Warman Road, Winnipeg cut plant closed in September 2008
 - Primals now processed in expanded Brandon operation
- Lagimodiere Road, Winnipeg dedicated ham processing plant operating near optimal rate
 - Increased training and yield inefficiencies added one-time costs in Q3
- Divestiture of Burlington primary processing plant on track
 - Processes over 2 million hogs annually

Agribusiness Group

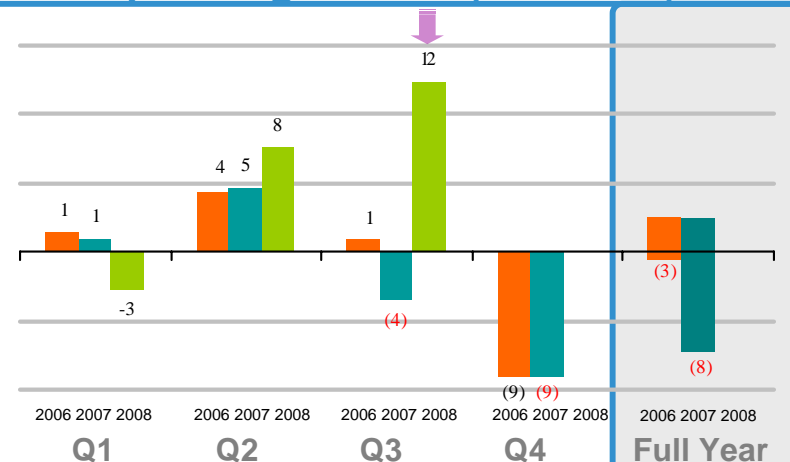
Major gains from rendering and hog restructuring

- **Sales increased due to higher prices for rendered products**
- **Significant increase in operating earnings**
 - Major improvement in hog production due to reduction in hogs marketed, higher hog prices and lower production costs
 - Strong rendering results benefiting from higher commodity prices and increased contributions from biodiesel
- **Hog production restructuring is largely complete; Manitoba operations providing approximately 20% of supply into Brandon plant**

Sales (\$Millions)



Operating income (\$Millions)



Hog Production Restructuring

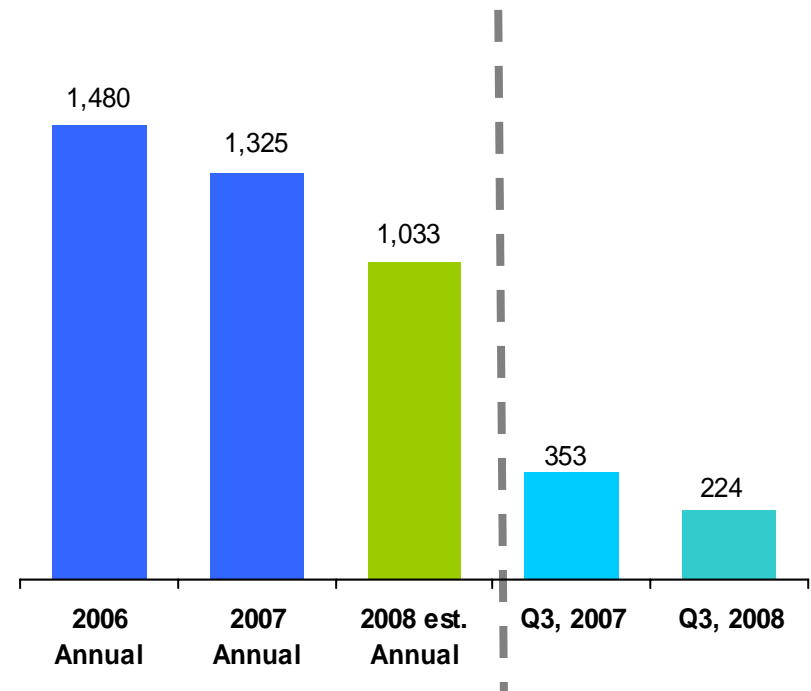
- **Hog production volumes down 37% to 224,000 hogs (353,000 last year)**

- Alberta operations fully divested in Q1 08
- Ontario operations fully divested in Q3 08
- Going forward, hog production volume has reduced to approximately 211,000 hogs per quarter

- **Planned disposal of genetics business in Q4 08 will complete the restructuring of hog operations**

Effective Hogs Produced

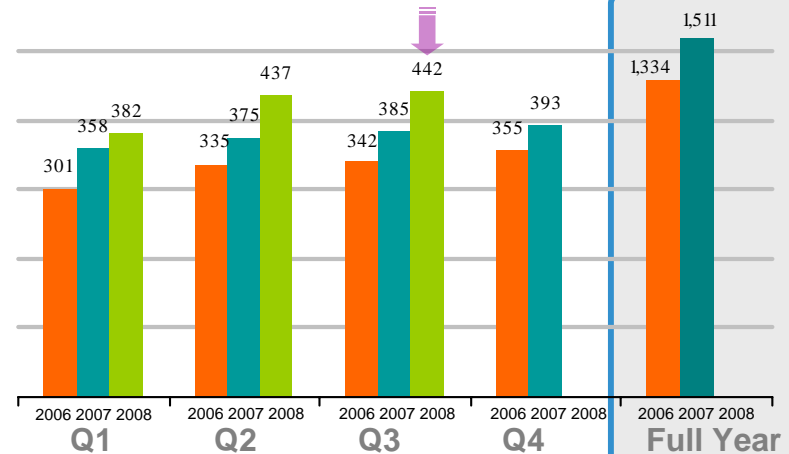
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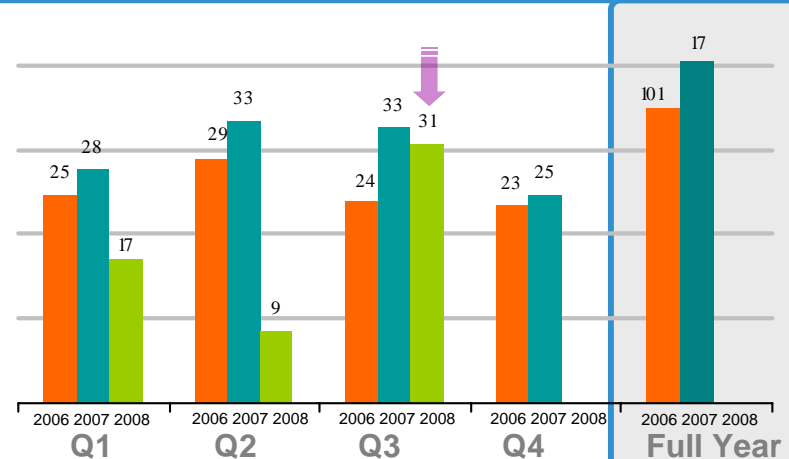
Bakery Products Group

- **Sales up 15% due to higher selling prices and contribution from acquisitions**
- **Operating earnings declined 6%, not including insurance proceeds related to UK bakery**
 - Wheat and fuel costs remained higher compared to Q3 07; although prices began to decline in September
 - Price increases taken in previous quarters improved margins; did not offset losses incurred to date
 - Margins are expected to continue to improve towards the end of the year as commodity prices continue to decline
- **UK Bakery sales declined and costs increased, largely due to fire at Rotherham bagel plant in Q1/08**
 - New oven commissioning and increased marketing activities led to higher costs
 - Insurance proceeds of \$5M were received in Q3/08 with additional proceeds expected in Q4 and Q1/09
 - Closed two small UK bakeries and consolidated production into other plants as part of network integration activities

Sales (\$Million)



Operating Earnings (\$Million)



Finance Review – Capital Expenditures

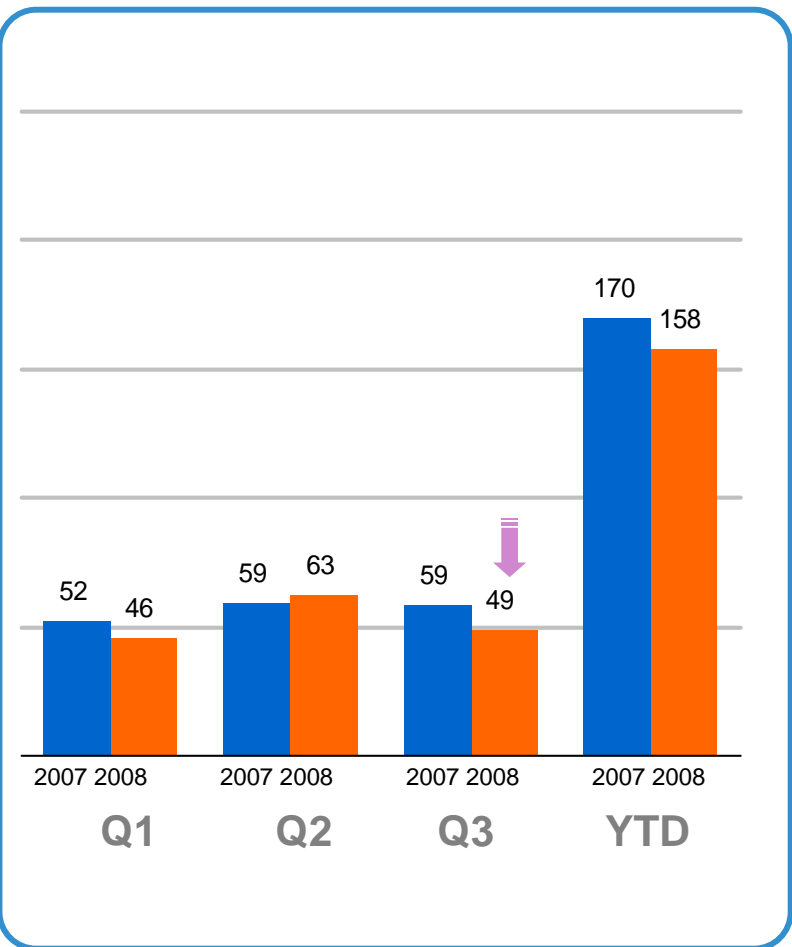
- **Invested \$49 million to reduce costs and increase competitiveness of manufacturing/supply chain**

- Costs to commission second-shift at Brandon plant
- Expand value-added ham boning operations in Winnipeg plant
- Consolidate and expand warehousing capacity in Western Canada

- **Full year 2008 expenditures are expected to be lower than \$280 million**

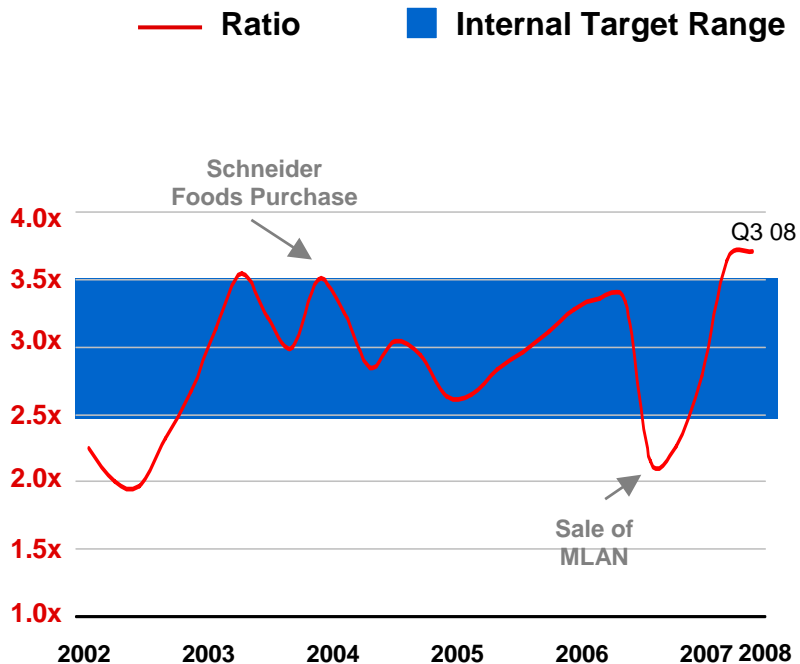
- \$158 million to date

Capital Expenditures (\$Millions)



Funded Debt Leverage Ratio (Net Debt/EBITDA)

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- **Impact of commodity markets in the first half of 2008 combined with product recall costs have increased short-term ratio**
- **Actions underway to bring debt ratio back within targeted range**
 - Restoring business post-recall
 - Delaying capital investments into 2009
 - Reducing near-term overhead spending

Note: Before restructuring and other related costs, normalized for full year of acquisition results.

Restructuring Costs

- Restructuring costs in Q3/08 of \$23.9 million (cash: \$9.2 million)
- Total 2006-2009 estimated restructuring costs of \$275-\$325 million (cash: \$110 million) of which \$233 million have already been recorded
- \$42-\$92 million of restructuring remaining related to sale of Burlington and Lethbridge primary processing pork facilities and consolidation of other operations

(\$Millions)

	Q3, 2008	Total-to-Date
Refocus of protein operations	\$9.3	\$69.9
Hog production restructuring	\$8.3	\$91.9
Goodwill impairment related to sale of animal nutrition business		\$20.7
Retention payments	\$0.5	\$12.9
Poultry plant closure	\$0.1	\$8.3
Impairment of non-core equity investment		\$7.3
Bakery plant closures	\$5.7	\$17.8
Discontinued operations		4.0
Total	\$23.9	\$232.8

- **Packaged meat recall** had a significant impact on earnings that will continue in Q4; action underway to restore business
- **Declining commodity prices** are restoring margins in the Bakery group
- **Protein reorganization** yielded benefits that will increase as start-up costs decline
- **Market fundamentals** are moving in our direction as commodity costs come in line with historical norms and currency returns to historical levels



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