## 1800 FLOWERS COM INC

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UNITED STATES<br>SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549<br>FORM 10-K<br>X ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR $15(d)$ OF THE<br>SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934<br>For the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008<br>or<br>TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934<br>Commission File No. 0-26841<br>1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc.<br>(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)


#### Abstract

DELAWARE --------- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

11-3117311 11-3117311 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Old Country Road, Carle Place, New York 11514 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (516) 237-6000 Securities registered pursuant to Section $12(\mathrm{~b})$ of the Act: Title of each class Name of each Exchange on which registered Class A common stock, par value The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. $\$ 0.01$ per share

Securities registered pursuant to Section $12(\mathrm{~g})$ of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes | | No |X| Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 (d) of the Act. Yes | \| No |X|

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(d)$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes |X| No | |

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation $S-K$ is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ or any amendment to this Form 10-K. |X|


Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). (Check one) :

Large accelerated filer | | Accelerated filer |X|
Non-accelerated filer | (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company | |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes | I No |X|

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the closing price as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, December 28, 2007, was approximately $\$ 227,449,000$. The registrant has no non-voting common stock.

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26,671,031
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(Number of shares of class A common stock outstanding as of September 4, 2008)

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36,858,465
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(Number of shares of class B common stock outstanding as of September 4, 2008)

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:
Portions of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Definitive Proxy Statement) are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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FORM 10-K
For the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008

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## PART I

Item 1. BUSINESS

The Company

1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. is the world's leading florist and gift shop. For more than 30 years, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. has been providing customers with fresh flowers and the finest selection of plants, gift baskets, gourmet foods, confections, balloons and plush stuffed animals perfect for every occasion. Named one of the top 50 online retailers by Internet Retailer, as well as 2008 Laureate Honoree by the Computerworld Honors Program and the recipient of ICMI's 2006 Global Call Center of the Year Award, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM(R) (1-800-356-9377 or www. 1800flowers.com) offers the best of both worlds: exquisite arrangements created by some of the nation's top floral artists and hand-delivered the same day, and spectacular flowers shipped overnight through our Fresh From Our Growers(R) program. As always, 100\% satisfaction and freshness are guaranteed. The Company's BloomNet(R) (www.mybloomnet.net) international floral wire service provides a broad range of quality products and value-added services designed to help professional florists grow their businesses profitably. The 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. "Gift Shop" also includes gourmet gifts such as popcorn and specialty treats from The Popcorn Factory (R) (1-800-541-2676 or (www.thepopcornfactory.com); exceptional cookies and baked gifts from Cheryl\&Co.(R) (1-800-443-8124 or www.cherylandco.com); premium chocolates and confections from Fannie May Confections Brands (www.fanniemay.com and www.harrylondon.com); gourmet foods from Greatfood.com(R) (www.greatfood.com); wine gifts from Ambrosia(R) (www.ambrosia.com or www.winetasting.com); gift baskets from 1-800-BASKETS.COM(R) (www. 1800baskets.com) and DesignPac Giftssm (www.designpac.com) as well as Home Decor and Children's Gifts from Plow \&

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Hearth(R) (1-800-627-1712 or www.plowandhearth.com), Wind \& Weather(R) (www.windandweather.com), HearthSong(R) (www.hearthsong.com) and Magic Cabin(R) (www.magiccabin.com).

1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under ticker symbol FLWS.

References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to "1-800-FLOWERS.COM" and the "Company" refer to $1-800-F L O W E R S . C O M, ~ I n c . ~ a n d ~ i t s ~ s u b s i d i a r i e s . ~ T h e ~ C o m p a n y ' s ~$ principal offices are located at One Old Country Road, Suite 500, Carle Place, NY 11514 and its telephone number at that location is (516) 237-6000.

The Origins of $1-800-$ FLOWERS.COM

The Company's operations began in 1976 when James F. McCann, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, acquired a single retail florist in New York City, which he subsequently expanded to a l4-store chain. Thereafter, the Company modified its business strategy to take advantage of the rapid emergence of toll-free calling. The Company acquired the right to use the toll-free telephone number $1-800-$ FLOWERS, adopted it as its corporate identity and began to aggressively build a national brand around it. The Company believes it was one of the first companies to embrace this new way of conducting business.

In order to support the growth of its toll-free business and to provide superior customer service, the Company developed an operating infrastructure that incorporated the best available technologies. Over time, the Company implemented a sophisticated transaction processing system that facilitated rapid order entry and fulfillment, an advanced telecommunications system and multiple customer service centers to handle increasing call volume.

To enable the Company to deliver products reliably nationwide on a same-day or next-day basis and to market pre-selected, high-quality floral products, the Company created BloomNet(R), a nationwide network including independent local florists selected for their high-quality products, superior customer service and order fulfillment and delivery capabilities.

The Company's online presence has enabled it to expand the number and types of products it can effectively offer to its customers. As a result, the company has developed relationships with customers who purchase products for both a broad range of celebratory gifting occasions as well as for everyday personal use. The Company has broadened its product offering to include products that a customer could expect to find in a high-end florist shop, including a wide assortment of
cut flowers and plants, candy, balloons, plush toys, giftware and gourmet gift baskets. In addition, the Company has further expanded its product offering to include home and garden merchandise through its April 1998 acquisition of The Plow \& Hearth, Inc.; unique and educational children's gifts through its acquisition of the HearthSong and Magic Cabin product lines in June 2001 and, more recently, weather-themed gifts and instruments through the acquisition of Wind \& Weather in October 2005. The Company has also significantly expanded its presence in the gourmet food and gift baskets category through a combination of organic initiatives and strategic acquisitions beginning with the purchase of GreatFood.com, Inc. in November 1999, followed by the purchase of certain assets of The Popcorn Factory, Inc. in May 2002, the addition of wine gifts through the acquisition of The WineTasting Network in November 2004 , the addition of cookies and other bakery gift items through the purchase of Cheryl \& Co. in March 2005, premium chocolates and confections with the acquisition of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. in May 2006, and most recently, gourmet gift baskets,
food towers and gift sets through the acquisition of DesignPac Gifts LLC in April 2008.

## The Company's Strategy

1-800-FLOWERS.COM's objective is to become the leading authority on thoughtful gifting, to serve an expanding range of our customers' celebratory needs, thereby helping our customers express themselves and connect with the important people in their lives. The Company will continue to build on the trusted relationships with our customers by providing them with ease of access, tasteful and appropriate gifts, and superior service.

The Company believes that $1-800-F L O W E R S . C O M$ is one of the most recognized brands in the floral and gift industry. The strength of its brand has enabled the Company to extend its product offerings beyond the floral category into complementary products, which include home and garden merchandise, children's toys and games, gourmet popcorn, cookies and related baked and snack food products, premium chocolate and confections, wine gifts and gourmet gift baskets. This extension of gift offerings helps our customers in all of their celebratory occasions, and has enabled the Company to increase the number of purchases and the average order value by existing customers who have come to trust the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM brand, as well as continue to attract new customers.

The Company believes its brands are characterized by:
o Convenience. All of the Company's product offerings can be purchased either via the web, or via the Company's toll-free telephone numbers, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for those customers who prefer a personal gift advisor to assist them. The Company offers a variety of delivery options, including same-day or next-day service throughout the world.

- Quality. High-quality products are critical to the Company's continued brand strength and are integral to the brand loyalty that it has built over the years. The Company offers its customers a $100 \%$ satisfaction guarantee on all of its products.
o Delivery. The Company has developed a market-proven fulfillment infrastructure that allows delivery on a same-day, next-day and any-day basis. Key to the Company's fulfillment capability is an innovative "hybrid" model which combines BloomNet (comprised of independent florists operating retail flower shops and Local Fulfillment or Design Centers ("LFC's"), Company-owned stores, LFC's, and franchise stores), with its eleven distribution centers located in California, Illinois, New York, Nevada, Ohio, and Virginia, and third-party vendors who ship directly to the Company's customers. These fulfillment points are connected by the Company's proprietary "BloomLink(R)" communication system, a secure internet-based system through which orders and related information are transmitted.
o Selection. Over the course of a year, the Company offers more than 2,600 varieties of fresh-cut flowers, floral arrangements and plants, more than 7,000 SKUs of gifts, gourmet foods, cookies, chocolates and wines, more than 10,000 different SKUs for the home, including garden accessories, casual lifestyle furnishings, weather themed instruments and gift items, and unique and educational toys and games.
o Customer Service. The Company strives to ensure that customer service, whether online, via the telephone, or in one of its retail stores is of the highest caliber. The Company operates four customer service facilities and employs a network of home agents to provide helpful assistance on everything from advice on product selection to the monitoring of the fulfillment and delivery process.


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As part of the Company's continuing effort to serve the thoughtful gifting needs of its customers, and leverage its business platform, where appropriate, the Company intends to market other high-quality brands in addition to the 1-800-Flowers.com brand. The Company intends to accomplish this through organic growth, and where appropriate, through acquisition of complementary businesses. In keeping with this strategy, in April 2008, the Company acquired DesignPac Gifts LLC, a designer, assembler and distributor of gourmet gift baskets, gourmet food towers and gift sets, including a broad range of branded and private label components. Subsequent to year end, in July 2008, the Company acquired selected assets of Napco Marketing Corp. Napco is a wholesale merchandiser and marketer of products designed primarily for the floral industry, and will complement the product line already offered by BloomNet. In May 2006, the Company acquired Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. a manufacturer and direct retailer of premium chocolates and confections, through its Fannie May (R), Harry London(R) and Fanny Farmer (R) brands, while in March 2005, the Company acquired Cheryl \& Co., a manufacturer and direct marketer of premium cookies and related baked gift items, and, in November 2004, The Winetasting Network, a distributor and direct-to-consumer marketer of wine. These acquisitions have enabled the Company to more fully develop its gourmet food and gift baskets product line, which the Company has identified as having significant revenue and earnings growth potential. In November 2005, the Company acquired Wind \& Weather, a direct-marketer of weather-themed instruments and gift items. In June 2001 the Company acquired The Children's Group, Inc., including its two brands of unique and educational children's toys and games, HearthSong and Magic Cabin, deepening its product assortment in the home and children's gift category which the Company first entered in 1998, through its acquisition of The Plow \& Hearth, Inc., a direct marketer of home decor and garden merchandise. As a complement to the Company's own brands and product lines, the Company has formed strategic relationships, including Martha Stewart for 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, a co-branded line of fresh, seasonal flower arrangements and plants which was launched during the latter part of fiscal 2008, as well as with Lenox(R), Waterford(R), Godiva(R) and Junior's Cheesecake(R). The Company also continues to develop signature products with renowned celebrity floral artisans and celebrity chefs in order to provide its customers with differentiated products and further its position as a destination for all of their gifting needs.

Having now achieved a solid base of business, through organic efforts and strategic acquisitions, management's current focus is on improving the Company's earnings performance through a combination of gross margin improvement from expanded overseas product sourcing and expected manufacturing efficiencies, leveraging the Company's operating platform to reduce operating expenses, and changes in advertising and marketing strategies designed to increase its effectiveness.

## Business Category Reorganization

With the addition of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. in May 2006, and the growing importance of BloomNet to the Company's operating results, the Company restructured its organization during fiscal 2007 in order to strengthen its execution and customer focus, and align resources to better meet the demands of the consumers that it serves and to deliver improved financial performance. To enhance the visibility of the growth and profit characteristics of its different business categories, the Company has provided results for its Consumer Floral, Home \& Children's Gifts, Gourmet Food and Gift Baskets, and BloomNet Wire Service businesses (see Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations section for details). The Consumer Floral business category includes the operations of the Company's flagship brand, 1-800-Flowers.com, while the Home \& Children's Gifts business category includes the Company's Plow \& Hearth, Wind \& Weather, HearthSong and Magic Cabin brands. The Gourmet Food and Gift Baskets category includes the operations of Fannie May Confections Brands, Cheryl \& Co., The Popcorn Factory, The Winetasting Network

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and DesignPac. The BloomNet Wire Service includes the operations of BloomNet, BloomNet Technologies, and beginning in fiscal 2009, Napco.

The Company's Products and Service Offerings
The Company offers a wide range of products including fresh-cut flowers, floral arrangements and plants, gifts, popcorn, gourmet foods and gift baskets, cookies, candy and wine, home and garden merchandise and unique toys and games for children. In order to maximize sales opportunities, products are not exclusive to certain brands, and may be sold across business categories. In addition to selecting its core products, the Company's merchandising team works closely with manufacturers and suppliers to select and design products that meet the seasonal, holiday and other special needs of its customers.

The Company's differentiated and value-added product offerings create the opportunity to have a relationship with customers who purchase items not only for gift-giving occasions but also for everyday consumption. The Company's merchandising team works closely with manufacturers and suppliers to select and design its floral, gourmet foods and gift baskets, home and garden and children's toys, as well as other gift-related products that accommodate our customers' needs to celebrate a special occasion, convey a sentiment or cater to a casual lifestyle. As part of this continuing effort, the Company intends to continue to develop differentiated products and signature collections that our customers have embraced and come to expect from us, while we eliminate marginal performers from our product offerings.

Over the course of a year, the Company's product selection consists of:

Flowers \& Plants. The Company offers more than 2,000 varieties of fresh-cut flowers and floral arrangements for all occasions and holidays, available for same-day delivery. The Company provides its customers with a choice of florist designed products, flowers delivered through its Fresh From Our Growers(R) program, and its successful "celebrity" gift collections, including the unique floral creations of Jane Carroll, Julie McCann Mulligan, Jane Packer and Preston Bailey. The Company also offers approximately 500 varieties of popular plants to brighten the home and/or office, and accent gardens and landscapes.

Gourmet Foods and Gift Baskets. The Company offers more than 1,000 premium popcorn and specialty snack products from The Popcorn Factory brand, as well as approximately 600 carefully selected gourmet food and sweet products from the GreatFood.com brand. Additionally, the Company has more than 1,100 premium cookies and baked gift items from Cheryl \& Co., which are delivered in beautiful and innovative gift baskets and containers, providing customers with a variety of assortments to choose from. Through The Winetasting Network, the Company now offers its customers more than 500 different wines, primarily from the prestigious wine regions in California. Currently, restrictions exist in many states regarding interstate shipment of wine. As such, these items are only available in selected states. Through the Company's Fannie May Confections Brands, the Company offers more than 900 different selections of premium chocolate and candy. Many of the Company's gourmet products can be packaged in seasonal, occasion specific or decorative tins, fitting the "giftable" requirement of our individual customers, while also adding the capability to customize the tins with corporate logos and other personalized features for the Company's corporate customer's gifting needs. The Company offers more than 300 specially selected gift items, including plush toys, balloons, bath and spa items and gift baskets, candles, wreaths, ornaments, collectibles, home accessories and giftware.

Home and Children's Gifts. Through the Company's Plow \& Hearth and Wind \& Weather brands, the Company offers approximately 10,000 SKUs for the home,

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hearth and outdoor living, including casual lifestyle furniture and home accessories, clothing, footwear, candles and lighting, vases, kitchen items and accents and gardening items, including tools and accessories, pottery, nature and weather-related products, books and related products. Through the HearthSong and Magic Cabin brands, the Company offers environmentally friendly toys, plush stuffed animals, crafts and books with educational, nature and art themes, as well as, natural-fiber soft dolls, kits and accessories for children ages 3 through 12.

## BloomNet Products and Services

In order to further strengthen its florist designed fulfillment capabilities, and to compete in the profitable florist-to-florist business, during fiscal 2005, the Company began expanding its network of BloomNet florists. The Company's BloomNet business provides its members with products and services, including: (i) clearinghouse services, consisting of the settlement of orders between sending florists (including the $1-800-F l o w e r s . c o m ~ b r a n d) ~ a n d ~ r e c e i v i n g ~$ florists, (ii) advertising, in the form of member directories, including the industry's first on-line directory, (iii) communication services, by which BloomNet florists are able to send and receive orders and communicate between members, using Bloomlink(R), the Company's proprietary electronic communication system, (iv) other services including web hosting and point of sale, and (v) wholesale products, which consist of branded and non-branded floral supplies, enabling member florists to reduce their costs through 1-800-Flowers purchasing leverage, while also ensuring that member florists will be able to fulfill 1-800-Flowers.com brand orders based on recipe specifications. In order to
further enhance the wholesale capability of BloomNet, in July 2008, the Company acquired selected assets of Napco Marketing Corp., a wholesale merchandiser and marketer of products designed primarily for the floral industry. While maintaining industry-high quality standards for its 1-800-Flowers.com brand customers, the Company offers florists a compelling value proposition, offering products and services that its florists need to grow their business and to enhance profitability. With the completion of the Company's BloomNet investment phase in fiscal 2006, and following its strong operating results in fiscal 2007 and 2008, the company expects that its BloomNet operations will continue to contribute an increasing level of profitability during fiscal 2009.

Marketing and Promotion

The Company's marketing and promotion strategy is designed to strengthen the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM brands, increase customer acquisition, build customer loyalty, and encourage repeat purchases. The Company's goal is to make its brands synonymous with thoughtful gifting. To do this, the Company intends to continue to invest in its brands and acquisition of new customers through the use of selective on and off-line media, direct marketing, public relations and strategic internet relationships, while cost-effectively capitalizing on the Company's large and loyal customer base.

Enhance its Customer Relationships. The Company intends to deepen its relationship with its customers and be their trusted resource to fulfill their need for quality, tasteful gifts. We plan to encourage more frequent and extensive use of our branded web sites, by continuing to provide product-related content and interactive features which will enable the company to reach its customers during non-holiday periods, thereby increasing everyday purchases for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and sympathy. Through customer panel research, the $1-800-F l o w e r s . c o m$ brand recently introduced a number of new signature products designed to increase everyday purchases. From its celebrity floral artisan collection, including the exclusive Martha Stewart for

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1-800-FLOWERS.COM, a co-branded line of fresh, seasonal flower arrangements and plants which was launched during the latter part of fiscal 2008, to the successful introduction of its "Happy Hour" collection of margarita, martini and daiquiri inspired floral arrangements, which are advertised using innovative outdoor bus and billboard campaigns, the Company's marketing and product offerings continue to evolve to meet consumer needs. The Company will also continue to improve its customers' shopping experience by personalizing the features of its web site and, in compliance with the Company's privacy policy, utilizing customer information to target product promotions, identify individual and mass market consumption trends, remind customers of upcoming occasions and convey other marketing messages. In addition, the Company plans to drive purchase frequency improvements through the use of loyalty, thank-you and reminder programs, as well as targeting catalog content and mailings based on consumers changing purchasing habits. For example, the 1-800-Flowers.com brand introduced its Fresh Rewards(R) loyalty program whereby customers earn credit towards future purchases upon achieving targeted spending levels, while the Fannie May Confections Brands expanded its bounce back programs during its key holiday selling seasons. As of June 29, 2008 , the Company's total database of unique customers numbered approximately 34.4 million (14.4 million of which have transacted business with the Company within the past 36 months).

Through its Business Gift Services division, the Company believes it has significant opportunity to expand its corporate customer base and leverage existing and/or develop successful gifting programs with corporate customers', many of which are included in the Fortune 1000, such as AT\&T, American Express, Bank of America, General Electric, Deloitte, IBM, Verizon, Honeywell, Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Sodexho, and UPS, to name a few. These programs focus on developing and/or strengthening strategic partnerships through the coordinated development of customized and personalized gifts for their clients and employees, and are tailored to meet the needs of small, mid-sized and large businesses. The Company helps its corporate customers manage the Life Celebrations at Work (SM) programs, which include occasions such as Sympathy, Get Well, Anniversary, Birthday, Thank You and other daily floral needs.

Additionally, through the many brands supported by the Company, the Business Gift Services division supports corporate customers' holiday gifting, rewards and recognition programs, conferences and events, as well as client acquisition and customer retention programs to support their growth strategies.

Increase the Number of Online Customers. Online transactions are more cost efficient to process. Although the Company expects its customers to choose the most convenient channel available to them at the time of their purchase, the Company expects its trend of online growth to continue. In order to maximize the value of this trend, the Company intends to continue to:

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o further build brand awareness to drive customers directly to the Company's URLs, further reducing reliance on internet portals and search engines; currently, greater than $73 \%$ of online revenues comes directly to the Company's websites;
o cost effectively promote its web site through internet portals, online networks and search engines and affiliates;
o aggressively market the Company's web site in its marketing campaigns;
o facilitate access to the Company's web site for its corporate customers by implementing direct links from their internal corporate networks, and develop customized co-branded micro-sites for larger corporate partners; and
o actively promote the Company's Fresh Rewards loyalty program to increase customer frequency and average order value.

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In order to attract new customers and to increase purchase frequency and average order value of existing customers, the Company markets and promotes its brands and products as follows:

Direct Mail and Catalogs. The Company uses its direct mail promotions and catalogs to increase the number of new customers and to increase purchase frequency of its existing customers. Through the use of the Plow \& Hearth, Wind \& Weather, HearthSong, Magic Cabin, Popcorn Factory and Cheryl \& Co. catalogs, the Company can utilize its extensive customer database to effectively cross-promote its products. In addition to providing a direct sale mechanism, these catalogs drive on-line sales and will attract additional customers to the Company's web sites. For the year ended June 29, 2008, the Company mailed in excess of 115 million branded catalogs.

Off-line Media. The Company utilizes off-line media, including television, radio and print to market its $1-800-F l o w e r s . c o m$ brand and products. Off-line media allows the company to reach a large number of customers and to target particular market segments.

The Company's Strategic Online Relationships. The Company promotes its products through strategic relationships with leading internet portals, search engines and online networks. The Company's online relationships include, among others, AOL, Yahoo!, Microsoft, and Google.

Affiliate and Co-Marketing Promotions. In addition to securing alliances with frequently visited web sites, the Company developed an affiliate network that includes thousands of web sites operated by third parties. Affiliate participation may be terminated by them or by the Company at any time. These web sites earn commissions on purchases made by customers referred from their sites to the Company's web site. In order to expand the reach of its marketing programs and stretch its marketing dollars, the Company has established a number of co-marketing relationships and promotions to advertise its products. For example, the Company has established co-marketing arrangements with American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Starwood Hotels, Choice Hotels, Next Jump, Bank Of America, SunTrust, American Express, MasterCard, Visa and Paypal, among others.

E-mails. The Company is able to capitalize on its customer database of approximately 34.4 million unique customers (14.7 million of which have transacted business with the Company within the past 36 months), 20.3 million of which have transacted business with the Company on-line ( 10.5 million of which have transacted business with the Company online within the past 36 months), by utilizing cost-effective, targeted e-mails to notify customers of product promotions, remind them of upcoming gifting occasions and convey other marketing messages.

The Company's Web Sites

The Company offers floral, plant, gift baskets, gourmet foods, chocolate and candies, plush and specialty gift products through its $1-800-\mathrm{FLOWERS}$.COM web site (www.l800flowers.com). Customers can come to the web site directly or be linked by one of the Company's portal providers, search engine, or affiliate relationships. These include AOL (keyword:flowers), Yahoo!, Microsoft and Google, as well as thousands of its online affiliate program members. The Company also offers home and garden products through Plow \& Hearth (www.plowandhearth.com), weather-themed gifts through Wind \& Weather (www.windandweather.com), premium chocolates and confections from Fannie May

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specialty food products through The Popcorn Factory (www.thepopcornfactory.com) exceptional baked cookies and baked gifts from Cheryl\&Co. (www.cherylandco.com), children's gifts through its HearthSong (www.hearthsong.com) and Magic Cabin (www.magiccabin.com) and wine gifts from The Winetasting Network (www.ambrosiawine.com and www.winetasting.com) web sites. Greater than $73 \%$ of online revenues are derived from traffic coming directly to one of the company's Universal Resource Locators ("URL's").

The Company's web sites allow customers to easily browse and purchase its products, promote brand loyalty and encourage repeat purchases by providing an inviting customer experience. The Company's web sites offer customers detailed product information, complete with photographs, personalized shopping services, including search and order tracking, contests, sweepstakes, gift-giving suggestions and reminder programs, home decorating and how-to-tips and information about special events and offers. The Company has designed its web sites to be fast, secure and easy to use and allows customers to order products with minimal effort. The Company's web sites include the following key features in addition to the variety of delivery and shipping options (same day/next day) and 24 hour/7 day customer service that are available to all its customers:

## Technology Infrastructure

The Company believes it has been and continues to be a leader in implementing new technologies and systems to give its customers the best possible shopping experience, whether online or over the telephone. Through the use of customized software applications, the Company is able to retrieve, sort and analyze customer information to enable it to better serve its customers and target its product offerings. The Company's online and telephonic orders are fed directly from the Company's secure web sites, or with the assistance of a gift advisor, into a transaction processing system which captures the required customer and recipient information. The system then routes the order to the appropriate Company warehouse, or for florist fulfilled or drop-shipped items, selects a vendor to fulfill the customer's order and electronically transmits the necessary information using BloomLink(R), the Company's proprietary communication system, assuring timely delivery. In addition, the Company's gift advisors have electronic access to this system, enabling them to assist in order fulfillment and subsequently track other customer and/or order information.

In prior years, the Company has invested heavily in building a scalable technology platform to support the Company's order volume growth. The Company employs a combination of in-house personnel which concentrate on core competencies, including strategic direction and system and project management and implementation. However, more recently, the Company began outsourcing certain of its programming and support services in order to achieve cost efficiencies, allowing the company to focus its resources on customer specific projects to ensure an enjoyable shopping experience while providing improved operational flexibility, additional capacity and system redundancy.

The Company's technology infrastructure, primarily consisting of the Company's web sites, transaction processing, manufacturing and warehouse management, customer databases and telecommunications systems, is built and maintained for reliability, security, scalability and flexibility. To minimize the risk of service interruptions from unexpected component or telecommunications failure, maintenance and upgrades, the Company has built full back-up and system redundancies into those components of its systems that have been identified as critical. The Company plans to continue to invest in technologies that will improve and expand its e-commerce and telecommunication capabilities and utilize its informational technology expertise to improve the technology infrastructure of its recently acquired businesses to accommodate anticipated growth and improve their customers' shopping experiences.

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Fulfillment and Manufacturing Operations

The Company's customers primarily place their orders either online or over the telephone. The Company's development of a hybrid fulfillment system which enables the Company to offer same-day, next-day and any-day delivery, combines the use of BloomNet (comprised of independent florists operating retail flower shops and LFC's, Company-owned stores, LFC's, and franchise stores), with the Company-owned distribution centers and brand-name vendors who ship directly to the Company's customers. While providing a significant competitive advantage in
terms of delivery options, the Company's fulfillment system also has the added benefit of reducing the Company's capital investments in inventory and infrastructure. All of the Company's products are backed by a 100\% satisfaction guarantee, and the Company's business is not dependent on any single third-party supplier.

To ensure reliable and efficient communication of online and telephonic orders to its BloomNet members and third party gift vendors, the Company developed BloomLink(R), a proprietary and secure internet-based communications system which is available to all BloomNet members and third-party gift vendors. The Company also has the ability to arrange for international delivery of floral products through independent wire services and direct relationships.

The Company intends to improve its fulfillment capabilities to make its operations more efficient by:
o strengthening relationships and increasing the number of its vendors and BloomNet member florists, as appropriate, to ensure geographic coverage and shorten delivery times;
o continuing to improve warehousing operations and reduce fulfillment times in support of its floral, gifts, gourmet food and wines, and home product lines; and
o expanding the use of cross-dock logistics, and work with additional third party carriers to increase volume capability and utilizing cross brand fulfillment capabilities to mitigate the impact of fuel cost increases.

Fulfillment of products is as follows:

Flowers and Plants. A majority of the Company's floral orders are fulfilled by one of the Company's BloomNet members, allowing the Company to deliver its floral products on a same-day or next-day basis to ensure freshness and to meet its customers' need for immediate gifting. In addition, the Company is better positioned to ensure consistent product quality and presentation and offer a greater variety of arrangements, which creates a better experience for its customers and gift recipients. The Company selects retail florists for BloomNet based upon the florist's design staff, facilities, quality of floral processing, and delivery capabilities and allocates orders to members within a geographical area based on historical performance of the florist in fulfilling orders, and the number of BloomNet florists currently serving the area. The Company regularly monitors BloomNet florists' performance and adherence to the Company's quality standards to ensure proper fulfillment.

The Company's relationships with its BloomNet members are non-exclusive. Many florists, including many BloomNet florists, also are members of other floral fulfillment organizations. The BloomNet agreements generally are cancelable by either party with ten days notification and do not guarantee any orders, dollar amounts or exclusive territories from the Company to the florist. In fiscal

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2001, the Company began entering into Order Fulfillment Agreements with selected BloomNet members to operate LFC's in high volume markets to facilitate the fulfillment of the Company's floral and gift orders, improving the economics of florist fulfilled transactions, and improving the Company's ability to control product quality and branding. In consideration of the operator's satisfactory performance, the Company agrees to use reasonable efforts to forward orders with a specified minimum merchandise value during each year of the agreement. The Company has not granted an exclusive territory to any operator.

In certain instances, the company is required to fulfill orders through non-BloomNet members, and transmits these orders to the fulfilling florist using the communication system of an independent wire service or via telephone.

In addition to its florist designed product, the company offers its customers an alternative to florist designed products through its Fresh From Our Growers(R) program, and by providing for a full array of products from bouquets to unique floral celebrity expert designed products.

As of June 29, 2008, the Company operates 4 floral retail stores located in New York and 1 fulfillment center. In addition, the Company has 104 franchised stores, located primarily in California, Colorado, Florida, New Jersey, New York and Texas. Company-owned stores serve as local points of fulfillment and enable the Company to test new products and marketing programs.

Gourmet Foods and Gift Baskets. In order to take advantage of improved margins, better control quality and to offer premium branded signature products in the

Gourmet Food and Gift Baskets product category, which was identified by the Company as one of its fastest growing and most profitable product lines, the Company has acquired several gourmet food retailers with manufacturing operations. The Company's premium chocolates are manufactured and distributed from its 200,000 square foot production facility in Akron, Ohio, and the Company's cookie and baked gifts are fulfilled from its 176,000 square foot baking and distribution center in Obetz, Ohio, while its premium popcorn and related snack products are shipped from the Company's 148,000 square foot manufacturing and distribution center located in Lake Forest, Illinois. Most wine gift and fulfillment services are provided through the Company's 52,000 square foot fulfillment center in Napa, California and 42,000 square foot fulfillment center in Albany, New York. The remainder of the Company's wine and wine-related items are fulfilled by third-party gift vendors that ship products directly to the customer by next-day or other delivery options chosen by the customer. In April 2008, through the acquisition of DesignPac Gifts LLC, the Company significantly improved its gift basket fulfillment capabilities. Initially, DesignPac's confection and fulfillment, through its 249,000 square foot distribution center located in Melrose Park, IL, will focus on wholesale operations. During fiscal 2009, the Company will begin to leverage the capabilities of DesignPac to enable it to handle its expanding direct-to-consumer demand.

Home and Children's Gifts. The Company packages and ships its home and children's gift products primarily from three locations; (i) a 300,000 square foot distribution center located in Madison, Virginia, (ii) a 200,000 square foot distribution center in Vandalia, Ohio and (iii) a 140,000 square foot distribution center in Reno, Nevada. A smaller portion of the Company's home and children's items are shipped by third-party product suppliers using next-day or other delivery options selected by the customer.

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The Company's quarterly results may experience seasonal fluctuations. Due to the Company's expansion into non-floral products, the Thanksgiving through Christmas holiday season, which falls within the Company's second fiscal quarter, generates the highest proportion of the Company's annual revenues. In addition, as the result of a number of major floral gifting occasions, including Mother's Day and Administrative Professionals Week, revenues also rise during the Company's fiscal fourth quarter. Finally, results during the Company's fiscal first quarter are negatively impacted by the lack of major gift-giving holidays, and the disproportionate amount of overhead incurred during this slow period.

Adjusting for its most recent acquisitions, during fiscal 2009, the Company's fiscal second quarter, its largest in terms of revenues, is expected to account for approximately $38-40 \%$ of sales, followed by its fiscal fourth quarter, which is expected to account for $23-25 \%$ of sales, including the shift in the timing of the Easter Holiday from Q3 during fiscal 2008 to Q4 during fiscal 2009. The Company's fiscal third quarter is expected to account for approximately $21-23 \%$ of sales, also adjusting for the timing of the Easter Holiday, while the Company's fiscal first quarter is expected to account for approximately $14-16 \%$ of sales.

Accordingly, a disproportionate amount of operating cash flows are generated in the Company's fiscal second and fourth quarters. In preparation for the Company's second quarter holiday season, the Company significantly increases its inventories, and therefore, corresponding cash requirements, which traditionally have been financed by cash flows from operations and bank lines of credit, are highest during the latter part of the Company's fiscal first quarter, peaking within its second fiscal quarter. The Company has historically repaid all revolving bank lines of credit with cash generated from operations, prior to the end of the Company's fiscal second quarter.

## Competition

The growing popularity and convenience of e-commerce has continued to give rise to established businesses on the Internet. In addition to selling their products over the Internet, many of these retailers sell their products through a combination of channels by maintaining a web site, a toll-free phone number and physical locations. Additionally, several of these merchants offer an expanding variety of products and some are attracting an increasing number of customers. Certain mass merchants have expanded their offerings to include competing products and may continue to do so in the future. These mass merchants, as well as other potential competitors, may be able to:

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- undertake more extensive marketing campaigns for their brands and services;
- adopt more aggressive pricing policies; and
- make more attractive offers to potential employees, distributors and retailers.

In addition, the Company faces intense competition in each of its individual product categories. In the floral industry, there are various providers of floral products, none of which is dominant in the industry. The company's competitors include:

- retail floral shops, some of which maintain toll-free telephone numbers and web sites;
- online floral retailers;
- catalog companies that offer floral products;
- floral telemarketers and wire services; and
- supermarkets, mass merchants and specialty retailers with floral


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departments.

Similarly, the plant, gift basket, gourmet foods and wine, unique gifts, children's toys and home and garden categories are highly competitive. Each of these categories encompasses a wide range of products, is highly fragmented and is served by a large number of companies, none of which is dominant. Products in these categories may be purchased from a number of outlets, including mass merchants, telemarketers, retail specialty shops, online retailers and mail-order catalogs.

The Company believes the strength of its brands, product selection, customer relationships, technology infrastructure and fulfillment capabilities position it to compete effectively against its current and potential competitors in each of its product categories. However, increased competition could result in:
o price reductions, decreased revenues and lower profit margins;

- loss of market share; and
- increased marketing expenditures.

These and other competitive factors may adversely impact the Company's business and results of operations.

## Government Regulation and Legal Uncertainties

The Internet continues to evolve and there are laws and regulations directly applicable to e-commerce. Legislatures are also considering an increasing number of laws and regulations pertaining to the Internet, including laws and regulations addressing:

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O user privacy;
o pricing;
o content;
o connectivity;
o intellectual property;
O distribution;
O taxation;
O liabilities;
o antitrust; and
O characteristics and quality of products and services.
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Further, the growth and development of the market for online services may prompt more stringent consumer protection laws that may impose additional burdens on those companies conducting business online. The adoption of any additional laws or regulations may impair the growth of the Internet or commercial online services. This could decrease the demand for the Company's services and increase its cost of doing business. Moreover, the applicability to the Internet of existing laws regarding issues like property ownership, taxes, libel and personal privacy is uncertain. Any new legislation or regulation that has an adverse impact on the Internet or the application of existing laws and regulations to the Internet could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

States or foreign countries might attempt to regulate the Company's business or levy additional sales or other taxes relating to its activities. Because the Company's products and services are available over the Internet anywhere in the world, multiple jurisdictions may claim that the Company is required to do business as a foreign corporation in one or more of those jurisdictions. Failure to qualify as a foreign corporation in a jurisdiction where the Company is required to do so could subject it to taxes and penalties. States or foreign governments may charge the Company with violations of local laws.

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## Intellectual Property and Proprietary Rights

The Company regards its service marks, trademarks, trade secrets, domain names and similar intellectual property as critical to its success. The Company has applied for or received trademark and/or service mark registration for, among others, "1-800-FLOWERS.COM", "1-800-FLOWERS", "Plow \& Hearth", "Wind \& Weather", "GreatFood.com", "The Popcorn Factory", "TheGift.com", "HearthSong", "Magic Cabin", "Winetasting Network", "Cheryl\&Co.", "Fannie May" and "Harry London". The Company also has rights to numerous domain names, including www. 1800 flowers.com, www. 800 flowers.com, www.flowers.com, www.plowandhearth.com, www.windandweather.com, www.greatfood.com, www.thepopcornfactory.com, www.hearthsong.com, www.magiccabin.com, www.ambrosiawine.com, www.winetasting.com, www.cherylandco.com, www.fanniemay.com, www.harrylondon.com and www.designpac.com. In addition, the Company has developed transaction processing and operating systems as well as marketing data, and customer and recipient information databases.

The Company relies on trademark, unfair competition and copyright law, trade secret protection and contracts such as confidentiality and license agreements with its employees, customers, vendors and others to protect its proprietary rights. Despite the Company's precautions, it may be possible for competitors to obtain and/or use the Company's proprietary information without authorization or to develop technologies similar to the Company's and independently create a similarly functioning infrastructure. Furthermore, the protection of proprietary rights in Internet-related industries is uncertain and still evolving. The laws of some foreign countries do not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States. The Company's means of protecting its proprietary rights in the United States or abroad may not be adequate.

The Company intends to continue to license technology from third parties, including Oracle, Microsoft, Verizon and AT\&T, for its communications technology and the software that underlies its business systems. The market is evolving and the Company may need to license additional technologies to remain competitive. The Company may not be able to license these technologies on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

Third parties have in the past infringed or misappropriated the Company's intellectual property or similar proprietary rights. The Company believes infringements and misappropriations will continue to occur in the future. The Company intends to police against infringement and misappropriation. However, the Company cannot guarantee it will be able to enforce its rights and enjoin the alleged infringers from their use of confusingly similar trademarks, service marks, telephone numbers and domain names.

In addition, third parties may assert infringement claims against the Company. The Company cannot be certain that its technologies or its products and services do not infringe valid patents, trademarks, copyrights or other proprietary rights held by third parties. The Company may be subject to legal proceedings and claims from time to time relating to its intellectual property and the intellectual property of others in the ordinary course of its business. Intellectual property litigation is expensive and time-consuming and could divert management resources away from running the Company's business.

## Employees

As of June 29, 2008, the Company had a total of approximately 4,000 full and part-time employees. During peak periods, the Company substantially increases the number of customer service, manufacturing and retail and fulfillment personnel. The Company's personnel are not represented under collective bargaining agreements and the Company considers its relations with its employees to be good.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

Cautionary Statements Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Our disclosures and analysis in this Form 10-K contain some forward-looking statements that set forth anticipated results based on management's plans and assumptions. From time to time, we also provide forward-looking statements in other statements we release to the public as well as oral forward-looking statements. Such statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events; they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. We have tried, wherever possible, to identify such statements by using words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "plan, "believe" and similar expressions in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions; the effectiveness of our marketing programs; the performance of our existing products and services; our ability to attract and retain customers and expand our customer base; our ability to enter into or renew online marketing agreements; our ability to respond to competitive pressures; expenses, including shipping costs and the costs of marketing our current and future products and services; the outcome of contingencies, including legal proceedings in the normal course of business; and our ability to integrate acquisitions.

We cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be realized, although we believe we have been prudent in our plans and assumptions. Achievement of future results is subject to risk, uncertainties and potentially inaccurate assumptions. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could differ materially from past results and those anticipated, estimated or projected. You should bear this in mind as you consider forward looking statements.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our $10-Q$ and $8-K$ reports to the $S E C$. Also note we provide the following cautionary discussion of risks, uncertainties and possibly inaccurate assumptions relevant to our business. These are factors that, individually or in the aggregate, we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. We note these factors for investors as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 . You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors. Consequently, you should not consider the following to be a complete discussion of all potential risks and uncertainties.

The Company's operating results may fluctuate, and this fluctuation could cause financial results to be below expectations. The Company's operating results may fluctuate from period to period for a number of reasons. In budgeting the Company's operating expenses for the foreseeable future, the Company assumes that revenues will continue to grow; however, some of the Company's operating expenses are fixed in the short term. Sales of the Company's products are seasonal, concentrated in the fourth calendar quarter, due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas-time holidays, and the second calendar quarter, due to Mother's Day and Administrative Professionals' Week. In anticipation of increased sales activity during these periods, the Company hires a significant number of temporary employees to supplement its permanent staff and the Company increases its inventory levels. If revenues during these periods do not meet the Company's expectations, it may not generate sufficient revenue to offset these increased costs and its operating results may suffer.

The Company's quarterly operating results may significantly fluctuate and you should not rely on them as an indication of its future results. The Company's future revenues and results of operations may significantly fluctuate due to a combination of factors, many of which are outside of management's control. The most important of these factors include:

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- seasonality;
o the retail economy;
- the timing and effectiveness of marketing programs;
O the timing of the introduction of new products and services;
o the Company's ability to find and maintain reliable sources for
    certain of its products;
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O the timing and effectiveness of capital expenditures;
o the Company's ability to enter into or renew online marketing
    agreements; and
o competition.
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The Company may be unable to reduce operating expenses quickly enough to offset any unexpected revenue shortfall. If the Company has a shortfall in revenue without a corresponding reduction to its expenses, operating results may suffer. The Company's operating results for any particular quarter may not be indicative of future operating results. You should not rely on quarter-to-quarter comparisons of results of operations as an indication of the Company's future performance. It is possible that results of operations may be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors, which could cause the trading price of the Company's Class A common stock to fall.

Consumer spending on flowers, gifts and other products sold by the Company may vary with general economic conditions. If general economic conditions continue to deteriorate and the Company's customers have less disposable income, consumers may spend less on its products and its quarterly operating results may suffer.

During peak periods, the Company utilizes temporary employees and outsourced staff, who may not be as well-trained or committed to its customers as its permanent employees, and if they fail to provide the Company's customers with high quality customer service the customers may not return, which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The Company depends on its customer service department to respond to its customers should they have questions or problems with their orders. During peak periods, the Company relies on its permanent employees, as well as temporary employees and outsourced staff to respond to customer inquiries. These temporary employees and outsourced staff may not have the same level of commitment to the company's customers or be as well trained as its permanent employees. If the Company's customers are dissatisfied with the quality of the customer service they receive, they may not shop with the Company again, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

If the Company's customers do not find its expanded product lines appealing, revenues may not grow and net income may decrease. The Company's business historically has focused on offering floral and floral-related gift products. Although the Company has been successful in its expanded product lines including plants, gift baskets, popcorn, gourmet food and wine, unique or specialty gifts, home and garden accessories, and children's gifts, it expects to continue to incur significant costs in marketing these products. If the Company's customers do not continue to find its product lines appealing, the Company may not

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generate sufficient revenue to offset its related costs and its results of operations may be negatively impacted.

If the Company fails to develop and maintain its brands, it may not increase or maintain its customer base or its revenues. The Company must continue to develop and maintain the $1-800-$ FLOWERS.COM brands to expand its customer base and its revenues. In addition, the Company has introduced and acquired other brands in the past, and may continue to do so in the future. The Company believes that the importance of brand recognition will increase as it expands its product offerings. Many of the Company's customers may not be aware of the Company's non-floral products. If the Company fails to advertise and market its products effectively, it may not succeed in establishing its brands and may lose customers leading to a reduction of revenues.

The Company's success in promoting and enhancing the $1-800-\mathrm{FLOWERS} . \mathrm{COM}$ brands will also depend on its success in providing its customers high-quality products and a high level of customer service. If the Company's customers do not perceive its products and services to be of high quality, the value of the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM brands would be diminished and the Company may lose customers and its revenues may decline.

A failure to establish and maintain strategic online relationships that generate a significant amount of traffic could limit the growth of the company's business. Although the Company expects a significant portion of its online customers will continue to come directly to its website, it will also rely on third party web sites, search engines and affililates with which the company has strategic relationships for traffic. If these third-parties do not attract a significant number of visitors, the Company may not receive a significant number of online customers from these relationships and its revenues from these
relationships may decrease or remain flat. There continues to be strong competition to establish or maintain relationships with leading Internet companies, and the company may not successfully enter into additional relationships, or renew existing ones beyond their current terms. The Company may also be required to pay significant fees to maintain and expand existing relationships. The Company's online revenues may suffer if it does not enter into new relationships or maintain existing relationships or if these relationships do not result in traffic sufficient to justify their costs.

If local florists and other third-party vendors do not fulfill orders to the Company's customers' satisfaction, customers may not shop with the Company again. In many cases, floral orders placed by the Company's customers are fulfilled by local independent florists, a majority of which are members of BloomNet. The Company does not directly control any of these florists. In addition, many of the non-floral products sold by the Company are manufactured and delivered to its customers by independent third-party vendors. If customers are dissatisfied with the performance of the local florist or other third-party vendors, they may not utilize the Company's services when placing future orders and its revenues may decrease.

If a florist discontinues its relationship with the Company, the Company's customers may experience delays in service or declines in quality and may not shop with the Company again. Many of the Company's arrangements with local florists for order fulfillment may be terminated by either party with 10 days notice. If a florist discontinues its relationship with the Company, the Company will be required to obtain a suitable replacement located in the same geographic area, which may cause delays in delivery or a decline in quality, leading to customer dissatisfaction and loss of customers.

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If a significant number of customers are not satisfied with their purchase, the Company will be required to incur substantial costs to issue refunds, credits or replacement products. The Company offers its customers a 100\% satisfaction guarantee on its products. If customers are not satisfied with the products they receive, the Company will either replace the product for the customer or issue the customer a refund or credit. The Company's net income would decrease if a significant number of customers request replacement products, refunds or credits and the Company is unable to pass such costs onto the supplier.

Increased shipping costs and labor stoppages may adversely affect sales of the Company's products. Many of the Company's products are delivered to customers either directly from the manufacturer or from the Company's fulfillment centers located in California, Illinois, New York, Nevada, Ohio and Virginia. The Company has established relationships with Federal Express, UPS and other common carriers for the delivery of these products. If these carriers were to increase the prices they charge to ship the Company's goods, and the Company passes these increases on to its customers, its customers might choose to buy comparable products locally to avoid shipping charges. In addition, these carriers may experience labor stoppages, which could impact the Company's ability to deliver products on a timely basis to our customers and adversely affect its customer relationships.

If the Company fails to continuously improve its web site, it may not attract or retain customers. If potential or existing customers do not find the company's web site a convenient place to shop, the Company may not attract or retain customers and its sales may suffer. To encourage the use of the company's web site, it must continuously improve its accessibility, content and ease of use. Customer traffic and the Company's business would be adversely affected if competitors' web sites are perceived as easier to use or better able to satisfy customer needs.

Competition in the floral, plant, gift basket, gourmet food and wine, specialty gift, children's toys and games and home and garden industries is intense and a failure to respond to competitive pressure could result in lost revenues. There are many companies that offer products in these categories. In the floral category, the Company's competitors include:

- retail floral shops, some of which maintain toll-free telephone numbers, and web sites;
o online floral retailers;
- catalog companies that offer floral products;
- floral telemarketers and wire services; and
o supermarkets, mass merchants and specialty gift retailers with floral departments.

Similarly, the plant, gift basket, gourmet food, cookie, candy, wine, specialty gift, children's toys and home and garden categories are highly competitive. Each of these categories encompasses a wide range of products and is highly fragmented. Products in these categories may be purchased from a number of outlets, including mass merchants, retail shops, online retailers and mail-order catalogs.

Competition is intense and the Company expects it to increase. Increased competition could result in:
o price reductions, decreased revenue and lower profit margins;

- loss of market share; and
- increased marketing expenditures.

These and other competitive factors could materially and adversely affect the

Company's results of operations.

If the Company does not accurately predict customer demand for its products, it may lose customers or experience increased costs. In the past, the Company did not need to maintain a significant inventory of products. However, as the Company expands the volume of non-floral products offered to its customers, the Company will be required to increase inventory levels and the number of products maintained in its warehouses. If the Company overestimates customer demand for its products, excess inventory and outdated merchandise could accumulate, tying up working capital and potentially resulting in reduced warehouse capacity and inventory losses due to damage, theft and obsolescence. If the company underestimates customer demand, it may disappoint customers who may turn to its competitors. Moreover, the strength of the $1-800-F L O W E R S . C O M$ brands could be diminished due to misjudgments in merchandise selection.

If the supply of flowers for sale becomes limited, the price of flowers could rise or flowers may be unavailable and the Company's revenues and gross margins could decline. A variety of factors affect the supply of flowers in the United States and the price of the Company's floral products. If the supply of flowers available for sale is limited due to weather conditions, farm closures, economic conditions, or other factors, prices for flowers could rise and customer demand for the Company's floral products may be reduced, causing revenues and gross margins to decline. Alternatively, the Company may not be able to obtain high quality flowers in an amount sufficient to meet customer demand. Even if available, flowers from alternative sources may be of lesser quality and/or may be more expensive than those currently offered by the Company.

Most of the flowers sold in the United States are grown by farmers located abroad, primarily in Colombia, Ecuador and Holland, and the Company expects that this will continue in the future. The availability and price of flowers could be affected by a number of factors affecting these regions, including:
import duties and quotas;

- agricultural limitations and restrictions to manage pests and disease;
- changes in trading status;
o economic uncertainties and currency fluctuations;
- severe weather;
- work stoppages;
- foreign government regulations and political unrest; and
- trade restrictions, including United States retaliation against foreign trade practices.

The Company's franchisees may damage its brands or increase its costs by failing to comply with its franchise agreements or its operating standards. The Company's franchise business is governed by its Uniform Franchise Offering Circulars, franchise agreements and applicable franchise law. If the Company's franchisees do not comply with its established operating standards or the terms of the franchise agreements, the $1-800-F L O W E R S . C O M$ brands may be damaged. The Company may incur significant additional costs, including time-consuming and expensive litigation, to enforce its rights under the franchise agreements. Additionally, the Company is the primary tenant on certain leases, which the franchisees sublease from the Company. If a franchisee fails to meet its obligations as subtenant, the Company could incur significant costs to avoid default under the primary lease. Furthermore, as a franchiser, the Company has obligations to its franchisees. Franchisees may challenge the performance of the

Company's obligations under the franchise agreements and subject it to costs in defending these claims and, if the claims are successful, costs in connection with their compliance.

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If third parties acquire rights to use similar domain names or phone numbers or if the Company loses the right to use its phone numbers, its brands may be damaged and it may lose sales. The Company's Internet domain names are an important aspect of its brand recognition. The Company cannot practically acquire rights to all domain names similar to www. 1800 flowers.com, or its other brands, whether under existing top level domains or those issued in the future. If third parties obtain rights to similar domain names, these third parties may confuse the Company's customers and cause its customers to inadvertently place orders with these third parties, which could result in lost sales and could damage its brands.

Likewise, the phone number that spells 1-800-FLOWERS is important to the Company's brand and its business. While the Company has obtained the right to use the phone numbers 1-800-FLOWERS, 1-888-FLOWERS and 1-877-FLOWERS, as well as common toll-free "FLOWERS" misdials, it may not be able to obtain rights to use the FLOWERS phone number as new toll-free prefixes are issued, or the rights to all similar and potentially confusing numbers. If third parties obtain the phone number which spells "FLOWERS" with a different prefix or a toll-free number similar to FLOWERS, these parties may also confuse the Company's customers and cause lost sales and potential damage to its brands. In addition, under applicable FCC rules, ownership rights to phone numbers cannot be acquired. Accordingly, the FCC may rescind the Company's right to use any of its phone numbers, including 1-800-FLOWERS (1-800-356-9377).

A lack of security over the Internet may cause Internet usage to decline and cause the Company to expend capital and resources to protect against security breaches. A significant barrier to electronic commerce over the Internet has been the need for secure transmission of confidential information and transaction information. Internet usage could decline if any well-publicized compromise of security occurred. Additionally, computer "viruses" may cause the Company's systems to incur delays or experience other service interruptions. Such interruptions may materially impact the Company's ability to operate its business. If a computer virus affecting the Internet in general is highly publicized or particularly damaging, the Company's customers may not use the Internet or may be prevented from using the Internet, which would have an adverse effect on its revenues. As a result, the Company may be required to expend capital and resources to protect against or to alleviate these problems.

The Company's business could be injured by significant credit card or debit card fraud. Customers typically pay for their on-line or telephone orders with debit or credit cards. The Company's revenues and gross margins could decrease if it experienced significant credit card or debit card fraud. Failure to adequately detect and avoid fraudulent credit card or debit card transactions could cause the Company to lose its ability to accept credit cards or debit cards as forms of payment and result in charge-backs of the fraudulently charged amounts. Furthermore, widespread credit card or debit card fraud may lessen the Company's customers' willingness to purchase products through the Company's web sites or toll-free telephone numbers. For this reason, such failure could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Unexpected system interruptions caused by system failures may result in reduced revenues and harm to the Company's brand. In the past, particularly during peak holiday periods, the Company has experienced significant increases in traffic on its web site and in its toll-free customer service centers. The Company's operations are dependent on its ability to maintain its computer and telecommunications systems in effective working order and to protect its systems against damage from fire, natural disaster, power loss, telecommunications failure or similar events. The Company's systems have in the past, and may in the future, experience:

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o system interruptions;

- long response times; and
o degradation in service.

The Company's business depends on customers making purchases on its systems. Its revenues may decrease and its reputation could be harmed if it experiences frequent or long system delays or interruptions or if a disruption occurs during a peak holiday season.

If AT\&T and Verizon do not adequately maintain the Company's telephone service, the Company may experience system failures and its revenues may decrease. The Company is dependent on AT\&T and Verizon to provide telephone services to its customer service centers. Although the Company maintains redundant telecommunications systems, if AT\&T and Verizon experience system failures or fail to adequately maintain the Company's systems, the Company may experience interruptions and its customers might not continue to utilize its services. If the Company loses its telephone service, it will be unable to generate revenue. The Company's future success depends upon these third-party relationships because it does not have the resources to maintain its telephone service without these or other third parties. Failure to maintain these relationships or replace them on financially attractive terms may disrupt the Company's operations or require it to incur significant unanticipated costs.

Interruptions in Teleflora's Dove System or a reduction in the Company's access to this system may disrupt order fulfillment and create customer dissatisfaction. A minimal portion of the Company's customers' orders are communicated to the fulfilling florist through a third party system. This system is an order processing and messaging network used to facilitate the transmission of floral orders between florists. If this system experiences interruptions in the future, the Company could experience difficulties in fulfilling some of its customers' orders and those customers might not continue to shop with the Company.

The Company's operating results may suffer due to economic, political and social unrest or disturbances. Like other American businesses, the Company is unable to predict what long-term effect acts of terrorism, war, or similar unforeseen events may have on its business. The Company's results of operations and financial condition could be adversely impacted if such events cause an economic slowdown in the United States, or other negative effects that cannot now be anticipated.

If the Company is unable to hire and retain key personnel, its business may suffer. The Company's success is dependent on its ability to hire, retain and motivate highly qualified personnel. In particular, the Company's success depends on the continued efforts of its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, James F. McCann, and its President, Christopher G. McCann, as well as its senior management team which help manage its business. The loss of the services of any of the Company's executive management or key personnel or its inability to attract qualified additional personnel could cause its business to suffer and force it to expend time and resources in locating and training additional personnel.

Many governmental regulations may impact the Internet, which could affect the Company's ability to conduct business. Any new law or regulation, or the application or interpretation of existing laws, may decrease the growth in the use of the Internet or the Company's web site. The Company expects there will be an increasing number of laws and regulations pertaining to the Internet in the United States and throughout the world. These laws or regulations may relate to liability for information received from or transmitted over the Internet, online

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content regulation, user privacy, taxation and quality of products and services sold over the Internet. Moreover, the applicability to the Internet of existing laws governing intellectual property ownership and infringement, copyright, trademark, trade secret, obscenity, libel, employment, personal privacy and other issues is uncertain and developing. This could decrease the demand for the Company's products, increase its costs or otherwise adversely affect its business.

Regulations imposed by the Federal Trade Commission may adversely affect the growth of the Company's Internet business or its marketing efforts. The Federal Trade Commission has proposed regulations regarding the collection and use of personal identifying information obtained from individuals when accessing web sites, with particular emphasis on access by minors. These regulations may include requirements that the Company establish procedures to disclose and notify users of privacy and security policies, obtain consent from users for collection and use of information and provide users with the ability to access, correct and delete personal information stored by the Company. These regulations may also include enforcement and redress provisions. Moreover, even in the absence of those regulations, the Federal Trade Commission has begun investigations into the privacy practices of other companies that collect information on the Internet. One investigation resulted in a consent decree under which an Internet company agreed to establish programs to implement the principles noted above. The Company may become a party to a similar investigation, or the Federal Trade Commission's regulatory and enforcement efforts, or those of other governmental bodies, may adversely affect its ability to collect demographic and personal information from users, which could adversely affect its marketing efforts.

Unauthorized use of the Company's intellectual property by third parties may damage its brands. Unauthorized use of the Company's intellectual property by third parties may damage its brands and its reputation and may likely result in a loss of customers. It may be possible for third parties to obtain and use the Company's intellectual property without authorization. Third parties have in the past infringed or misappropriated the Company's intellectual property or similar proprietary rights. The Company believes infringements and misappropriations will continue to occur in the future. Furthermore, the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of intellectual property in Internet-related industries is uncertain and still evolving. The Company has been unable to register certain of its intellectual property in some foreign countries and furthermore, the laws of some foreign countries are uncertain or do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States.

Defending against intellectual property infringement claims could be expensive and, if the Company is not successful, could disrupt its ability to conduct business. The Company has been unable to register certain of its intellectual property in some foreign countries, including, "1-800-Flowers.com", "1-800-Flowers" and "800-Flowers". The company cannot be certain that any of its intellectual property and the products it sells, or services it offers, do not or will not infringe valid patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property rights held by third parties. The Company may be a party to legal proceedings and claims relating to the intellectual property of others from time to time in the ordinary course of its business. The company may incur substantial expense in defending against these third-party infringement claims, regardless of their merit. Successful infringement claims against the Company may result in substantial monetary liability or may materially disrupt its ability to conduct business.

The Company may lose sales or incur significant expenses should states be successful in imposing broader guidelines to state sales and use taxes. In addition to the Company's retail store operations, the Company collects sales or

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other similar taxes in states where the Company's ecommerce channel has applicable nexus. Our customer service and fulfillment networks, and any further expansion of those networks, along with other aspects of our evolving business, may result in additional sales and use tax obligations. A successful assertion by one or more states that we should collect sales or other taxes on the sale of merchandise could result in substantial tax liabilities for past sales, decrease our ability to compete with traditional retailers, and otherwise harm our business.

Currently, decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court restrict the imposition of obligations to collect state and local sales and use taxes with respect to sales made over the Internet. However, a number of states, as well as the U.S. Congress, have been considering and/or implementing various initiatives that could limit or supersede the Supreme Court's position regarding sales and use taxes on Internet sales. If any of these initiatives addressed the Supreme Court's constitutional concerns and resulted in a reversal of its current position, we could be required to collect additional sales and use taxes. The imposition by state and local governments of various taxes upon Internet commerce could create administrative burdens for us and could decrease our future sales.

A failure to integrate our acquisitions may cause the results of the acquired company as well as the results of the Company to suffer. The Company has opportunistically acquired a number of companies over the past several years. Additionally the Company may look to acquire additional companies in the future. As part of the acquisition process, the company embarks upon a project management effort to integrate the acquisition onto our information technology systems and management processes. If we are unsuccessful in integrating our acquisitions, the results of our acquisitions may suffer, management may have to divert valuable resources to oversee and manage the acquisitions, the Company may have to expend additional investments in the acquired company to upgrade personnel and/or information technology systems and the results of the company may suffer.

Product liability claims may subject the Company to increased costs. Several of the products the Company sells, including perishable food and alcoholic beverage products, home and garden products, or children's toys may expose it to product liability claims in the event that the use or consumption of these products results in personal injury or property damage. Although the Company has not experienced any material losses due to product liability claims to date, it may be a party to product liability claims in the future and incur significant costs in their defense. Product liability claims often create negative publicity, which could materially damage the Company's reputation and its brands. Although the Company maintains insurance against product liability claims, its coverage may be inadequate to cover any liabilities it may incur.

The wine industry is subject to governmental regulation. The alcoholic beverage industry is subject to extensive specialized regulation under state and federal laws and regulations, including the following matters: licensing; the payment of excise taxes; advertising, trade and pricing practices; product labeling; sales to minors and intoxicated persons; changes in officers, directors, ownership or control; and, relationships among product producers, importers, wholesalers and retailers. While the Company believes that it is in material compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, in the event that it should be determined that the Company is not in compliance with any applicable laws or regulations, the Company could become subject to cease and desist orders, injunctive proceedings, civil fines, license revocations and other penalties which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its results of operations.

In addition, the alcoholic beverage industry is subject to potential legislation

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and regulation on a continuous basis including in such areas as direct and Internet sales of alcohol. Certain states still prohibit the sale of alcohol into their jurisdictions from out of state wineries and/or retailers. There can be no assurance that new or revised laws or regulations, increased licensing fees, specialized taxes or other regulatory requirements will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its results of operations. While, to date, the Company has been able to obtain and retain licenses necessary to sell wine at retail, the failure to obtain renewals or otherwise retain such licenses in one or more of the states in which the Company operates would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its results of operations. The Company's growth strategy for its wine business includes expansion into additional states; however, there can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in obtaining the required permits or licenses in any additional states. From time to time, the Company may introduce new marketing initiatives, which may be expected to undergo regulatory scrutiny. There can be no assurance that such initiatives will not be stymied by regulatory criticism.

The Company is dependent on common carriers to deliver its wine shipments. The company uses UPS and FedEx to deliver its wine shipments. If UPS or FedEx were to terminate delivery services for alcoholic beverages in certain states, as it did in 1999 in Florida, Nevada and Connecticut, the Company would likely incur significantly higher shipping rates that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its results of operations. If any state prohibits or limits intrastate shipping of alcoholic beverages by third party couriers, the Company would likely incur significantly higher shipping rates that would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its results of operations.

There are various health issues regarding wine consumption. Since 1989, federal law has required health-warning labels on all alcoholic beverages. Although an increasing number of research studies suggest that health benefits may result from the moderate consumption of wine, these suggestions have been widely challenged and a number of groups advocate increased governmental action to restrict consumption of alcoholic beverages. Restrictions on the sale and consumption of wine or increases in the taxes imposed on wine in response to concerns regarding health issues may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and operating results. There can be no assurance that there will not be legal or regulatory challenges to the industry as a whole, and any such legal or regulatory challenge may have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

The price at which the Company's Class A common stock will trade may be highly volatile and may fluctuate substantially. The stock market has from time to time experienced price and volume fluctuations that have affected the market prices of securities, particularly securities of companies with Internet operations. As a result, investors may experience a material decline in the market price of the Company's class A common stock, regardless of the Company's operating performance. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a particular company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. The Company may become involved in this type of litigation in the future. Litigation of this type is often expensive and diverts management's attention and resources and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and its results of operations.

Additional Information
The Company's internet address is www.1800flowers.com. We make available, through the investor relations tab located on our website at

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www. 1800 flowers.com, access to our annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form $8-K$ and any amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section $13(a)$ or $15(d)$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. All such filings on our investor relations website are available free of charge. (The information posted on the Company's website is not incorporated into this Annual Report of Form $10-\mathrm{K}$.

A copy of this annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ is available
without charge upon written request to: Investor Relations, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc., One Old Country Road, Suite 500, Carle Place, NY 11514. In addition, the SEC maintains a website (http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

We have received no written comments regarding our current or periodic reports from the staff of the SEC that were issued 180 days or more preceding the end of our fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 that remain unresolved.

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Item 2. PROPERTIES

| Location | Type | Principal Use |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Office and | Distribution, administrative and customer |
| Napa, CA | warehouse | service |
| Chicago, IL | Office | Administrative and customer service |
| Lake Forest, IL | Office, plant and warehouse | Manufacturing, distribution and administrative |
|  | Office and |  |
| Melrose Park, IL | warehouse | Distribution, administrative and customer service |
| Reno, NV | Warehouse | Distribution |
| Alamogordo, NM | Office | Customer service |
| Albany, NY | Warehouse | Distribution |
| Carle Place, NY | Office | Headquarters and customer service |
| Akron, OH | Office, plant and warehouse | Manufacturing, distribution and administrative |
| Bethpage, NY | Warehouse | Distribution |
| Obetz, OH | Warehouse | Distribution |
| Vandalia, OH | Warehouse | Distribution |
|  | Office and |  |
| Westerville, OH | warehouse | Distribution and customer service |
| Westerville, OH | Office, plant and warehouse | Manufacturing, distribution and administrative |
| Ardmore, OK (*) | Office | Customer service |
|  | Office and |  |
| Madison, VA | warehouse | Distribution, administrative and customer service |

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administrative and fulfillment center located in Jacksonville, FL.
In addition to the above properties, the Company leases approximately 315,000 square feet for owned or franchised retail stores and local fulfillment centers with lease terms typically ranging from 5 to 20 years. Some of its leases provide for a minimum rent plus a percentage rent based upon sales after certain minimum thresholds are achieved. The leases generally require the company to pay insurance, utilities, real estate taxes and repair and maintenance expenses. In general, our properties are well maintained, adequate and suitable for their purposes.

## Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There are various claims, lawsuits, and pending actions against the company and its subsidiaries incident to the operations of its businesses. It is the opinion of management, after consultation with counsel, that the ultimate resolution of such claims, lawsuits and pending actions will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In the Company's Form 102 for the quarterly period ended March 30, 2008, the Company disclosed that in October 2007, 1-800-Flowers.Com., Inc. and its subsidiary, 1-800-Flowers Retail, Inc., (collectively "the Company"), were served with a purported nationwide class action lawsuit filed in the United States District Court, in and for the Southern District of Florida (Grabein v. 1-800-Flowers.Com., Inc., et al; Case No. 07-22235). The Complaint alleged violation of the Federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act ("FACTA") based upon the allegation that the Company printed/provided receipts to consumers at the point of sale or transaction on which receipts appeared more than the last five digits of customers' credit or debit card numbers and/or the expiration dates of such cards. The Complaint did not specify any actual damages for any member of the purported class. However, the Complaint sought statutory damages of $\$ 100$ to $\$ 1,000$ for each alleged willful violation of the statute, as well as, attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages and a permanent injunction. The Company vigorously defended the action and on June 13, 2008, the presiding Judge issued a Final Order of Dismissal whereby the case was dismissed with prejudice and no payment of any kind was made by the Company or its subsidiary.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS
No matters were submitted to a vote of our security holders during the last quarter of our fiscal year ended June 29, 2008.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The following individuals were serving as executive officers of the Company and certain of its subsidiaries on September 4, 2008:

| Name | Age | Position with the Company |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| James F. McCann. | 57 | Chairman of the Board and Chief Exec |
| Christopher G. McCann. | 47 | Director and President |
| Gerard M. Gallagher | 55 | Senior Vice President of Business Af |

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| Thomas G. Hartnet | 45 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tim Hopkins | 54 |
| Stephen J. Bozzo. | 53 |
| William E. Shea. | 49 |
| David Taiclet. | 45 |

# General Counsel, and Corporate Secre 

Chief Operating Officer of Consumer

President of Madison Brands

Senior Vice President and Chief Info

Senior Vice President, Treasurer, an Chief Financial Officer

Chief Executive Officer - Fannie May

James F. McCann has served as the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer since inception. Mr. McCann has been in the floral industry since 1976 when he began a retail chain of flower shops in the New York metropolitan area. Mr. McCann is a member of the board of directors of Lottomatica S.p.A and Willis Holdings Group. James F. McCann is the brother of Christopher G. McCann, a Director and the President of the Company.

Christopher G. McCann has been the Company's President since September 2000 and prior to that had served as the Company's Senior Vice President. Mr. McCann has been a Director of the Company since inception. Mr. McCann serves on the board of directors of Bluefly, Inc. and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Marist College. Christopher G. McCann is the brother of James F. McCann, the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Gerard M. Gallagher has been our Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since August 1999 and has been providing legal services to the Company since its inception. Mr. Gallagher is the founder and a managing partner in the law firm Gallagher, Walker, Bianco and Plastaras, based in Mineola, New York, specializing in corporate, litigation and intellectual property matters since 1993. Mr. Gallagher is duly admitted to practice before the New York State Courts and the United States District Courts of both the Eastern District and Southern District of New York.

Thomas G. Hartnett has been Chief Operating Officer of the 1-800-Flowers.com Consumer Floral brand since July 2006. Before holding this position, Mr. Hartnett held various positions within the Company since joining the Company in 1991, including Senior Vice President of Retail and Fulfillment, Controller, Director of Store Operations, Vice President of Retail Operations and Vice President of Strategic Development.

Timothy J. Hopkins has been President of the Madison Brands division since January 2007 and prior to that served as President of Specialty Brands since joining the Company in March 2005. Immediately before joining the Company, Mr. Hopkins consulted for various retail companies after serving as Chief Executive Officer and Director of Sur La Table, Inc., a multi-channel upscale specialty retailer of gourmet culinary and serveware products where he was employed from

2001-2004. From 2000-2001 he was the CEO at LeGourmet Chef, a specialty retailer of housewares and from 1995-2000, Mr. Hopkins was President, Corporate Merchandising and Logistics Worldwide for BORDERS Group, Inc, a multi-channel retailer of books and multi-media. Before this position Mr. Hopkins held other senior level positions in the multi-channel retailing sector.

Stephen J. Bozzo has been our Chief Information Officer since May 2007 . Prior to

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joining the Company, Mr. Bozzo served as Chief Information Officer for the International Division of MetLife Insurance Company since 2001. Mr. Bozzo's business background includes senior executive positions at Bear Stearns Inc. as Managing Director Principal, AIG as Senior Vice President Telecommunications and Technical Services and Chase Manhattan Bank, where he was Senior Vice President Global Telecommunications.

David Taiclet has been our Chief Executive Officer of the Fannie May Confections Brands since April 2006, upon our acquisition of the company. Prior thereto and commencing in January 1995, Mr. Taiclet was a Co-Founder of a business that ultimately became known as Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. (formerly Alpine Confections, Inc.), a multi-branded and multi-channel retailer, manufacturer, and distributor of confectionery and specialty food products. From May 1991 to January 1995, Mr. Taiclet served in a variety of management positions with Cargill, Inc. including the Strategy and Business Development Group. Cargill, Inc. is an international marketer, processor and distributor of food, financial and industrial products. Mr. Taiclet also served four years of active duty in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Captain.

William E. Shea has been our Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer since September 2000. Before holding his current position, Mr. Shea was our Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller after joining us in April 1996. From 1980 until joining us, Mr. Shea was a certified public accountant with Ernst \& Young LLP.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Information

1-800-FLOWERS.COM's Class A common stock trades on The Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol "FLWS." There is no established public trading market for the Company's Class B common stock. The following table sets forth the reported high and low sales prices for the Company's Class A common stock for each of the fiscal quarters during the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007.
Hear ended June 29, 2008
July 2, $2007-$ September 30,2007
October 1,2007 - December 30,2007

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    December 31, 2007 - March 30, 2008
    March 31, 2008 - June 29, 2008
Year ended July 1, }200
    July 3, 2006 - October 1, 2006
    October 2, 2006 - December 31, 2006
    January 1, 2007 - April 1, 2007
    April 2, 2007 - July 1, 2007
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        \(\$ 6.35\)
    $\$ 9.26$
\$ 6.51
$\$ 6.10 \$ 4.33$
$\$ 6.35$
\$ 4.94
$\$ 8.00$
$\$ 5.84$
$\$ \quad 9.47$
$\$ 7.66$

Rights of Common Stock
Holders of Class A common stock generally have the same rights as the holders of Class B common stock, except that holders of Class A common stock have one vote per share and holders of Class $B$ common stock have 10 votes per share on all matters submitted to the vote of stockholders. Holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock generally vote together as a single class on all matters presented to the stockholders for their vote or approval, except as may be required by Delaware law. Class B common stock may be converted into Class A common stock at any time on a one-for-one share basis. Each share of Class B common stock will automatically convert into one share of Class A common stock upon its transfer, with limited exceptions.

## Holders

As of September 4, 2008, there were approximately 271 stockholders of record of the Company's Class A common stock, although the Company believes that there is a significantly larger number of beneficial owners. As of September 4, 2008, there were approximately 22 stockholders of record of the Company's Class B common stock.

Dividend Policy
Although the Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its Class A or Class B common stock, the Company anticipates that it will generate increasing free cash flow in excess of its capital investment requirements. Although the Company has no current intent to do so, the Company may choose, at some future date, to use some portion of its cash for the purpose of cash dividends.

Resales of Securities
36,923,032 shares of Class A and Class B common stock are "restricted securities" as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. Restricted securities may be sold in the public market from time to time only if registered or if they qualify for an exemption from registration under Rule 144 or 701 under the Securities Act. As of September 4, 2008, all of such shares of
the Company's common stock could be sold in the public market pursuant to and subject to the limits set forth in Rule 144. Sales of a large number of these shares could have an adverse effect on the market price of the Company's Class A common stock by increasing the number of shares available on the public market.

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Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer

On January 21, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an increase to its stock repurchase plan which, when added to the $\$ 8.7$ million remaining on its earlier authorization, increased the amount available for repurchase to \$15.0 million. Any such purchases could be made from time to time in the open market and through privately negotiated transactions, subject to general market conditions. The repurchase program will be financed utilizing available cash. As of June 29, 2008, \$14.0 remains authorized but unused.

Under this program, as of June 29, 2008, the Company had repurchased 1,660,786 shares of common stock for $\$ 12.3$ million, of which $\$ 1.1$ million $(133,609$ shares), \$0.2 million (24,627 shares) and \$1.3 million (182,000 shares) were repurchased during the fiscal years ending June 29, 2008, July, 12007 and July 2, 2006, respectively. In a separate transaction, during fiscal 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of $3,010,740$ shares from an affiliate. The purchase price was $\$ 15,689,000$ or $\$ 5.21$ per share. The repurchase was approved by the disinterested members of the Company's Board of Directors and was in addition to the Company's existing stock repurchase authorization.

## Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected consolidated statement of income data for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, have been derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The selected consolidated statement of income data for the years ended July 3, 2005 and June 27, 2004, and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of July 2, 2006, July 3, 2005 and June 27, 2004, are derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements which are not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following tables summarize the Company's consolidated statement of income and balance sheet data. The Company acquired DesignPac Gifts LLC in April 2008, Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. in May 2006, Wind \& Weather in October 2005, Cheryl \& Co. in March 2005 and The Winetasting Network in November 2004 . The following financial data reflects the results of operations of these subsidiaries since their respective dates of acquisition. This information should be read together with the discussion in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the Company's consolidated financial statements and notes to those statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Years ended (1), (2)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June 29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { July 1, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } 2, \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (in thousands, except per share |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consolidated Statement of Income Data: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E-commerce | \$ | 749,857 | \$ | 749,238 | \$ | 706,001 |
| Other |  | 169,535 |  | 163,360 |  | 75,740 |
| Total net revenues |  | 919,392 |  | 912,598 |  | 781,741 |
| Cost of revenues |  | 525,638 |  | 520,132 |  | 456,097 |
| Gross profit |  | 393,754 |  | 392,466 |  | 325,644 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marketing and sales |  | 256,604 |  | 262,303 |  | 239,573 |
| Technology and development |  | 21,539 |  | 21,316 |  | 19,819 |
| General and administrative |  | 57,881 |  | 56,017 |  | 43,978 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 20,363 |  | 17,837 |  | 15,765 |
| Total operating expenses |  | 356,387 |  | 357,473 |  | 319,135 |
| Operating income |  | 37,367 |  | 34,993 |  | 6,509 |
| Other income (expense), net |  | $(3,997)$ |  | $(5,984)$ |  | (141) |
| Income before income taxes |  | 33,370 |  | 29,009 |  | 6,368 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) |  | 12,316 |  | 11,891 |  | 3,181 |
| Net income |  | \$21,054 |  | \$17,118 |  | \$ 3,187 |
| Net income per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | \$0.33 |  | \$0.27 |  | \$0.05 |
| Diluted |  | \$0.32 |  | \$0.26 |  | \$0.05 |
| Shares used in the calculation of net income per common share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 63,074 |  | 63,786 |  | 65,100 |
| Diluted |  | 65,458 |  | 65,526 |  | 66,429 |

Note (1): The Company's fiscal year is a 52- or 53-week period ending on the Sunday nearest to June 30. Fiscal years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007, July 2, 2006 and June 27, 2004 consisted of 52 weeks, while the fiscal years ended July 3, 2005 consisted of 53 weeks.

Note (2): Effective July 4, 2005, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. $123(\mathrm{R})$ using the modified prospective application method.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:
Cash and equivalents and short-term investments
Working capital
Investments-non current
Total assets
Long-term liabilities
Total stockholders' equity

| $\$ 12,124$ | $\$ 16,087$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 33,416 | 51,419 |
| - | - |
| 371,338 | 352,507 |
| 63,739 | 78,911 |
| 231,465 | 201,031 |


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Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULT OF OPERATIONS

This "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" (MD\&A) is intended to provide an understanding of our financial condition, change in financial condition, cash flow, liquidity and results of operations. The following $M D \& A$ discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes to those statements that appear elsewhere in this Form 10-K. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect the Company's plans, estimates and beliefs. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to any differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed under the caption "Forward-Looking Information" and under Item 1A -- "Risk Factors".

## Overview

1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. is the world's leading florist and gift shop. For more than 30 years, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. has been providing customers with fresh flowers and the finest selection of plants, gift baskets, gourmet foods, confections, balloons and plush stuffed animals perfect for every occasion. 1-800-FLOWERS.COM(R) (1-800-356-9377 or www.1800flowers.com), was named as one of the top 50 online retailers by Internet Retailer, as well as 2008 Laureate Honoree by the Computerworld Honors Program and the recipient of ICMI's 2006 Global Call Center of the Year Award. 1-800-FLOWERS.COM offers the best of both worlds: exquisite arrangements created by some of the nation's top floral artists and hand-delivered the same day, and spectacular flowers shipped overnight under our Fresh From Our Growers(R) program. As always, 100\% satisfaction and freshness are guaranteed. The Company's BloomNet(R) international floral wire service (www.mybloomnet.net) provides a broad range of quality products and value-added services designed to help professional florists grow their businesses profitably.

The 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. "Gift Shop" also includes gourmet gifts such as popcorn and specialty treats from The Popcorn Factory (R) (1-800-541-2676 or www.thepopcornfactory.com); cookies and baked gifts from Cheryl\&Co.(R) (1-800-443-8124 or www.cherylandco.com); premium chocolates and confections from Fannie May Confections Brands (R) (www.fanniemay.com and www.harrylondon.com); gourmet foods from Greatfood.com(R) (www.greatfood.com); wine gifts from Ambrosia(R) (www.ambrosia.com or www.winetasting.com); gift baskets from 1-800-BASKETS.COM(R) (www.1800baskets.com) and DesignPac Gifts(TM) (www.designpac.com) as well as Home Decor and Children's Gifts from Plow \& Hearth(R) (1-800-627-1712 or www.plowandhearth.com), Wind \& Weather(R) (www.windandweather.com), HearthSong(R) (www.hearthsong.com) and Magic Cabin(R) (www.magiccabin.com).

Shares in 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. are traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market

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Category Information

During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company segmented its organization to improve execution and customer focus and to align its resources to meet the demands of the markets it serves. The following table presents the contribution

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of net revenues, gross profit and "EBITDA" (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) from each of the Company's business categories.



Gross profit:

1-800-Flowers.com Consumer Floral
$\$ 190,259 \quad(1.4 \%) \quad \$ 192,921$
$38.7 \% \quad 39.3 \%$

BloomNet Wire Service 21.1\% 24, 2080 244
$56.2 \% \quad 56.0 \%$

Gourmet Food \& Gift Baskets 91,713 4.0\% 88,207
$46.7 \% \quad 45.8 \%$
Home \& Children's Gifts 81,459 (5.2\%) 85,899

| $45.2 \%$ | $45.9 \%$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 970 | $27.0 \%$ | 764 |

$46.2 \%$

Intercompany eliminations
(727)

Total gross profit
$0.3 \%$
$\$ 392,466$


(*) Corporate expenses consist of the Company's enterprise shared service cost centers, and include, among other items, Information Technology, Human Resources, Accounting and Finance, Legal, Executive and Customer Service Center functions, as well as Stock-Based Compensation. In order to leverage the Company's infrastructure, these functions are operated under a

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centralized management platform, providing support services throughout the organization. The costs of these functions, other than those of the Customer Service Center, which are allocated directly to the above categories based upon usage, are included within corporate expenses as they are not directly allocable to a specific category.
(**) Performance is measured based on category contribution margin or category EBITDA, reflecting only the direct controllable revenue and operating expenses of the categories. As such, management's measure of profitability for these categories does not include the effect of corporate overhead, described above, nor does it include depreciation and amortization, other income (net), and income taxes. Management utilizes EBITDA as a performance measurement tool because it considers such information a meaningful supplemental measure of its performance and believes it is frequently used by the investment community in the evaluation of companies with comparable market capitalization. The Company also uses EBITDA as one of the factors used to determine the total amount of bonuses available to be awarded to executive officers and other employees. The Company's credit agreement uses EBITDA (with additional adjustments) to measure compliance with covenants such as interest coverage and debt incurrence. EBITDA is also used by the Company to evaluate and price potential acquisition candidates. EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of the Company's results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are: (a) EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, the Company's working capital needs; (b) EBITDA does not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on the Company's debts; and (c) although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized may have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such capital expenditures. Because of these limitations, EBITDA should
only be used on a supplemental basis combined with GAAP results when evaluating the Company's performance.

Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA:

|  | Years Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June 29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July 1, } \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  | (in thousands) |
| Net income | \$21,054 | \$17,118 |
| Add: |  |  |
| Interest expense | 5,081 | 7,390 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,363 | 17,837 |
| Income tax expense | 12,316 | 11,891 |
| Less: |  |  |
| Interest income | 999 | 1,381 |
| Other income | 85 | 25 |
| EBITDA | \$57,730 | \$52,830 |

Results of Operations

The Company's fiscal year is a 52-or 53-week period ending on the Sunday nearest to June 30. Fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006, which ended on June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, respectively, consisted of 52 weeks.

Net Revenues

|  | Years Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June 29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | \% Ch |
|  |  |  | (in thousands) |  |
| Net revenues: |  |  |  |  |
| E-Commerce | \$749,857 | $0.1 \%$ | \$749,238 |  |
| Other | 169,535 | $3.8 \%$ | 163,360 | 11 |
|  | \$919,392 | $0.7 \%$ | \$912,598 | 1 |
|  | $=====$ |  | $======$ |  |

Net revenues consist primarily of the selling price of the merchandise, service or outbound shipping charges, less discounts, returns and credits.

The Company's revenue growth of $0.7 \%$ during the fiscal year ended June 29 , 2008 was primarily attributable to the continued expansion of the Company's BloomNet Wire Service business, which increased $20.5 \%$ over the prior fiscal year, as well as growth from the Gourmet Food \& Gift Basket business, which increased 1.9\% over the same period of the prior year, partially offset by a decline in the Home and Children's Gifts business as a result of the discontinuation of non-performing catalog titles in order to improve the overall operating results within this category. During this challenging consumer environment, which was

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characterized by cautious consumer spending and aggressive promotional activity by competitors across the gifting industry, the Company made the decision not to chase revenue growth in its direct-to-consumer businesses, instead focusing on achieving its primary goal of leveraging its business platform to drive profitable growth while reducing its operating expense ratio. As a result, despite the difficult retail consumer environment experienced during the year, the Company was able to achieve EBITDA growth of $9.3 \%$, on more modest revenue growth, and despite the negative contribution from DesignPac (acquired on April 30, 2008), due to the highly seasonal nature of its business.

The Company's revenue growth of $16.7 \%$ during the fiscal year ended July 1 , 2007 was due to a combination of organic growth, as well as the acquisitions of Fannie May Confections Brands, a manufacturer and retailer of premium chocolates and other confections, acquired on May 1, 2006 and Wind \& Weather, a direct marketer of weather-themed gifts, acquired on October 31, 2005. Organic revenue growth, including post acquisition growth of the aforementioned acquisitions, adjusted for the disposition of certain Company owned floral retail stores, during fiscal 2007 was approximately 8\%.

The Company fulfilled approximately 11.5 million, 11.6 million and 11.3 million orders through its e-commerce (combined online and telephonic) sales channel during fiscal 2008, 2007 and 2006 , respectively. The Company's e-commerce (combined online and telephonic) sales channel average order value increased $1.3 \%$ to $\$ 65.21$ during fiscal 2008, and $3.2 \%$ to $\$ 64.37$ during fiscal 2007, primarily as a result of increased service and shipping charges (in line with industry norms) to partially offset the impact of increased fuel costs passed on from freight carriers.

Other revenues for the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, increased in comparison to the same periods of the prior year due the continued revenue growth of the Company's BloomNet Wire Service category. Also contributing to the increase in other revenues during fiscal 2007 was the increase from the retail/wholesale component of Fannie May Confections Brands, which was acquired in May 2006.

The 1-800-Flowers.com Consumer Floral category includes the 1-800-Flowers brand operations which derives revenue from the sale of consumer floral products through its e-commerce sales channels (telephonic and online sales) and company-owned and operated retail floral stores, as well as royalties and rental income from its franchise operations. Net revenues during the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, increased by $0.1 \%$ and $8.7 \%$ over the respective prior year periods, primarily from an increased average order value from its e-commerce sales channel, offset in part by lower retail sales from its company-owned floral stores due to the planned transition of Company stores to franchise ownership. Fiscal 2007 net revenues were also favorably affected by increased order volume from its e-commerce sales channel.

The BloomNet Wire Service category includes revenues from membership fees as well as other service and product offerings to florists. Net revenues during the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007 increased by 20.5\% and 48.5\% over the respective prior year periods, primarily as a result of increased florists' membership fees, expanded product and service offerings, and pricing initiatives. During fiscal 2007, net revenues were also favorably affected by the introduction of BloomNet's Floral Selection Guide, which is published once every three years.

The Gourmet Food \& Gift Basket category includes the operations of the Cheryl \& Co., Fannie May Confections Brands, The Popcorn Factory, The Winetasting Network and DesignPac Gifts brands. Revenue is derived from the sale of cookies, baked gifts, premium chocolates and confections, gourmet popcorn, wine gifts and gourmet gift baskets through its E-commerce sales channels (telephonic and online sales) and company-owned and operated retail stores under the Cheryl \&

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Co. and Fannie May Confections brands, as well as wholesale operations. Net revenue for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 increased $1.9 \%$ compared to the prior fiscal year as a result of increased direct-to-consumer order volume from Cheryl \& Co. and Fannie May Confections brands. Revenues from DesignPac, which was acquired on April 30, 2008, were immaterial during fiscal 2008 due to the highly seasonal nature of its business. Net revenue during the fiscal year ended

July 1, 2007 increased by $83.5 \%$ over the prior year period, as a result of the contribution of Fannie May Confections Brands, which was acquired in May 2006 , and strong organic growth from Cheryl \& Co.

The Home \& Children's Gifts category includes revenues from the Plow \& Hearth, Wind \& Weather, Problem Solvers, Madison Place, HearthSong and Magic Cabin brands. Revenue is derived from the sale of home decor and children's gifts through its e-commerce sales channels (telephonic and online sales) or company-owned and operated retail stores operated under the Plow \& Hearth brand. Net revenue during the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 decreased by $3.6 \%$ over the prior year period due to the planned elimination of the Madison Place and Problem Solvers catalog titles, which were launched during fiscal 2007. Excluding these titles, fiscal 2008 net revenue for the Home \& Children's Gifts category was relatively consistent with the prior year period. Net revenue during the fiscal year ended July 1, 2007 decreased by $5.1 \%$ over the prior year period due to a lack of new "hit" products and an overall macro decline in customer demand within this category. During the second quarter of fiscal 2007 , efforts to expand titles outside of the core Plow \& Hearth brand did not attract the level of customer demand to justify the increase in marketing costs. In response to the poor results, during the third quarter of fiscal 2007 , management implemented several changes to improve the performance within this category: (i) revised the aforementioned plans to expand and add titles, (ii) strengthened the management team, (iii) improved the creative look and feel of the catalogs and (iv) revised the circulation plans for all titles to place more focus on the category's existing customer base. As a result, during fiscal 2008, category contribution margin within this category improved by $\$ 4.6$ million, from a loss of $\$ 1.2$ million, to contribution of $\$ 3.4$ million.

While the Company does not anticipate any significant improvement in the current economic environment during fiscal 2009 , it expects to achieve revenue growth in excess of 10 percent compared with the prior year period. Revenue growth is expected to come from a combination of organic initiatives and contributions from its recent acquisitions. Among the organic initiatives that the company believes will help drive profitable growth are (i) the first year benefit from the exclusive relationship with Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia for both 1-800-FLOWERS.COM and BloomNet; (ii) BloomNet's expanded products and service offerings, designed to deepen its relationship with florists and increase market share gains; (iii) Fannie May's continued strong ecommerce channel growth; (iv) Cheryl \& Co.'s new product introductions, increased customization capabilities and improved website functionality; as well as (v) continued focus on cross-marketing and merchandising across all enterprise brands.

Gross Profit

(in thousands)

Gross profit
Gross margin \%

Gross profit consists of net revenues less cost of revenues, which is comprised primarily of florist fulfillment costs (primarily fees paid directly to florists), the cost of floral and non-floral merchandise sold from inventory or through third parties, and associated costs including inbound and outbound shipping charges. Additionally, cost of revenues include labor and facility costs related to direct-to-consumer and wholesale production operations.

Gross profit increased during the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, in comparison to the same periods of the prior years, primarily as a result of the revenue growth described above. Gross margin percentage during the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 decreased 20 basis points, primarily as a result of increased promotional activity and higher fuel surcharges from third party shippers. During fiscal 2007 , gross profit percentage increased by 130 basis points as a result of product mix and pricing initiatives, as well as continued improvements in customer service, and fulfillment, as a result of improved outbound shipping rates, and merchandising programs.

The $1-800$-Flowers.com Consumer Floral category gross profit and gross profit margin percentage decreased by $1.4 \%$ and 60 basis points, respectively during fiscal 2008, as a result of increased promotional activity and higher fuel surcharges from third party shippers. During fiscal 2007 , gross profit and gross margin percentage increased $13.2 \%$ and 160 basis points, respectively, as a result of the aforementioned increase in net revenue, as well improvements in sourcing, reduced outbound shipping rates, and pricing initiatives.

The BloomNet Wire Service category gross profit for the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, increased by $21.1 \%$ and $55.4 \%$ over the respective prior year periods as a result of the above mentioned revenue growth resulting from an increase in membership services and pricing initiatives.

The Gourmet Food \& Gift Basket category gross profit for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 increased by $4.0 \%$ over the prior year period as a result of higher revenues and higher gross margin percentage, which increased 90 basis points to 46.7\%, as a result of manufacturing efficiencies, and sales channel mix. During fiscal 2007, gross profit increased $85.9 \%$ primarily as a result of the incremental revenue generated by Fannie May Confections Brands and strong organic growth within the Cheryl \& Co. brand, combined with an increase in gross margin percentage of 60 basis points, to $45.8 \%$ as a result of improvements in outbound shipping rates and merchandising programs across all brands within the category.

The Home \& Children's Gift category gross profit for the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007 decreased by $5.2 \%$ and $6.2 \%$ over the respective prior year periods as a result of the aforementioned revenue decline, combined with lower gross margin percentages. The gross margin percentage during fiscal 2008 declined 70 basis points to $45.2 \%$, due to promotional offers designed to re-engage core customers who had left the brand during fiscal 2007 when it had unsuccessfully moved away from its traditional product offerings, as well as from higher fuel surcharges on its outbound shipments. During fiscal 2007, the gross margin percentage declined 60 basis points to $45.9 \%$ due to sales mix and markdowns to move inventory.

During fiscal year 2009, the Company decline slightly as a result of the lower wholesale gross margin, but a strong overall contribution margin due to

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its efficient high volume packaging and distribution operations. This mix decline is expected to be partially offset by anticipated gross margin improvements in most of its existing businesses through a combination of product sourcing, fulfillment improvements and pricing initiatives.

Marketing and Sales Expense

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { June 29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (in thousands) |  |  |
| \$256,604 | (2.2\%) | \$262,303 | 9.5\% |
| 27.9\% |  | 28.7\% |  |

Marketing and sales expense consists primarily of advertising and promotional expenditures, catalog costs, online portal and search costs, retail store and fulfillment operations (other than costs included in cost of revenues) and customer service center expenses, as well as the operating expenses of the Company's departments engaged in marketing, selling and merchandising activities.

During fiscal 2008, marketing and sales expenses decreased by $2.2 \%$ from the prior year, and declined from $28.7 \%$ of net revenues to $27.9 \%$ of net revenues as a result of improved operating leverage from a number of cost-saving initiatives, including catalog printing and e-mail pricing improvements, and planned reductions in catalog prospecting and the discontinuation of the Madison Place and Problem Solvers titles within the Home \& Children's category, as well as continued growth and operating improvements within the BloomNet Wire Service category.

During fiscal 2007, marketing and sales expense increased over the prior year period by 9.5\% as a result of several factors, including: (i) incremental expenses associated with the acquisition of Fannie May Confections Brands in May 2006, (ii) incremental variable costs to accommodate higher sales volumes, and (iii) personnel associated with the expansion of the BloomNet Wire Service business. However, marketing and sales expenses decreased from $30.6 \%$ to $28.7 \%$ of net revenues, reflecting improved operating leverage from cost-saving initiatives and the completion of the investment phase of BloomNet, including the absorption of incremental personnel to expand membership, increase product and service offerings, and increased BloomNet Technologies penetration. This leverage was achieved through significant improvement within the company's 1-800-Flowers Consumer Floral, BloomNet Wire Service and Gourmet Food \& Gift Baskets categories. As efforts to grow the Home \& Children's Gifts businesses through the introduction of titles outside the core Plow \& Hearth brand did not attract the necessary level of consumer demand to justify the costs, as noted above, non-productive titles were discontinued during the latter half of fiscal 2007, resulting in improved contribution margin during fiscal 2008.

During the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 the Company added approximately 3.4 million new e-commerce customers, compared to 3.5 million and 3.6 million in fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively. Of the 6.8 million total customers who placed e-commerce orders during the fiscal 2008, approximately 50\% were repeat customers, compared to $48 \%$ and $46 \%$ in fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006, respectively, reflecting the Company's ongoing focus on deepening the

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relationship with its existing customers as their trusted source for gifts and services for all of their celebratory occasions.

During fiscal 2009, the Company expects that marketing and sales expense will continue to decrease as a percentage of net revenue in comparison to the prior years, in part due to the acquisition of DesignPac which, as noted above, carries a lower wholesale gross margin, but a strong overall contribution margin due to its cost efficient, high volume product assembly and distribution operations, as well as Company initiatives which will gain further leverage within existing operations.

Technology and Development Expense


Technology and development expense consists primarily of payroll and operating expenses of the Company's information technology group, costs associated with its web sites, including hosting, design, content development and maintenance and support costs related to the Company's order entry, customer service, fulfillment and database systems.

During fiscal 2008, technology and development expense increased 1.0\%, in comparison to the prior year period as a result of increased labor costs, but was consistent as a percentage of net revenues. The increased labor costs were necessary to support the Company's technology platform, and were offset in part by savings derived from renegotiating various technology maintenance and license agreements.

During fiscal 2007, technology and development expense decreased 20 basis points to $2.3 \%$ of net revenue, reflecting improved operating leverage, however, technology and development expense increased by $7.6 \%$ over the prior year period, as a result of the incremental expenses associated with Fannie May Confections Brands, as well as for increases in the cost of maintenance and license agreements required to support the Company's technology platform.

During the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007, and July 2, 2006 the Company expended $\$ 35.3$ million, $\$ 32.3 \mathrm{million}$, and $\$ 33.6 \mathrm{million}$, respectively, on technology and development, of which $\$ 13.8$ million, $\$ 11.0$ million, and $\$ 13.8$ million, respectively, has been capitalized.

The Company believes that continued investment in technology and development is critical to attaining its strategic objectives, and as such, the Company expects that its spending for the fiscal 2009 will be consistent, as a percentage of net revenues, in comparison to the prior year.

General and Administrative Expenses


General and administrative
\$57, 881
$3.3 \%$
$6.3 \%$
\$56, 017
$6.1 \%$

General and administrative expense consists of payroll and other expenses in support of the Company's executive, finance and accounting, legal, human resources and other administrative functions, as well as professional fees and other general corporate expenses.

General and administrative expense increased 3.3\% during the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 and by 20 basis points as a percentage of net revenues in comparison to the prior year, due to increased professional fees and corporate initiatives. The benefit of these increased costs are reflected in the improvements within the Company's overall operating expense ratios, in comparison to the same period of the prior year.

During the fiscal year ended July 1, 2007 general and administrative expense increased $27.4 \%$ and by 50 basis points as a percentage of net revenues in comparison to the prior year period, primarily as a result of: (i) incremental expenses associated with the acquisitions of Fannie May Confections Brands in May 2006, (ii) increased legal and professional fees, and (iii) the achievement of certain performance related bonus targets in fiscal 2007 which were not earned in the prior fiscal year.

Although the Company believes that its current general and administrative infrastructure is sufficient to support existing requirements and drive operating leverage, the company expects that its fiscal 2009 general and administrative expenses will be consistent, as a percentage of net revenue, with fiscal 2008.

Depreciation and Amortization


Depreciation and amortization
$\$ 20,363$
$14.2 \%$
\$17,837
$13.1 \%$
Percentage of sales
2.2\%
2.0\%

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by $14.2 \%$ during the fiscal 2008 in comparison to the prior year as a result of capital additions for technology platform improvements and the incremental amortization expense related to the intangibles established as a result of the acquisition of DesignPac, which was acquired on April 30, 2008.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by 13.1\% during the fiscal year ended July 1, 2007 in comparison to the prior year period primarily as a result of the incremental amortization expense as a result of the acquisitions of Fannie May Confections Brands and Wind \& Weather in fiscal 2006, as well as

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depreciation associated with completed technology projects designed to provide improved order/warehouse management functionality across the enterprise.

The Company believes that continued investment in its infrastructure, primarily in the areas of technology and development, including the improvement of the technology platforms are critical to attaining its strategic objectives. As a result of these improvements, and the increase in amortization expense associated with intangibles established as a result of recent acquisitions, the Company expects that depreciation and amortization for the fiscal 2009 will increase slightly as a percentage of net revenues in comparison to the prior year.

Other Income (Expense)

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { June 29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | Years Ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \% Change | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | \% Change |
|  |  | n thousand |  |
| \$ 999 | (27.7) \% | \$1,381 | 9.6\% |
| $(5,081)$ | $31.2 \%$ | $(7,390)$ | (425.2) \% |
| 85 | $240.0 \%$ | 25 | 316.7 |
| \$ $(3,997)$ | $33.2 \%$ | \$ $(5,984)$ | $(4,144.0) \%$ |


| Interest income | \$ 999 | (27.7) \% | \$1,381 | 9.6\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest expense | $(5,081)$ | $31.2 \%$ | $(7,390)$ | (425.2) \% |
| Other, net | 85 | $240.0 \%$ | 25 | 316.7 |
|  | \$ 3 , 997) | $33.2 \%$ | \$ 5,984$)$ | $(4,144.0) \%$ |

Other income (expense) consists primarily of interest income earned on the Company's investments and available cash balances, offset by interest expense, primarily attributable to the Company's long-term debt, and revolving line of credit.

Net borrowing costs declined during fiscal 2008, in comparison to fiscal 2007, as a result of declining interest rates and a reduction in outstanding debt.

Net borrowing costs increased during fiscal 2007, in comparison to fiscal 2006, due to the interest expense incurred in order to finance the acquisition of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. on May 1, 2006. On May 1, 2006, the Company entered into a $\$ 135.0$ million secured credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the "2006 Credit Facility"). The 2006 credit facility, as amended, included an $\$ 85.0$ million term loan and a $\$ 75.0$ million revolving facility, which bear interest at LIBOR plus $0.625 \%$ to $1.125 \%$ with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio. At closing, the Company borrowed $\$ 85.0$ million of the term facility to acquire all of the outstanding capital stock of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc.

On August 28, 2008, the Company entered into a $\$ 293.0$ million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the " 2008 Credit Facility"). The 2008 Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to $\$ 293.0$ million, including: (i) a $\$ 165.0$ million revolving credit commitment, (ii) $\$ 60.0$ million of new term loan debt, and (iii) $\$ 68.0$ million of existing term loan debt associated with the Company's 2006 Credit Facility. Interest is at LIBOR plus $1.5 \%$ to $2.5 \%$ for the Company's existing term loan and revolving credit facility, and LIBOR plus 2.0\% to $3.0 \%$, for the Company's new term loan, with pricing based upon the Company's

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leverage ratio. At closing of the 2008 Credit Facility, the Company utilized the proceeds of the new term loan to pay down amounts outstanding under its previous revolving credit facility.

Income Taxes
During the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, the Company recorded income tax expense of $\$ 12.3$ million, $\$ 11.9$ million and $\$ 3.2$ million, respectively. The Company's effective tax rate for the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 was $36.9 \%$, $41.0 \%$ and $50.0 \%$, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate during the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 resulted primarily from lower state taxes, as well as various tax credits programs. The decrease in the effective tax rate during the fiscal year ended July 1, 2007 resulted from the dilution of the impact of stock-based compensation recognized in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), over an increased level of income before taxes in comparison the prior fiscal year. The Company's effective tax rate for the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate of $35 \%$ primarily due to state income taxes, partially offset by various tax credits.

At June 29, 2008, the Company's federal net operating loss carryforwards were approximately $\$ 4.5$ million, which, if not utilized, will begin to expire in fiscal year 2025.

## Quarterly Results of Operations

The following table provides unaudited quarterly consolidated results of operations for each quarter of fiscal years 2008 and 2007. The Company believes this unaudited information has been prepared substantially on the same basis as the annual audited consolidated financial statements and all necessary adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, have been included in the amounts stated below to present fairly the company's results of operations. The operating results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for any future period.

|  | Three months ended |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun.29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar. } 30, \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 30, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep. } 30, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul. 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr. } 1 \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |  | (in thous | , except | per share | ta) |
| Net revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ecommerce (telephonic/online) | \$183,710 | \$177,476 | \$274,168 | \$114,503 | \$194,228 | \$175,5 |
| Other | 36,103 | 42,091 | 60,034 | 31,307 | 37,593 | 38,1 |
| Total net revenues | 219,813 | 219,567 | 334,202 | 145,810 | 231,821 | 213,7 |
| Cost of revenues | 128,501 | 130,062 | 181,146 | 85,929 | 132,833 | 127,0 |
| Gross profit | 91,312 | 89,505 | 153,056 | 59,881 | 98,988 | 86,6 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marketing and sales | 59,644 | 60,587 | 93,594 | 42,779 | 61,873 | 59,0 |
| Technology and development | 5,370 | 5,515 | 5,419 | 5,235 | 5,485 | 5, |
| General and administrative | 14,064 | 13,151 | 15,448 | 15,218 | 14,545 | 14 , |
| Depreciation and amortization | 5,515 | 5,011 | 4,967 | 4,870 | 4,812 | 4 |

Total operating expenses
Operating income (loss)
Other income (expense), net
Income (loss) before income taxes
Income tax expense (benefit)
Net income (loss)
Net income (loss) per share:
Basic
Diluted

| 84,593 | 84,264 | 119,428 | 68,102 | 86,715 | 83,1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6,719 | 5,241 | 33,628 | $(8,221)$ | 12,273 | 3,5 |
| (533) | (685) | $(1,430)$ | $(1,349)$ | (979) | (1, 3 |
| 6,186 | 4,556 | 32,198 | $(9,570)$ | 11,294 | 2,2 |
| 1,888 | 1,266 | 12,942 | $(3,780)$ | 4,732 | 1,1 |
| \$4,298 | \$3,290 | \$19,256 | (\$5,790) | \$6,562 | \$1,0 |
| \$0.07 | \$0.05 | \$0.31 | (\$0.09) | \$ 0.10 | \$ 0 . |
| \$0.07 | \$0.05 | \$ 0.29 | (\$0.09) | \$ 0.10 | \$0. |

The Company's quarterly results may experience seasonal fluctuations. Due to the Company's expansion into non-floral products, including the recent acquisition of DesignPac Gifts LLC, which was acquired in May 2008, Thanksgiving through Christmas holiday season, which falls within the Company's second fiscal quarter, generates the highest proportion of the Company's annual revenues. Additionally, as the result of a number of major floral gifting occasions, including Mother's Day, Administrative Professionals Week and Easter, revenues also rise during the Company's fiscal fourth quarter. For fiscal 2008, however, the Easter holiday occurred in the Company's fiscal third quarter, thus moving revenue from the Company's fiscal fourth quarter to its fiscal third quarter. For fiscal 2009, the Easter Holiday returns to the Company's fiscal fourth quarter.

Liquidity and Capital Resources
At June 29, 2008 the Company had working capital of $\$ 33.4$ million, including cash and equivalents of $\$ 12.1$ million, compared to working capital of $\$ 51.4$ million, including cash and equivalents of $\$ 16.1$ million, at July $1,2007$.

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Net cash provided by operating activities of $\$ 57.9$ million for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 was primarily attributable to net income, adjusted to add back non-cash charges for depreciation and amortization, deferred income taxes and stock-based compensation, offset in part by increases in inventory (due primarily to the recently acquired DesignPac business).

Net cash used in investing activities of $\$ 57.7$ million for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 was primarily attributable to the payment of Fannie May Confections Brands "earn-out" incentives (\$4.4 million), as well as capital expenditures, primarily related to the Company's technology and distribution infrastructure, and the acquisition of DesignPac (\$33.3 million) on April 30, 2008. DesignPac is a designer, assembler and distributor of gourmet gift baskets, gourmet food towers and gift sets, including a broad range of branded and private label components, based in Melrose Park, IL. The purchase price of approximately $\$ 33.3$ million in cash, net of cash acquired, is subject to "earn-out" incentives which amount to a maximum of $\$ 2.0$ million through the years ending June 27, 2010, upon achievement of specified performance targets.

Net cash used in financing activities of $\$ 4.2$ million for the fiscal year ended June 29, 2008 was primarily due to the scheduled repayments (net) of the Company's debt and bank borrowings against the Company's 2006 Credit Facility and the repurchase of 133,609 shares of treasury stock, offset in part by proceeds from employee stock option exercises and the related excess tax benefits.

In order to fund the increase in working capital requirements associated with DesignPac, and to provide operating flexibility, on August 28, 2008, the Company entered into a $\$ 293.0$ million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the " 2008 Credit Facility"). The 2008 Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to $\$ 293.0$ million, including: (i) a $\$ 165.0$ million revolving credit commitment, (ii) $\$ 60.0$ million of new term loan debt, and (iii) $\$ 68.0$ million of existing term loan debt associated with the Company's previous credit facility. Interest is at LIBOR plus $1.5 \%$ to $2.5 \%$ for the Company's existing term loan and revolving credit facility, and LIBOR plus $2.0 \%$ to $3.0 \%$, for the Company's new term loan, with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio. At closing of the 2008 Credit Facility, the Company utilized the proceeds of the new term loan to pay down amounts outstanding under its previous revolving credit facility. The repayment terms of the existing term loan remain unchanged, while the new term loan is required to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of $\$ 3.0$ million beginning in December 2008, with the final installment payment due on August 28, 2013. The 2008 Credit Facility contains various conditions to borrowing, and affirmative and negative financial covenants. The obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the 2008 Credit Facility are secured by liens on all personal property of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Company expects to borrow against its 2008 Credit Facility to fund working capital requirements related to pre-holiday manufacturing and inventory purchases. At June 29, 2008, the Company had no outstanding amounts under its revolving credit facility. However, it anticipates borrowing against the facility prior to the end of its first quarter. The Company anticipates that such borrowings will peak during its fiscal second quarter, before being repaid prior to the end of that quarter.

On January 21, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an increase to its stock repurchase plan which, when added to the funds remaining on its earlier authorization, increased the amount available for repurchase to $\$ 15.0$ million. Any such purchases could be made from time to time in the open market and through privately negotiated transactions, subject to general market conditions. The repurchase program will be financed utilizing available cash. As of June 29, 2008, $\$ 14.0$ million remains authorized but unused.

Under this program, as of June 29, 2008, the Company had repurchased 1,660,786 shares of common stock for $\$ 12.3$ million, of which, $\$ 1.1$ million $(133,609$ shares), $\$ 0.2$ million $(24,627$ shares) and $\$ 1.3$ million (182,000 shares) were repurchased during the fiscal years ending June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, respectively. In a separate transaction, during fiscal 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of $3,010,740$ shares of common stock from an affiliate. The purchase price was $\$ 15,689,000$, or $\$ 5.21$ per share. The repurchase was approved by the disinterested members of the company's Board of Directors and was in addition to the Company's then existing stock repurchase authorization.

At June 29, 2008, the Company's contractual obligations consist of:

| Total | Less than 1 year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (in thou } \\ & 1-3 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | $3-5$ <br> years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ 78,498 | \$16,830 | \$35,167 | \$26,501 |
| 52 | 13 | 21 | 18 |
| 70,217 | 12,048 | 18,863 | 15,121 |
| 8,507 | 2,814 | 3,324 | 1,483 |
| 82,783 | 72,783 | 10,000 | - |
| \$240,057 | \$104,488 | \$67,375 | \$43,123 |

Long-term debt
(including interest) (*) 1
Capital lease obligations
Operating lease obligations
Sublease obligations
Purchase commitments (**)2

Total
$\$ 78,498$
52
70,217
8,507
82,783
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$\$ 240,057$
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(in thousands)
1 - 3 - 5
years years
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(*) 1 On August 28, 2008, the Company entered into a $\$ 293.0$ million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the " 2008 Credit Facility"). The 2008 Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to $\$ 293.0$ million, including: (i) a $\$ 165.0$ million revolving credit commitment, (ii) $\$ 60.0$ million of new term loan debt, and (iii) $\$ 68.0$ million of existing term loan debt associated with the Company's previous credit facility. The repayment terms of the existing term loan remain unchanged, while the new term loan is required to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of $\$ 3.0$ million beginning in December 2008 , with the final installment payment due on August 28, 2013.
(**)2 Purchase commitments consist primarily of inventory, equipment purchase orders and online marketing agreements made in the ordinary course of business.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates
The Company's discussion and analysis of its financial position and results of operations are based upon the consolidated financial statements of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc., which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates, including those related to revenue recognition, inventory and long-lived assets, including goodwill and other intangible assets related to acquisitions. Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. Management believes the following critical accounting policies, among others, affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in preparation of its consolidated financial statements.

## Revenue Recognition

Net revenues are generated by E-commerce operations from the Company's online and telephonic sales channels as well as other operations (retail/wholesale) and primarily consist of the selling price of merchandise, service or outbound shipping charges, less discounts, returns and credits. Net revenues are recognized upon product shipment. Shipping terms are FOB shipping point. Net revenues generated by the Company's BloomNet Wire Service operations include membership fees as well as other products and service offerings to florists. Membership fees are recognized monthly in the period earned, and products sales

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are recognized upon product shipment with shipping terms of FOB shipping point.

Accounts Receivable

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers or franchisees to make required
payments. If the financial condition of the Company's customers or franchisees were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Inventory

The Company states inventory at the lower of cost or market. In assessing the realization of inventories, we are required to make judgments as to future demand requirements and compare that with inventory levels. It is possible that changes in consumer demand could cause a reduction in the net realizable value of inventory.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets
Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired and is evaluated annually for impairment. The cost of intangible assets with determinable lives is amortized to reflect the pattern of economic benefits consumed, on a straight-line basis, over the estimated periods benefited, ranging from 3 to 16 years.

The Company performs an annual impairment test as of the first day of its fiscal fourth quarter, or earlier if indicators of potential impairment exist, to evaluate goodwill. Goodwill is considered impaired if the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value. In assessing the recoverability of goodwill, the Company reviews both quantitative as well as qualitative factors to support its assumptions with regard to fair value. Judgment regarding the existence of impairment indicators is based on market conditions and operational performance of the Company. Future events could cause the company to conclude that impairment indicators exist and that goodwill and other intangible assets associated with our acquired businesses is impaired.

Capitalized Software

The carrying value of capitalized software, both purchased and internally developed, is periodically reviewed for potential impairment indicators. Future events could cause the Company to conclude that impairment indicators exist and that capitalized software is impaired.

Stock-based Compensation

SFAS No. 123 R requires the measurement of stock-based compensation expense based on the fair value of the award on the date of grant. The Company determines the fair value of stock options issued by using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model considers a range of assumptions related to volatility, dividend yield, risk-free interest rate and employee exercise behavior. Expected volatilities are based on historical volatility of the Company's stock price. The dividend yield is based on historical experience and future expectations. The risk-free interest rate is derived from the US Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The Black-Scholes model also incorporates expected forfeiture rates, based on historical behavior. Determining these assumptions are subjective and complex, and therefore, a change in the assumptions utilized could impact the calculation of the fair

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value of the Company's stock options.

Income Taxes

The Company has established deferred income tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences between the financial reporting bases and the income tax bases of its assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such assets or liabilities are realized or settled. The Company has recognized as a deferred tax asset the tax benefits associated with losses related to operations, which are expected to result in a future tax benefit. Realization of this deferred tax asset assumes that we will be able to generate sufficient future taxable income so that these assets will be realized. The factors that we consider in assessing the likelihood of realization include the forecast of future taxable income and available tax planning strategies that could be implemented to realize the deferred tax assets.

It is the Company's policy to provide for uncertain tax positions and the related interest and penalties based upon management's assessment of whether a tax benefit is more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. To the extent that the Company prevails in matter for which a liability for an unrecognized tax benefit is established or is required to pay amounts in the excess of the liability, the company's effective tax rate in a given financial statement period may be affected.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" ("SFAS No. 162"). SFAS No. 162 is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. SFAS No. 162 will become effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, "The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles." The Company does not anticipate the adoption of SFAS No. 162 will have a material impact on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets" ("FSP FAS 142-3"). FSP FAS 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No.142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Asset. FSP FAS 142-3 also requires expanded disclosure related to the determination of intangible asset useful lives. FSP FAS 142-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FSP FAS 142-3 will have on its consolidated results of operation, cash flows or financial condition.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement No.161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 161"). SFAS No. 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities and it requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives and quantitative disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS No. 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not anticipate the adoption of SFAS No. 161 will have a material

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impact on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS No. 141R"). SFAS No. 141R establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer in a business combination recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any controlling interest in the business and the goodwill acquired. SFAS No. 141R further requires that acquisition-related costs and costs associated with restructuring or exiting activities of an acquired entity will be expensed as incurred. SFAS No. 141R also establishes disclosure requirements that will require disclosure of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS No. 141R will impact business combinations for the Company that may be completed on or after June 29, 2009. The Company cannot anticipate whether the adoption of SFAS No. $141 R$ will have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition as the impact is solely dependent on the terms of any business combination entered into by the company after June 29, 2009 and the terms of such transactions.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("SFAS No. 159"). SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This statement provides companies with an option to measure selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 159 to have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157") which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2, delaying the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The delayed portions of SFAS 157 will be adopted by the Company beginning in its fiscal year ending June 27, 2010, while all other portions of the standard will be adopted by the Company beginning in its fiscal year ending June 28, 2009, as required. The Company does not expect that SFAS 157 will have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company's earnings and cash flows are subject to fluctuations due to changes in interest rates primarily from its investment of available cash balances in money market funds and investment grade corporate and U.S. government securities, as well as from outstanding debt. As of June 29, 2008, the Company's outstanding debt, including current maturities, approximated $\$ 68.1$ million, of which $\$ 68.0$ million was variable rate debt. Each 25 basis point change in interest rates would have a corresponding effect on our interest expense of approximately $\$ 0.2$ million as of June 29, 2008. Under its current policies, the Company does not use interest rate derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate changes.

Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Annual Financial Statements: See Part IV, Item 15 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Selected Quarterly Financial Data: See Part II, Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of June 29, 2008. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 29, 2008.

Management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined in Rules $13-a-15(f)$ and $15 d-15(f)$ under the Exchange Act as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers and effectuated by the Company's board of directors, management and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorization of management and directors of the Company; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to
the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of June 29, 2008. In making this assessment, management used the criteria established in "Internal Control-Integrated Framework," issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of June 29, 2008 the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective.

The Company acquired DesignPac Gifts LLC on April 30, 2008, and has excluded the acquired company from its assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. The acquired business constituted approximately $10.0 \%$ of total assets as of June 29, 2008, and less than one percent of revenues for the fiscal year then ended.

Ernst \& Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, has issued a report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as of June 29, 2008; their report is included below.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") internal control over financial reporting as of June 29, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control--Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the CoSo criteria). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting
principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

As indicated in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of DesignPac Gifts LLC, which is included in the fiscal 2008 consolidated financial statements of the Company and constituted approximately $10.0 \%$ of total assets as of June 29, 2008 and less than one percent of revenues for the fiscal year then ended. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of the Company also did not include an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of DesignPac Gifts LLC.

In our opinion, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of June 29, 2008, based on the COSO criteria.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of

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income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 29,2008 and our report dated September 10, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.
/s/ Ernst \& Young LLP

Melville, New York
September 10, 2008

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting
There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended June 29, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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None.

Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information set forth in the Proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company maintains a Code of Ethics, which is applicable to all directors, officers and employees on the Investor Relations-Corporate Governance tab of the Company's website at www.1800flowers.com. Any amendment or waiver to the Code of Ethics that applies to our directors or executive officers will be posted on our website or in a report filed with the SEC on Form 8-K. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available without charge upon written request to: Investor Relations, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc., One Old Country Road, Suite 500, Carle Place, New York 11514.

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information set forth in the Proxy Statement for the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated herein by reference.

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## PART IV

## Item 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) (1) Index to Consolidated Financial Statements:

(a) (2) Index to Financial Statement Schedules:

Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts S-1

All other information and financial statement schedules are omitted because they are not applicable, or not required, or because the required information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.
(a) (3) Index to Exhibits

Exhibits marked with an asterisk (*) are incorporated by reference to exhibits or appendices previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as indicated by the reference in brackets. All other exhibits are filed herewith. Exhibits $10.3,10.4,10.5,10.6,10.7$ and 10.8 are management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements.

## Exhibit Description

*3.1 Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. (Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (No. 333-78985) filed on July 9, 1999, Exhibit 3.1)
*3.2 Amendment No. 1 to Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. (Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (No. 333-78985) filed on July 22, 1999, Exhibit 3.2)
*3.3 Amended and Restated By-laws. (Registration Statement on Form $S-1$ (No 333-78985) filed on May 21, 1999, Exhibit 3.3)
*4.1 Specimen Class A common stock certificate. (Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (No. 333-78985 filed on July 9, 1999, Exhibit 4.1)
*4.2 See Exhibits $3.1,3.2$ and 3.3 for provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Registrant defining the rights of holders of Common Stock of the Registrant.
*10.3 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended. (Registration Statement on Form S-1 (no. 333-78985) filed on May 21, 1999, Exhibit 10.10)

|  | 1999 Stock Incentive Plan. (Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (No. 333-78985) filed on July 27, 1999, Exhibit 10.18) |
| :---: | :---: |
| *10.5 | Employment Agreement, effective as of July 1, 1999, between James F. McCann and 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. (Form S-1/A (No. 333-78985) filed on July 9, 1999, Exhibit 10.19) |
| * 10 | mployment Agreement, effective as of July 1, 1999, between hristopher G. McCann and 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. (Form S-1/A (No. 33-78985) filed on July 9, 1999, Exhibit 10.20) |
| *1 | 2003 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan. (Definitive Proxy Statement filed on October 27, 2003 (No. 000-26841), Annex D) |
| *10 | Employment Agreement, dated as of May 2, 2006, by and among 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc., Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. and David Taiclet. |
|  | Lease, dated May 20, 2005, between Treeline Mineola, LLC and 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. (Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 3, 2005 filed on September 15, 2005, Exhibit 10.26) |
|  | er letter to Julie McCann Mulligan |
| 10 | er letter to Timothy J. Hopkins (quarterly report on Form 10Q, ed on November 8, 2007, Exhibit 10.3) |
|  | Offer letter to Stephen Bozzo (quarterly report on Form 10Q, filed on November 8, 2007, Exhibit 10.4) |
|  | Form of Restricted Share Agreement under 2003 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan |
|  | Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under 2003 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan |
|  | Form of Non-Statutory Stock Option Agreement under 2003 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan |
| 10 | Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of August 28, 2008 among 1-800-Flowers.com, Inc., The Subsidiary Borrowers Party Hereto, The Guarantors Party Hereto, The Lenders Party Hereto and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Administrative Agent. |
|  | Subsidiaries of the Registrant |
|  | onsent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. |
| 2 | Powers or Attorney (included in the signature page). |
| 31.1 | Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.1 | Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: September 12, 2008
1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc.

By: /s/ James F. McCann
James F. McCann
Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated below:

Dated: September 12, 2008

Dated: September 12, 2008

By: /s/ James F. McCann
James F. McCann
Chief Executive Officer Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ William E. Shea
William E. Shea
Senior Vice President Finance and Administration (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

| Dated: September 12, 2008 | By: /s/ Lawrence Calcano |
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|  | Lawrence Calcano Director |
| Dated: September 12, 2008 | By: /s/ James A. Cannavino |
|  | James A. Cannavino Director |
| Dated: September 12, 2008 | By: /s/ John J. Conefry, Jr. |
|  | John J. Conefry, Jr. Director |
| Dated: September 12, 2008 | By: /s/ Leonard J. Elmore |
|  | Leonard J. Elmore Director |
| Dated: September 12, 2008 | By: /s/ Jan L. Murley |
|  | Jan L. Murley <br> Director |
| Dated: September 12, 2008 | By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Walker |
|  | Jeffrey C. Walker Director |

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") as of June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 29 , 2008. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the

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index at Item 15(a). These financial statements and schedule 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 the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries at June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended June 29, 2008, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements the Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48 "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109," effective July 2, 2007.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of June 29, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated September 10,2008 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst \& Young LLP

Melville, New York
September 10, 2008

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> 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries
> Consolidated Balance Sheets
> (in thousands, except share data)

## Assets

Current assets:
Cash and equivalents
$\$ 12,124$ 13,443

| Inventories | 67,283 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Deferred income taxes | 7,977 |
| Prepaid and other | 8,723 |
| Total current assets | 109,550 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 65,737 |
| Goodwill | 124,164 |
| Other intangibles, net | 68,760 |
| Other assets | 3,127 |
| Total assets | \$371,338 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 63,248 |
| Current maturities of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases | 12,886 |
| Total current liabilities | 76,134 |
| Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases | 55,250 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,527 |
| Other liabilities | 2,962 |
| Total liabilities | 139,873 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued |  |
| Class A common stock, $\$ .01$ par value, $200,000,000$ shares authorized, $31,368,241$ and $30,298,019$ shares issued in 2008 and 2007, respectively | 314 |
| Class B common stock, $\$ .01$ par value, $200,000,000$ shares authorized, $42,138,465$ shares issued in 2008 and 2007 | 421 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 279,718 |
| Retained deficit | $(17,839$ |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 4, 724,326 and 4,590,717 Class A shares in 2008 and 2007, respectively, and 5,280,000 Class B shares | $(31,149$ |
| Total stockholders' equity | 231,465 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$371,338 |

See accompanying notes.

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> 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries
> Consolidated Statements of Income
> (in thousands, except per share data)

Years ended

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } 29, \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } 1, \\ 2007 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |

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| Cost of revenues | 525,638 | 520,132 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross profit | 393,754 | 392,466 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |
| Marketing and sales | 256,604 | 262,303 |
| Technology and development | 21,539 | 21,316 |
| General and administrative | 57,881 | 56,017 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,363 | 17,837 |
| Total operating expenses | 356,387 | 357,473 |
| Operating income | 37,367 | 34,993 |
| Other income (expense): |  |  |
| Interest income | 999 | 1,381 |
| Interest expense | $(5,081)$ | $(7,390)$ |
| Other, net | 85 | 25 |
| Total other income (expense), net | $(3,997)$ | $(5,984)$ |
| Income before income taxes | 33,370 | 29,009 |
| Income tax expense | 12,316 | 11,891 |
| Net income | 21,054 | \$17,118 |
| Net income per common share: Basic | \$0.33 | \$0.27 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.32 | \$0.26 |
| Weighted average shares used in the calculation of net income per common share: <br> Basic | 63,074 | 63,786 |
| Diluted | 65,458 | 65,526 |

See accompanying notes.
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1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
Years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 (in thousands, except share data)

Common Stock


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1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in thousands)


Cash and equivalents:
Beginning of year
16,087
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End of year

Supplemental Cash Flow Information:

- Interest paid amounted to $\$ 5,081, \$ 7,390$, and $\$ 1,407$ for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, respectively.
- The Company paid income taxes of approximately $\$ 2,141, \$ 1,429$ and $\$ 23$, net of tax refunds received, for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007, and July 2, 2006, respectively.

See accompanying notes.

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## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of Business

For more than 30 years, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. has been providing customers with fresh flowers and the finest selection of plants, gift baskets, gourmet foods, confections, balloons and plush stuffed animals perfect for every occasion. 1-800-FLOWERS.COM(R) offers the best of both worlds: exquisite arrangements individually created by some of the nation's top floral artists and hand-delivered the same day, and spectacular flowers shipped overnight under our Fresh From Our Growers(R) program. As always, 100 percent satisfaction and freshness are guaranteed. The Company's BloomNet(R) (www.mybloomnet.net) international floral wire service provides a broad range of quality products and value-added services designed to help professional florists to grow their businesses profitably. The 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. "Gift Shop" also includes gourmet gifts such as popcorn and specialty treats from The Popcorn Factory(R) (1-800-541-2676 or www.thepopcornfactory.com); exceptional cookies and baked gifts from Cheryl\&Co.(R) (1-800-443-8124 or www.cherylandco.com); premium chocolates and confections from Fannie May Confections Brands (www.fanniemay.com and www.harrylondon.com) gourmet foods from Greatfood.com(R) (www.greatfood.com); wine gifts from Ambrosia(R) (www.ambrosia.com or www.winetasting.com) gift baskets from 1-800-BASKETS.COM(R) (www. 1800 baskets.com) and DesignPac Giftssm (www.designpac.com) as well as Home Decor and Children's Gifts from Plow \& Hearth(R) (1-800-627-1712 or www.plowandhearth.com), Wind \& Weather(R) (www.windandweather.com), HearthSong(R) (www.hearthsong.com) and Magic Cabin(R) (www.magiccabin.com). 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under ticker symbol FLWS.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

Fiscal Year
The Company's fiscal year is a 52 - or 53 -week period ending on the sunday nearest to June 30. Fiscal years 2008, 2007 and 2006 , which ended on June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, respectively, consisted of 52 weeks.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company"). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Equivalents
Cash and equivalents consist of demand deposits with banks, highly liquid money market funds, United States government securities, overnight repurchase agreements and commercial paper with maturities of three months or less when purchased.

## Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method of accounting.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost reduced by accumulated depreciation. Depreciation expense is recognized over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Amortization of leasehold improvements and capital leases are calculated using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease terms, including renewal options expected to be exercised, or estimated useful lives of the improvements. Estimated useful lives are periodically reviewed, and where appropriate, changes are made prospectively. The Company's property plant and equipment is depreciated using the following estimated lives:

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| Buildings | 40 years |
| :--- | ---: |
| Leasehold Improvements | $3-10$ years |
| Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | $3-10$ years |
| Software | $3-5$ years |

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets
Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangibles are not amortized, but are evaluated annually for impairment. The Company performs its annual impairment test as of the first day of its fiscal fourth quarter, or earlier if indicators of potential impairment exist, to evaluate goodwill. Goodwill is considered impaired if the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds its estimated fair value. In assessing the recoverability of goodwill, the Company reviews both quantitative as well as qualitative factors to support its assumptions with regard to fair value. To date, there has been no impairment of these assets.

The cost of intangible assets with determinable lives is amortized to reflect the pattern of economic benefits consumed, on a straight-line basis, over the estimated periods benefited, ranging from 3 to 16 years.

## Deferred Catalog Costs

The Company capitalizes the costs of producing and distributing its catalogs. These costs are amortized in direct proportion with actual sales from the corresponding catalog over a period not to exceed 26-weeks. Included within prepaid and other current assets was $\$ 3.4$ million and $\$ 4.3$ million at June 29 , 2008 and July 1, 2007, respectively, relating to prepaid catalog expenses.

## Investments

The Company considers all of its debt and equity securities, for which there is a determinable fair market value and no restrictions on the Company's ability to sell within the next 12 months, as available-for-sale. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity. For the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, there were no significant unrealized gains or losses. Realized gains and losses are included in other income. The cost basis for realized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities is determined on a specific identification basis.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

The recorded amounts of the Company's cash and equivalents, short-term investments, receivables, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values principally because of the short-term nature of these items. The fair value of investments, including available-for-sale securities, is based on quoted market prices where available. The fair value of the Company's long-term obligations, the majority of which are carried at a variable rate of interest, are estimated based on the current rates offered to the company for obligations of similar terms and maturities. Under this method, the Company's fair value of long-term obligations was not significantly different than the carrying values at June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and equivalents, investments and accounts receivable. The Company maintains cash and equivalents and investments with high credit, quality financial institutions. Concentration of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are limited due to the Company's large number of customers and their dispersion throughout the United States, and the fact that a substantial portion of receivables are related to balances owed by major credit card companies. Allowances relating to consumer, corporate and franchise accounts receivable (\$1.4 million at June 29, 2008 and July 1, 2007) have been recorded based upon previous experience and management's evaluation.

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## Revenue Recognition

Net revenues are generated by E-commerce operations from the Company's online and telephonic sales channels as well as other operations (retail/wholesale) and primarily consist of the selling price of merchandise, service or outbound shipping charges, less discounts, returns and credits. Net revenues are recognized upon product shipment and do not include sales tax. Shipping terms are FOB shipping point. Net revenues generated by the Company's BloomNet Wire Service operations include membership fees as well as other products and service offerings to florists. Membership fees are recognized monthly in the period

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earned, and products sales are recognized upon product shipment with shipping terms of $F O B$ shipping point.

## Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues consists primarily of florist fulfillment costs (fees paid directly to florists), the cost of floral and non-floral merchandise sold from inventory or through third parties, and associated costs including inbound and outbound shipping charges. Additionally, cost of revenues includes labor and facility costs related to manufacturing and production operations.

Marketing and Sales
Marketing and sales expense consists primarily of advertising and promotional expenditures, catalog costs, online portal and search expenses, retail store and fulfillment operations (other than costs included in cost of revenues), and customer service center expenses, as well as the operating expenses of the Company's departments engaged in marketing, selling and merchandising activities.

The Company expenses all advertising costs, with the exception of catalog costs (see Deferred Catalog Costs above) at the time the advertisement is first shown. Advertising expense was $\$ 127.2$ million, $\$ 133.2$ million and $\$ 127.4$ million for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 , respectively.

Technology and Development

Technology and development expense consists primarily of payroll and operating expenses of the Company's information technology group, costs associated with its web sites, including hosting, content development and maintenance and support costs related to the Company's order entry, customer service, fulfillment and database systems. Costs associated with the acquisition or development of software for internal use are capitalized if the software is expected to have a useful life beyond one year and amortized over the software's useful life, typically three to five years. Costs associated with repair, maintenance or the development of web site content are expensed as incurred as the useful lives of such software modifications are less than one year.

Stock-Based Compensation
The Company records compensation expense associated with stock options and other forms of equity compensation in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment." The Company adopted the modified prospective application method provided for under SFAS $123(R)$ and consequently did not retroactively adjust results from prior periods. Under this transition method, compensation cost associated with stock options and awards recognized in the fiscal years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, includes: (a) compensation cost of all stock-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, July 4, 2005 (based on grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123), and (b) compensation cost for all stock-based payments granted subsequent to July 3, 2005 (based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the new provision of SFAS No. 123(R)).

Income taxes

The Company has established deferred income tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences between the financial reporting bases and the income tax bases of its assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such assets or liabilites are realized or settled. During fiscal 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48 "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109" ("FIN 48") prescribes a recognition

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and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. There was no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations as a result of the adoption of the provisions of FIN 48.

Comprehensive Income

For the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, the Company's comprehensive income was equal to the respective net income for each of the periods presented.

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Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per common share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common and dilutive common equivalent shares (consisting primarily of employee stock options and restricted stock awards) outstanding during the period.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, "The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" ("SFAS No. 162"). SFAS No. 162 is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent framework, or hierarchy, for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. SFAS No. 162 will become effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, "The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles." The Company does not anticipate the adoption of SFAS No. 162 will have a material impact on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets" ("FSP FAS 142-3"). FSP FAS 142-3 amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under FASB Statement No.142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Asset. FSP FAS 142-3 also requires expanded disclosure related to the determination of intangible asset useful lives. FSP FAS 142-3 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of FSP FAS 142-3 will have on its consolidated results of operation, cash flows or financial condition.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement No.161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 161"). SFAS No. 161 amends and expands the disclosure requirements of Statement No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" and requires qualitative disclosures about objectives and strategies for using derivatives and quantitative disclosures about credit-risk-related contingent features in derivative agreements. SFAS No. 161 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company does not anticipate the adoption of SFAS No. 161 will have a material impact on its results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations" ("SFAS No. 141R"). SFAS No. 141R establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer in a business combination recognizes and

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measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, any controlling interest in the business and the goodwill acquired. SFAS No. 141R further requires that acquisition-related costs and costs associated with restructuring or exiting activities of an acquired entity will be expensed as incurred. SFAS No. 141R also establishes disclosure requirements that will require disclosure of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS No. 141R will impact business combinations for the Company that may be completed on or after June 29, 2009. The Company cannot anticipate whether the adoption of SFAS No. 141R will have a material impact on its results of operations and financial condition as the impact is solely dependent on the terms of any business combination entered into by the company after June 29, 2009.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" ("SFAS No. 159"). SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. This statement provides companies with an option to measure selected financial assets and liabilities at fair value. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 159 to have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements" ("SFAS 157") which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. In February

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2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2, delaying the effective date of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except for items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. The delayed portions of SFAS 157 will be adopted by the Company beginning in its fiscal year ending June 27, 2010, while all other portions of the standard will be adopted by the Company beginning in its fiscal year ending June 28, 2009, as required. The Company does not expect that SFAS 157 will have a material impact on its consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

Reclassifications

Certain balances in the prior fiscal years have been reclassified to conform with the presentation in the current fiscal year.

Note 3 - Net Income Per Common Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per common share:

|  | Years En |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June 29, 2 | July 1, 2 |
|  | (in thousands, except |  |
| Numerator: |  |  |
| Net income | \$21,054 | \$17,118 |
| Denominator: |  |  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 63,074 | 63,786 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: |  |  |

Employee stock options (1)
Employee restricted stock awards
Adjusted weighted-average shares and assumed
conversions

Net income per common share: Basic

Diluted

Note (1): The effect of options to purchase 3.2 million, 5.8 million and 5.9 million shares for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007, and July 2, 2006, respectively, were excluded from the calculation of net income per share on a diluted basis as their effect is anti-dilutive.

Note 4. Acquisitions

The Company accounts for its business combinations in accordance with SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations," which addresses financial accounting and reporting for business combinations and requires that all such transactions be accounted for using the purchase method. Under the purchase method of accounting for business combinations, the aggregate purchase price for the acquired business is allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the acquisition date.

Acquisition of DesignPac Gifts LLC
On April 30, 2008, the Company acquired all of the membership interest in DesignPac Gifts LLC (DesignPac), a designer, assembler and distributor of gourmet gift baskets, gourmet food towers and gift sets, including a broad range of branded and private label components, based in Melrose Park, IL. The acquisition, for approximately $\$ 33.3$ million in cash, net of cash acquired, was financed utilizing a combination of available cash generated from operations and through borrowings against the Company's revolving credit facility. The purchase price is subject to "earn-out" incentives which amount to a maximum of $\$ 2.0$ million through the years ending June 27, 2010, upon achievement of specified performance targets. In its most recently completed year ended December 31, 2007, prior to the acquisition, DesignPac generated revenues of approximately $\$ 53.3$ million.

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As described further under "Subsequent Events" in order to fund the increase in working capital requirements associated with DesignPac, and to provide for additional operational flexibility, on August 28, 2008, the Company entered into a $\$ 293.0$ million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the " 2008 Credit Facility"). The 2008 Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to $\$ 293.0$ million, including: (i) a $\$ 165.0$ million revolving credit commitment, (ii) $\$ 60.0$ million of new term loan debt, and (iii) $\$ 68.0$ million of existing term loan debt associated with the Company's previous credit facility. Interest is at LIBOR plus $1.5 \%$ to $2.5 \%$ for the Company's existing term loan and revolving credit facility, and LIBOR plus $2.0 \%$ to $3.0 \%$ for the Company's new term loan,

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with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio.

The Company is in the process of finalizing its allocation of the purchase price to individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed as a result of the acquisition of DesignPac. This will result in potential adjustments to the carrying value of DesignPac's recorded assets and liabilities, the establishment of certain additional intangible assets, revisions of useful lives of intangible assets, some of which will have indefinite lives not subject to amortization, and the determination of any residual amount that will be allocated to goodwill. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price included in the current period balance sheet is based on the best estimates of management and is subject to revision based on final determination of asset fair values and useful lives. The following table summarizes the allocation of purchase price to the estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition of DesignPac:

|  | DesignPac Purchase Price Allocation |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (in thousands) |
| Current assets | \$1,287 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1,172 |
| Intangible assets | 18,908 |
| Goodwill | 12,085 |
| Other | 81 |
| Total assets acquired | 33,533 |
| Current liabilities | 184 |
| Total liabilities assumed | 184 |
| Net assets acquired | \$33,349 |

Although not finalized, of the $\$ 18.9$ million of acquired intangible assets related to the DesignPac acquisition, $\$ 6.4$ million was assigned to trademarks that are not subject to amortization, while the remaining acquired intangibles of $\$ 12.5$ million were allocated primarily to customer related intangibles which are being amortized over the assets' determinable useful life of 10 years. Approximately $\$ 12.1$ million of goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

Acquisition of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc.
On May 1, 2006, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. (hereafter referred to as "Fannie May Confections Brands"), a manufacturer and multi-channel retailer and wholesaler of premium chocolate and other confections under the well-known Fannie May, Harry London and Fanny Farmer brands. The acquisition, for a purchase price of approximately $\$ 96.6$ million in cash, including the achievement of certain "earn-out" incentives and transaction costs, included a 200,000-square foot manufacturing facility in North Canton, Ohio and 52 Fannie May retail stores in the Chicago area, where the chocolate brand has been a tradition since 1920 . The purchase price was subject to "earn-out" incentives which amounted to a maximum of $\$ 6.0$ million (of which $\$ 4.4$ million was achieved), upon achievement of specified earnings targets.

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In order to finance the Fannie May Confections Brands acquisition, on May 1, 2006, the Company entered into a $\$ 135.0$ million secured credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the "2006 Credit Facility"). The 2006 Credit Facility, as amended, which was subsequently amended and restated on August 28, 2008 (refer to "Subsequent Events"), included an $\$ 85.0$ million term loan and a $\$ 75.0$ million revolving facility, which carried interest at LIBOR plus $0.625 \%$ to $1.125 \%$, with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio. At closing, the Company borrowed $\$ 85.0$ million of the term facility to acquire all of the outstanding capital stock of Fannie May Confections Brands.

Acquisition of Wind \& Weather

On October 31, 2005, the Company acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Wind \& Weather, a Fort Bragg, California based direct marketer of weather-themed gifts, with annual revenues of approximately $\$ 14.4$ million during its then most recently completed fiscal year ended March 31, 2005. The purchase price of approximately $\$ 5.2$ million, including acquisition costs, was funded utilizing the Company's then existing line of credit which was repaid during the company's second quarter of fiscal 2006 utilizing cash generated from operations, and excludes the assumption of Wind \& Weather's \$1.2 million balance on its seasonal working capital line. The Company has since relocated the operations of Wind \& Weather to its Madison, Virginia facility, and terminated operations in California.

Pro forma Results of Operation
The following unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information has been prepared as if the acquisitions of DesignPac, Fannie May Confections Brands and Wind \& Weather had taken place at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 . The following unaudited pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations in future periods or results that would have been achieved had the acquisitions taken place at the beginning of the periods presented.

|  | Years Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June 29, 200 |  | July 1, 200 |  |
|  |  | n thous |  | pt per |
| Net revenues | \$973,140 |  | \$963,620 |  |
| Operating income | \$ | 44,227 | \$ | 39,608 |
| Net income | \$ | 24,250 |  | 18,751 |
| Net income per common share |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.38 | \$ | 0.29 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.37 | \$ | 0.29 |

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Note 5. Inventory

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The Company's inventory, stated at cost, which is not in excess of market, includes purchased and manufactured finish goods for resale, packaging supplies, raw material ingredients for manufactured products and associated manufacturing labor, and is classified as follows:

| (in thousands) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$48,986 | \$43,113 |
| 3,442 | 3,911 |
| 14,855 | 15,027 |
| \$67,283 | \$62,051 |

Note 6. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The change in the net carrying amount of goodwill is as follows (in thousands):


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| Investment in licenses | 14 - 16 years | \$ 4,927 | \$4,408 | \$519 | \$ 4,927 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Customer lists | $3-10$ years | 25,570 | 6,042 | 19,528 | 14,260 |
| Other | $5-8$ years | 3,868 | 1,208 | 2,660 | 2,639 |
|  |  | 34,365 | 11,658 | 22,707 | 21,826 |
| Trademarks with |  |  |  |  |  |
| indefinite lives |  | 46,053 | - | 46,053 | 39,676 |
| Total intangible |  |  |  |  |  |
| assets |  | \$80,418 | \$11,658 | \$68,760 | \$61,502 |

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The amortization of intangible assets for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 was $\$ 2.9$ million, $\$ 2.5$ million, and $\$ 1.6$ million, respectively. Future estimated amortization expense is as follows: 2009-\$4.0 million, 2010 - $\$ 3.9$ million, 2011 - $\$ 3.4$ million, 2012 - $\$ 2.2$ million, and 2013 - \$2.0 million, and thereafter - \$7.2 million.

Note 7. Property, Plant and Equipment

## Land

\$2,516
Building and building improvements
15,944
Leasehold improvements 21,051
Furniture and fixtures 6,032
Equipment
26,258
Computer equipment
57, 832
Telecommunication equipment
9,331
Software

Accumulated depreciation and amortization

(in thousands)
69,158

208,122
142,385
\$ 65,737

Note 8. Long-Term Debt

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } 29, \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (in th |
| Term loan and revolving credit line (1) | \$68,000 |
| Commercial note (2) | 84 |
| Obligations under capital leases (see Note 14) | 52 |
|  | 68,136 |
| Less current maturities of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases | 12,886 |
|  | \$55,250 |

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(1) Term loan and revolving credit line - In order to finance the acquisition of Fannie May Confections Brands, Inc. on May 1, 2006 , the Company entered into a secured credit facility with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the "2006 Credit Facility"). The 2006 Credit Facility, as amended, includes an $\$ 85.0$ million term loan and a $\$ 75.0$ million revolving facility, which bear interest at LIBOR (2.4\% at June 29, 2008) plus $0.625 \%$ to $1.125 \%$, with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio (3.2\% at June 29, 2008). At closing, the Company borrowed $\$ 85.0$ million of the term facility to acquire all of the outstanding capital stock of Fannie May Confections Brands. The Company is required to pay the outstanding term loan in escalating quarterly installments, with the final installment payment due on May 1, 2012. The 2006 Credit Facility contains various conditions to borrowing, and affirmative and negative financial covenants. Concurrent with the establishment of the 2006 Credit Facility, the Company's previous $\$ 25.0$ million revolving credit facilities were terminated. The obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the 2006 Credit Facility are secured by liens on all personal property of the Company and its subsidiaries. No amounts were outstanding under the revolving credit facility at June 29, 2008 .

As described further under "Subsequent Events" in order to fund the

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increase in working capital requirements associated with DesignPac, and to provide for additional operational flexibility, on August 28, 2008, the Company entered into a $\$ 293.0$ million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the " 2008 Credit Facility"). The 2008 Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to $\$ 293.0$ million, including: (i) a $\$ 165.0$ million revolving credit commitment, (ii) $\$ 60.0$ million of new term loan debt, and (iii) $\$ 68.0$ million of existing term loan debt associated with the Company's previous credit facility. Interest is at LIBOR plus $1.5 \%$ to $2.5 \%$ for the Company's existing term loan and revolving credit facility, and LIBOR plus 2.0\% to 3.0\%, for the Company's new term loan, with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio.
(2) Commercial note - Bank note relating to obligations arising from, and collateralized by, the underlying assets of the Company's Plow \& Hearth facility in Madison, Virginia. The note, dated June 27, 2003, in the amount of $\$ 6.6$ million, bears interest at $5.44 \%$ per annum, and resulted from the consolidation and refinancing of a series of fixed and variable rate mortgage and equipment notes. The note is payable in 60 equal monthly installments of principal and interest commencing August 1, 2003, of which $\$ 0.1$ million is outstanding at June 29, 2008.

As of June 29, 2008, long-term debt maturities, excluding amounts relating to capital leases, are as follows:

| Year | Debt |
| :---: | :---: |
| ---- | Maturities |
|  | (in thousands) |
| 2009 |  |
| 2010 | $\$ 12,886$ |
|  | 12,750 |

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| 2011 | 17,000 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2012 | 25,500 |

Note 9. Income Taxes

The Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, or FIN 48, on July 2, 2007. The Company did not have any significant unrecognized tax benefits and there was no material effect on its financial condition or results of operations as a result of implementing FIN 48.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state jurisdictions. The tax years that remain subject to examination are fiscal 2003 through fiscal 2006. The Company does not believe there will be any material changes in its unrecognized tax positions over the next twelve months.

The Company's policy is to recognize interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of income tax expense. As of the date of adoption of FIN 48, the Company did not have any material accrued interest or penalties associated with any unrecognized tax benefits, nor was any material interest expense recognized during the year.

Significant components of the income tax provision are as follows:

|  | Years ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | June 29, 2008 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | n thousands) |
| Current provision: |  |  |
| Federal | \$2,207 | \$ (275) |
| State | 1,528 | 1,841 |
|  | 3,735 | 1,566 |
| Deferred provision: |  |  |
| Federal | 8,767 | 9,082 |
| State | (186) | 1,243 |
|  | 8,581 | 10,325 |
| Income tax provision | \$12,316 | \$11,891 |

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A reconciliation of the U.S. federal statutory tax rate to the Company's
effective tax rate is as follows:

Years ended

Tax at U.S. statutory rates
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit
Non-deductible stock-based compensation
Non-deductible goodwill amortization
Tax credits
Tax settlements
Other, net

| 35.0\% | 35.0\% |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3.1 | 6.9 |
| 0.1 | 1.7 |
| 0.3 | 0.4 |
| (0.8) | (0.4) |
| (0.4) | (3.1) |
| (0.4) | 0.5 |
| 36.9\% | 41.0\% |

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets (liabilities) are as follows:

| Years ended |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| June 29, $2008$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |

Deferred income tax assets:
Net operating loss carryforwards
Accrued expenses and reserves
Stock-based compensation
Deferred income tax liabilities:
Other intangibles
Installment sales
Tax in excess of book depreciation

| $\$ 3,483$ | $\$ 12,944$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 5,876 | 6,318 |
| 3,407 | 2,529 |
| $(8,834)$ | $(9,112)$ |
| - | - |
| $(1,482)$ | $(1,649)$ |
| $---11,030$ |  |
| $\$ 2,450$ | $\$ 11$ |

At June 29, 2008, the Company's federal net operating loss carryforwards were approximately $\$ 4.5$ million, which, if not utilized, will begin to expire in fiscal year 2025.

## Note 10. Capital Stock

Holders of Class A common stock generally have the same rights as the holders of Class B common stock, except that holders of Class A common stock have one vote per share and holders of Class $B$ common stock have 10 votes per share on all matters submitted to the vote of stockholders. Holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock generally vote together as a single class on all matters presented to the stockholders for their vote or approval, except as may be required by Delaware law. Class B common stock may be converted into Class A common stock at any time on a one-for-one share basis. Each share of Class B common stock will automatically convert into one share of Class A common stock upon its transfer, with limited exceptions.

On January 21, 2008, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an increase to its stock repurchase plan which, when added to the $\$ 8.7$ million remaining on its earlier authorization, increased the amount available for repurchase to $\$ 15.0$ million. Any such purchases could be made from time to time in the open market

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and through privately negotiated transactions, subject to general market conditions. The repurchase program will be financed utilizing available cash. As of June 29, 2008, \$14.0 remains authorized but unused.

Under this program, as of June 29, 2008, the Company had repurchased 1,660,786 shares of common stock for $\$ 12.3$ million, of which $\$ 1.1$ million $(133,609$ shares), $\$ 0.2$ million $(24,627$ shares) and $\$ 1.3$ million $(182,000$ shares) were

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repurchased during the fiscal years ending June 29, 2008, July, 12007 and July 2, 2006, respectively. In a separate transaction, during fiscal 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of $3,010,740$ shares from an affiliate. The purchase price was $\$ 15,689,000$ or $\$ 5.21$ per share. The repurchase was approved by the disinterested members of the Company's Board of Directors and was in addition to the Company's existing stock repurchase authorization.

Note 11. Stock Based Compensation

The Company has stock options and restricted stock awards outstanding to participants under the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM 2003 Long Term Incentive and Share Award Plan (the "Plan"). Options are also outstanding under the Company's 1999 Stock Incentive Plan, but no further options may be granted under this plan. The Plan is a broad-based, long-term incentive program that is intended to attract, retain and motivate employees, consultants and directors to achieve the Company's long-term growth and profitability objectives, and therefore align stockholder and employee interests. The Plan provides for the grant to eligible employees, consultants and directors of stock options, share appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted shares, restricted share units, performance shares, performance units, dividend equivalents, and other share-based awards (collectively "Awards").

The Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee or such other Board committee (or the entire Board) as may be designated by the Board (the "Committee"). Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the Committee will consist of two or more members of the Board who are non-employee directors within the meaning of Rule $16 b-3$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and "outside directors" within the meaning of Section $162(\mathrm{~m})$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Committee will determine which eligible employees, consultants and directors receive awards, the types of awards to be received and the terms and conditions thereof. The Chief Executive Officer shall have the power and authority to make Awards under the Plan to employees and consultants not subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, subject to limitations imposed by the Committee.

At June 29, 2008, the Company has reserved approximately 14.2 million shares of common stock for issuance, including options previously authorized for issuance under the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan.

The amounts of stock-based compensation expense recognized in the periods presented are as follows:

Years Ended

(in thousands, except per sh

| Stock options | \$1,416 | \$2,736 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Restricted stock awards | 2,118 | 1,864 |
| Total | 3,534 | 4,600 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | 1,333 | 1,353 |
| Stock-based compensation expense, net | \$2,201 | \$3,247 |

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Stock based compensation expense is recorded within the following line items of operating expenses:

|  | Years Ended |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { June 29, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ |


| Marketing and sales | \$1,051 | \$1,605 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Technology and development | 546 | 690 |
| General and administrative | 1,937 | 2,305 |
| Total | 3,534 | \$4,600 |

Stock-based compensation expense has not been allocated between business segments, but is reflected in Corporate. (Refer to Note 13 - Business Segments.)

Stock Options Plans
The weighted average fair value of stock options on the date of grant, and the assumptions used to estimate the fair value of the stock options using the Black-Scholes option valuation model, were as follows:

|  | Years Ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { June 29, } \\ 2008 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July } \\ & 2006 \end{aligned}$ |
| Weighted average fair value of options granted | \$4.36 | \$3.29 | \$3.1 |
| Expected volatility | 45\% | 46\% |  |
| Expected life (in years) | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.1\% | 4.6\% | 4 |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.0\% | 0.0\% | 0 |

The expected volatility of the option is determined using historical volatilities based on historical stock prices. The Company estimated the

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expected life of options granted to be the average of the Company's historical expected term from vest date and the midpoint between the average vesting term and the contractual term. The risk-free interest rate is determined using the yield available for zero-coupon U.S. government issues with a remaining term equal to the expected life of the option. The Company has never paid a dividend, and as such the dividend yield is $0.0 \%$.

The following table summarizes stock option activity during the year ended June 29, 2008:
Weighted
Average
Remaining
Contractual
Term

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between the company's closing stock price on the last trading day of fiscal 2008 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number

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of in-the-money options) that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options on June 29, 2008. This amount changes based on the fair market value of the company's stock. The total intrinsic value of options exercised for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006 was $\$ 5.9$ million, $\$ 1.0$ million, and $\$ 0.3$ million, respectively.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at June 29, 2008:

| Exercise Price | Options Outstanding |  |  | Options Exercisable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Options Outstanding | Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life | WeightedAverage Exercise Price | Options Exercisable | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$2.00-4.50 | 1,722,735 | 2.1 years | \$4.03 | 1,722,735 | \$ 4.03 |
| \$5.25-6.52 | 1,940,662 | 5.2 years | \$6.39 | 1,537,162 | \$ 6.40 |
| \$6.58-8.45 | 1,713,463 | 6.0 years | \$7.42 | 1,118,451 | \$7.26 |
| \$8.56-12.87 | 1,947,438 | 3.5 years | \$12.04 | 1,804,978 | \$12.21 |
| \$13.05-21.00 | 548,046 | 1.2 years | \$20.33 | 548,046 | \$20.33 |
|  | 7,872,344 | 4.0 years | \$8.47 | 6,731,372 | \$8.63 |

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As of June 29, 2008, the total future compensation cost related to nonvested options not yet recognized in the statement of income was $\$ 2.4$ million and the weighted average period over which these awards are expected to be recognized was 1.6 years.

The Company grants shares of Common Stock to its employees that are subject to restrictions on transfer and risk of forfeiture until fulfillment of applicable service conditions and, in certain cases, holding periods (Restricted Stock). In fiscal 2005, the Company recorded the grant date fair value of unvested shares of Restricted Stock as unearned stock-based compensation ("Deferred Compensation"). In accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), in fiscal 2006, the Company reclassified the balance of Deferred Compensation against additional paid-in capital, and reduced its shares of Class A Common Stock issued accordingly.

The following table summarizes the activity of non-vested restricted stock during the year ended June 29, 2008:
$\left.\begin{array}{cc} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Weighted } \\ \text { Average Grant } \\ \text { Date Fair }\end{array} \\ \text { Shares } & \text { Value }\end{array}\right\}$

The fair value of nonvested shares is determined based on the closing stock price on the grant date. As of June 29, 2008, there was $\$ 4.4$ million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock-based compensation to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 years.

Note 12. Profit Sharing Plan

The Company has a $401(k)$ Profit Sharing Plan covering substantially all of its eligible employees. All full-time employees who have attained the age of 21 are eligible to participate upon completion of one year of service. Participants may elect to make voluntary contributions to the $401(k)$ plan in amounts not exceeding federal guidelines. On an annual basis the Company, as determined by its board of directors, may make certain discretionary contributions. Employees are vested in the Company's contributions based upon years of service. The Company made contributions of $\$ 0.7$ million, $\$ 0.5$ million, and $\$ 0.4$ million, for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, respectively.

During fiscal 2008, the Company adopted a nonqualified supplemental deffered compensation plan for certain executives pursuant to Section 409 A of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants can defer from 1\% up to a maximum of $100 \%$ of salary and performance and non-performance based bonus. The Company will match $50 \%$ of the deferrals made by each paricipant during the applicable period, up to a maximum of $\$ 2,500$. Employees are vested in the Company's contributions based upon years of participation in the plan. Distributions will be made to Participants upon termination of employment or death in a lump sum, unless installments are selected.

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Note 13. Business Segments

During the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the Company segmented its organization to improve execution and customer focus and to align its resources to meet the demands of the markets it serves. The Company's management reviews the results of the Company's operations by the following four business categories:

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O 1-800-Flowers.com Consumer Floral;
O BloomNet Wire Service;
O Gourmet Food and Gift Baskets; and
O Home and Children's Gifts.
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Category performance is measured based on contribution margin, which includes only the direct controllable revenue and operating expenses of the categories. As such, management's measure of profitability for these categories does not include the effect of corporate overhead (see * below), which are operated under a centralized management platform, providing services throughout the organization, nor does it include stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization, other income (net), and income taxes. Assets and liabilities are reviewed at the consolidated level by management and not accounted for by category.

|  | Years ended |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net revenues | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June 29, } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { July 1, } \\ & 2007 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } 2 \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | (in thousands) |  |  |
| Net revenues: |  |  |  |
| 1-800-Flowers.com Consumer Floral | \$491,696 | \$491, 404 | \$452, |
| BloomNet Wire Service | 53,488 | 44,379 | 29, |
| Gourmet Food \& Gift Baskets | 196,298 | 192,698 | 105 , |
| Home \& Children's Gifts | 180,181 | 186,948 | 196, |
| Corporate (*) | 2,431 | 1,652 | 1, |
| Intercompany eliminations | $(4,702)$ | $(4,483)$ | (3, |
| Total net revenues | \$919,392 | \$912,598 | \$781, |
|  | Years ended |  |  |
|  | June 29, | July 1, | July 2 |
| Operating Income | 2008 | 2008 | 2006 |
|  |  | n thousands) |  |
| Category Contribution Margin: |  |  |  |
| 1-800-Flowers.com Consumer Floral | \$62,967 | \$64,580 | \$ 46 , |
| BloomNet Wire Service | 18,509 | 14,169 | 7, |
| Gourmet Food \& Gift Baskets | 24,593 | 26,377 | 6, |
| Home \& Children's Gifts | 3,438 | $(1,215)$ | 7, |
| Category Contribution Margin Subtotal | 109,507 | 103,911 | 67 , |
| Corporate (*) | $(51,777)$ | $(51,081)$ | ( 45, |
| Depreciation and amortization | $(20,363)$ | $(17,837)$ | (15, |

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Operating income (loss)
$\$ 37,367$
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(*) Corporate expenses consist of the Company's enterprise shared service cost centers, and include, among others, Information Technology, Human Resources, Accounting and Finance, Legal, Executive and Customer Service Center functions, as well as Stock-Based Compensation. In order to leverage the Company's infrastructure, these functions are operated under a centralized management platform, providing support services throughout the organization. The costs of these functions, other than those of the Customer Service Center which are allocated directly to the above categories based upon usage, are included within corporate expenses, as they are not directly allocable to a specific category.

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Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies

Leases

The Company currently leases office, store facilities, and equipment under various operating leases through fiscal 2019. As these leases expire, it can be expected that in the normal course of business they will be renewed or replaced. Most lease agreements contain renewal options and rent escalation clauses and require the company to pay real estate taxes, insurance, common area maintenance and operating expenses applicable to the leased properties. The Company has also entered into leases that are on a month-to-month basis. All leases and subleases with an initial term of greater than one year are accounted for under SFAS No. 13, Accounting for Leases. These leases are classified as either capital leases, operating leases or subleases, as appropriate.

As of June 29, 2008 future minimum payments under non-cancelable capital lease obligations and operating leases with initial terms of one year or more consist of the following:

|  | Obligations <br> Under <br> Capital <br> Leases | Operating <br> Leases |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (in thousands) |  |
| 2009 | \$14 | \$14,863 |
| 2010 | 13 | 11,906 |
| 2011 | 13 | 10,279 |
| 2012 | 13 | 8,938 |
| 2013 | 6 | 7,666 |
| Thereafter | - | 25,070 |
| Total minimum lease payments | \$59 | \$78,722 |
| Less amounts representing interest | (7) |  |
| Present value of net minimum lease payments | \$ 52 |  |

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At June 29, 2008, the aggregate future sublease operating sub-leases for land and buildings and rental income under long-term

## corresponding rental expense

under long-term operating leases were as follows:

Sublease
Income
(in thousand

## 2009

2010
2011
2012
2013
Thereafter
\$2,814
1,940
1,384
933
550
886
$\$ 8,507$
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Rent expense was approximately $\$ 19.8$ million, $\$ 18.9$ million, and $\$ 13.7$ million for the years ended June 29, 2008, July 1, 2007 and July 2, 2006, respectively.

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## Litigation

There are various claims, lawsuits, and pending actions against the company and its subsidiaries incident to the operations of its businesses. It is the opinion of management, after consultation with counsel, that the ultimate resolution of such claims, lawsuits and pending actions will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

In the Company's Form 10Q for the quarterly period ended March 30, 2008, the Company disclosed that in October 2007, 1-800-Flowers.Com., Inc. and its subsidiary, 1-800-Flowers Retail, Inc., (collectively "the Company"), were served with a purported nationwide class action lawsuit filed in the United States District Court, in and for the Southern District of Florida (Grabein v. 1-800-Flowers.Com., Inc., et al; Case No. 07-22235). The Complaint alleged violation of the Federal Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act ("FACTA") based upon the allegation that the Company printed/provided receipts to consumers at the point of sale or transaction on which receipts appeared more than the last five digits of customers' credit or debit card numbers and/or the expiration dates of such cards. The Complaint did not specify any actual damages for any member of the purported class. However, the Complaint sought statutory damages of $\$ 100$ to $\$ 1,000$ for each alleged willful violation of the statute, as well as, attorneys' fees, costs, punitive damages and a permanent injunction. The Company vigorously defended the action and on June 13, 2008, the presiding Judge issued a Final Order of Dismissal whereby the case was dismissed with prejudice and no payment of any kind was made by the Company or its subsidiary.

Note 15. Subsequent Events

Acquisition of Napco Marketing Corp.
On July 21, 2008, the Company acquired selected assets of Napco Marketing Corp.

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(Napco), a wholesale merchandiser and marketer of products designed primarily for the floral industry. The purchase price of approximately $\$ 9.5$ million included the acquisition of a fulfillment center located in Jacksonville, FL, inventory, and certain other assets, as well as the assumption of certain related liabilities, including their seasonal line of credit of approximately $\$ 4.0$ million. The acquisition was financed utilizing a combination of available cash generated from operations and through borrowings against the Company's revolving credit facility, which as described below, was subsequently amended by the Company's 2008 Credit Facility. The purchase price is subject to "earn-out" incentives which amount to a maximum of $\$ 1.6$ million through the years ending July 2, 2012, upon achievement of specified performance targets.

2008 Credit Facility

On August 28, 2008, the Company entered into a $\$ 293.0$ million Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a group of lenders (the " 2008 Credit Facility"). The 2008 Credit Facility provides for borrowings of up to $\$ 293.0$ million, including: (i) a $\$ 165.0$ million revolving credit commitment, (ii) $\$ 60.0$ million of new term loan debt, and (iii) $\$ 68.0$ million of existing term loan debt associated with the Company's previous credit facility. Interest is at LIBOR plus 1.5\% to 2.5\% for the Company's existing term loan and revolving credit facility, and LIBOR plus $2.0 \%$ to $3.0 \%$, for the Company's new term loan, with pricing based upon the Company's leverage ratio. At closing of the 2008 Credit Facility, the Company utilized the proceeds of the new term loan to pay down amounts outstanding under its previous revolving credit facility. The repayment terms of the existing term loan remain unchanged, while the new term loan is required to be repaid in equal quarterly installments of $\$ 3.0$ million beginning in December 2008 , with the final installment payment due on August 28, 2013. The 2008 Credit Facility contains various conditions to borrowing, and affirmative and negative financial covenants. The obligations of the Company and its subsidiaries under the 2008 Credit Facility are secured by liens on all personal property of the Company and its subsidiaries.

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Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

| Additions |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | Balance at Beginning of Period | Charged to Costs and Expenses | Charged to Other AccountsDescribe (b) | Deductions- <br> Describe (a) | Balance at End of Period |

[^1]Year Ended July 1, 2007

|  | $\$ 2,090,000$ | $\$ 1,040,000$ | $\$$ | $\$(2,017,000)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year Ended July 2, 2006 | $\$ 1,113,000$ |  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 1,537,000$ | $\$ 537,000$ | $\$ 694,000$ | $\$(678,000)$ |

(a) Reduction in reserve due to write-off of accounts/notes receivable balances.
(b) Amount represents opening balances from acquired businesses.

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[^0]:    (*) Facility was closed during July 2008.
    (**) In July 2008, the Company acquired selected assets of Napco Marketing Corp. (Napco), a wholesale merchandiser and marketer of products designed primarily for the floral industry. The purchase price of approximately $\$ 9.5$ million included the acquisition of a 180,000 square foot

[^1]:    Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts:

    Reserve for estimated
    doubtful accounts-
    accounts/notes
    receivable

    Year Ended June 29, 2008

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    \$ 1,113,000 \quad \$ 1,000,000 \quad \$ \quad \$(727,000) \quad \$ 1,386,000
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