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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

x **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 24, 2012

.. **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-14706.

**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>North Carolina</b><br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | <b>56-0846267</b><br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| <b>P.O. Box 6676, Asheville NC</b><br>(Address of principal executive offices)             | <b>28816</b><br>(Zip Code)                                   |
| <b>(828) 669-2941</b>  |  |
| <b>Registrant's telephone number, including area code</b>                                  |  |

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  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

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|---|---|
| Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>  | Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company.) | Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>    |

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

As of May 2, 2012, the Registrant had 12,938,635 shares of Class A Common Stock, \$0.05 par value per share, outstanding and 11,321,141 shares of Class B Common Stock, \$0.05 par value per share, outstanding.

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## Part I. Financial Information

## Item 1. Financial Statements

**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

|  | MARCH 24,<br>2012 | SEPTEMBER<br>24,<br>2011 |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                   |                          |
| Current Assets:  |                   |                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 3,889,420      | \$ 12,421,250            |
| Receivables net  | 56,137,476        | 56,841,059               |
| Inventories  | 301,981,163       | 303,166,488              |
| Other current assets   | 21,235,855        | 16,935,660               |
| Total Current Assets   | 383,243,914       | 389,364,457              |
| Property and Equipment net   | 1,175,000,591     | 1,133,204,187            |
| Restricted Investments   | 23,242,138        | 75,730,905               |
| Other Assets   | 19,842,661        | 20,050,259               |
| Total Assets   | \$ 1,601,329,304  | \$ 1,618,349,808         |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>   |                   |                          |
| Current Liabilities:   |                   |                          |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | \$ 30,113,404     | \$ 34,375,989            |
| Accounts payable trade   | 171,952,065       | 166,797,912              |
| Accrued expenses and current portion of other long-term liabilities  | 78,920,034        | 89,322,063               |
| Total Current Liabilities  | 280,985,503       | 290,495,964              |
| Deferred Income Taxes  | 68,805,000        | 67,939,000               |
| Long-Term Debt   | 803,363,792       | 820,743,747              |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities  | 9,430,500         | 7,225,503                |
| Total Liabilities  | 1,162,584,795     | 1,186,404,214            |
| Stockholders Equity:   |                   |                          |
| Preferred stock, \$0.05 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued  |                   |                          |
| Common stocks:   |                   |                          |
| Class A, \$0.05 par value; 150,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding 12,938,635 shares at March 24, 2012 and 12,939,533 shares at September 24, 2011                         | 646,932           | 646,977                  |
| Class B, convertible to Class A, \$0.05 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding 11,321,141 shares at March 24, 2012 and 11,489,726 shares at September 24, 2011 | 566,057           | 574,486                  |
| Paid-in capital in excess of par value   | 114,236,248       | 116,844,842              |
| Retained earnings  | 323,295,272       | 313,879,289              |
| Total Stockholders Equity  | 438,744,509       | 431,945,594              |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity  | \$ 1,601,329,304  | \$ 1,618,349,808         |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.



**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

|                                       | <b>THREE MONTHS ENDED</b> |                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                       | <b>MARCH 24,<br/>2012</b> | <b>MARCH 26,<br/>2011</b> |
| Net sales                             | <b>\$ 881,667,028</b>     | \$ 870,370,803            |
| Cost of goods sold                    | <b>689,231,579</b>        | 675,734,506               |
| Gross profit                          | <b>192,435,449</b>        | 194,636,297               |
| Operating and administrative expenses | <b>169,113,441</b>        | 168,569,195               |
| Rental income, net                    | <b>367,923</b>            | 553,188                   |
| Gain from sale or disposal of assets  | <b>151,168</b>            | 9,463                     |
| Income from operations                | <b>23,841,099</b>         | 26,629,753                |
| Other income, net                     | <b>801,776</b>            | 1,076,105                 |
| Interest expense                      | <b>14,944,800</b>         | 15,713,246                |
| Income before income taxes            | <b>9,698,075</b>          | 11,992,612                |
| Income tax expense (benefit):         |                           |                           |
| Current                               | <b>1,129,000</b>          | 5,946,000                 |
| Deferred                              | <b>2,057,000</b>          | (1,675,000)               |
|                                       | <b>3,186,000</b>          | 4,271,000                 |
| Net income                            | <b>\$ 6,512,075</b>       | \$ 7,721,612              |
| Per share amounts:                    |                           |                           |
| Class A Common Stock                  |                           |                           |
| Basic earnings per common share       | <b>\$ 0.28</b>            | \$ 0.33                   |
| Diluted earnings per common share     | <b>\$ 0.27</b>            | \$ 0.32                   |
| Class B Common Stock                  |                           |                           |
| Basic earnings per common share       | <b>\$ 0.26</b>            | \$ 0.30                   |
| Diluted earnings per common share     | <b>\$ 0.26</b>            | \$ 0.30                   |
| Cash dividends per common share:      |                           |                           |
| Class A Common Stock                  | <b>\$ 0.165</b>           | \$ 0.165                  |
| Class B Common Stock                  | <b>\$ 0.150</b>           | \$ 0.150                  |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)**

|                                       | SIX MONTHS ENDED        |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | MARCH 24,<br>2012       | MARCH 26,<br>2011 |
| Net sales                             | <b>\$ 1,799,904,957</b> | \$ 1,743,124,068  |
| Cost of goods sold                    | <b>1,405,741,328</b>    | 1,355,007,301     |
| Gross profit                          | <b>394,163,629</b>      | 388,116,767       |
| Operating and administrative expenses | <b>340,921,970</b>      | 335,824,168       |
| Rental income, net                    | <b>796,073</b>          | 867,995           |
| Gain from sale or disposal of assets  | <b>165,872</b>          | 20,762            |
| Income from operations                | <b>54,203,604</b>       | 53,181,356        |
| Other income, net                     | <b>1,805,389</b>        | 2,201,049         |
| Interest expense                      | <b>29,953,702</b>       | 31,568,200        |
| Income before income taxes            | <b>26,055,291</b>       | 23,814,205        |
| Income tax expense (benefit):         |                         |                   |
| Current                               | <b>9,164,000</b>        | 11,979,000        |
| Deferred                              | <b>(218,000)</b>        | (3,539,000)       |
|                                       | <b>8,946,000</b>        | 8,440,000         |
| Net income                            | <b>\$ 17,109,291</b>    | \$ 15,374,205     |
| Per share amounts:                    |                         |                   |
| Class A Common Stock                  |                         |                   |
| Basic earnings per common share       | <b>\$ 0.73</b>          | \$ 0.66           |
| Diluted earnings per common share     | <b>\$ 0.70</b>          | \$ 0.63           |
| Class B Common Stock                  |                         |                   |
| Basic earnings per common share       | <b>\$ 0.67</b>          | \$ 0.60           |
| Diluted earnings per common share     | <b>\$ 0.67</b>          | \$ 0.60           |
| Cash dividends per common share:      |                         |                   |
| Class A Common Stock                  | <b>\$ 0.33</b>          | \$ 0.33           |
| Class B Common Stock                  | <b>\$ 0.30</b>          | \$ 0.30           |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (UNAUDITED)**

SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 24, 2012 AND MARCH 26, 2011

|                                | CLASS A<br>COMMON STOCK |                   | CLASS B<br>COMMON STOCK |                   | PAID-IN<br>CAPITAL IN<br>EXCESS OF<br>PAR VALUE | RETAINED<br>EARNINGS  | TOTAL                 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                | SHARES                  | AMOUNT            | SHARES                  | AMOUNT            |   |                       |                       |
| Balance, September 25, 2010    | 12,889,433              | \$ 644,472        | 11,582,826              | \$ 579,141        | \$ 117,592,932                                  | \$ 290,264,244        | \$ 409,080,789        |
| Net income                     |                         |                   |                         |                   |   | 15,374,205            | 15,374,205            |
| Cash dividends                 |                         |                   |                         |                   |   | (7,724,030)           | (7,724,030)           |
| Stock repurchases, at cost     |                         |                   | (29,000)                | (1,450)           | (542,010)                                       |                       | (543,460)             |
| Common stock conversions       | 1,500                   | 75                | (1,500)                 | (75)              |   |                       |                       |
| <b>Balance, March 26, 2011</b> | <b>12,890,933</b>       | <b>\$ 644,547</b> | <b>11,552,326</b>       | <b>\$ 577,616</b> | <b>\$ 117,050,922</b>                           | <b>\$ 297,914,419</b> | <b>\$ 416,187,504</b> |
| Balance, September 24, 2011    | 12,939,533              | \$ 646,977        | 11,489,726              | \$ 574,486        | \$ 116,844,842                                  | \$ 313,879,289        | \$ 431,945,594        |
| Net income                     |                         |                   |                         |                   |   | 17,109,291            | 17,109,291            |
| Cash dividends                 |                         |                   |                         |                   |   | (7,693,308)           | (7,693,308)           |
| Stock repurchases, at cost     | (15,473)                | (774)             | (154,010)               | (7,700)           | (2,608,594)                                     |                       | (2,617,068)           |
| Common stock conversions       | 14,575                  | 729               | (14,575)                | (729)             |   |                       |                       |
| <b>Balance, March 24, 2012</b> | <b>12,938,635</b>       | <b>\$ 646,932</b> | <b>11,321,141</b>       | <b>\$ 566,057</b> | <b>\$ 114,236,248</b>                           | <b>\$ 323,295,272</b> | <b>\$ 438,744,509</b> |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

|   | SIX MONTHS ENDED    |                      |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
|   | MARCH 24,<br>2012   | MARCH 26,<br>2011    |
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>                                      |                     |                      |
| Net income  | \$ 17,109,291       | \$ 15,374,205        |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                     |                      |
| Depreciation and amortization expense   | 44,048,966          | 42,313,930           |
| Gain on disposals of property and equipment                                       | (165,872)           | (20,762)             |
| Receipt of advance payments on purchase contracts                                 | 2,376,551           | 1,325,000            |
| Recognition of advance payments on purchase contracts                             | (1,644,138)         | (1,343,228)          |
| Deferred income taxes   | (218,000)           | (3,539,000)          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:                                      |                     |                      |
| Receivables   | 703,582             | (2,368,160)          |
| Inventory   | 1,185,325           | (9,149,860)          |
| Other assets  | (5,271,511)         | (4,411,690)          |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 15,601,213          | 9,918,263            |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>                                  | <b>73,725,407</b>   | <b>48,098,698</b>    |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>                                      |                     |                      |
| Proceeds from maturities of certificates of deposit                               |                     | 6,000,000            |
| Purchases of restricted investments   |                     | (95,622,136)         |
| Proceeds from sales of restricted investments                                     | 52,488,767          |                      |
| Proceeds from sales of property and equipment                                     | 685,043             | 136,360              |
| Capital expenditures  | (103,478,132)       | (42,879,269)         |
| <b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>                                      | <b>(50,304,322)</b> | <b>(132,365,045)</b> |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>                                      |                     |                      |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings   | 374,981,101         | 81,249,247           |
| Payments on short-term borrowings   | (374,981,101)       | (81,249,247)         |
| Proceeds from long-term borrowings  | 3,250,000           | 99,740,000           |
| Principal payments on long-term borrowings  | (24,892,539)        | (41,640,536)         |
| Common stock repurchases  | (2,617,068)         | (543,460)            |
| Dividends paid  | (7,693,308)         | (7,724,030)          |
| <b>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities</b>                           | <b>(31,952,915)</b> | <b>49,831,974</b>    |
| <b>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                                  | <b>(8,531,830)</b>  | <b>(34,434,373)</b>  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                                  | 12,421,250          | 57,854,587           |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period</b>                                 | <b>\$ 3,889,420</b> | <b>\$ 23,420,214</b> |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Six Months Ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011

**A. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited interim financial statements contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position as of March 24, 2012, and the results of operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, and the changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011. The adjustments made are of a normal recurring nature. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in the annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for Form 10-Q. It is suggested that these unaudited interim financial statements be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 24, 2011, filed by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on December 2, 2011.

The results of operations for the three-month and six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year.

**B. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued amendments which provide additional guidance about how fair value should be determined under existing standards and expands existing disclosure requirements for certain fair value measurements. The purpose of these amendments is to improve and converge International Financial Reporting Standards and GAAP. This amendment, ASU 2011-04, was implemented by the Company during the quarter ended March 24, 2012.

**C. ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS**

Receivables are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$813,000 and \$524,000 at March 24, 2012 and September 24, 2011, respectively.

**D. INCOME TAXES**

The Company's continuing practice is to recognize interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions and related matters in income tax expense. As of March 24, 2012, the Company had approximately \$52,000 accrued for interest and penalties.

The Company's effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate primarily as a result of state income taxes and tax credits. As of March 24, 2012, the Company had gross unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$131,000, all of which, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. The Company does not expect that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease within the next twelve months.

The Company files income tax returns with federal and various state jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to state income tax examinations by tax authorities for the years before 2005. Additionally, the Internal Revenue Service has completed its examination of the Company's U.S. Federal income tax returns filed through fiscal year 2008. As of March 24, 2012 certain of the Company's tax returns for fiscal years 2006-2009 are under examination by certain state tax authorities.

At March 24, 2012, the Company had approximately \$5.0 million of refundable income taxes included in the caption "Other current assets" in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**E. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND CURRENT PORTION OF OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Accrued expenses and current portion of other long-term liabilities consist of the following:

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|  | March 24,<br>2012        | September 24,<br>2011 |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Property, payroll, and other taxes payable | <b>\$ 9,049,991</b>      | \$ 15,775,321         |
| Salaries, wages and bonuses payable        | <b>20,768,851</b>        | 24,130,758            |
| Self-insurance liabilities                 | <b>26,241,078</b>        | 24,830,900            |
| Interest payable                           | <b>19,639,318</b>        | 20,375,692            |
| Other                                      | <b>3,220,796</b>         | 4,209,392             |
| <br>Total                                  | <br><b>\$ 78,920,034</b> | <br>\$ 89,322,063     |

Self-insurance liabilities are established for workers compensation and employee group medical and dental benefits based on claims filed and estimates of claims incurred but not reported. The Company is insured for covered costs in excess of \$750,000 per occurrence for workers compensation, \$500,000 for general liability, and \$325,000 per covered person for medical care benefits for a policy year. Employee insurance expense, including workers compensation and medical care benefits, net of employee contributions, totaled \$7.4 million and \$8.5 million for the three-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, respectively. For each of the six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, employee insurance expense, net of employee contributions, totaled \$14.7 million and \$16.9 million, respectively.

#### F. LONG-TERM DEBT

In May 2009, the Company issued \$575.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due in 2017 (the Notes) in a private placement. The Notes bear an interest rate of 8.875% per annum and were issued at a discount to yield 9.5% per annum.

The Company may redeem all or a portion of the Notes at any time on or after May 15, 2013 at the following redemption prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount), if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning May 15 of the years indicated below:

| Year                |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| 2013                | 104.438% |
| 2014                | 102.219% |
| 2015 and thereafter | 100.000% |

In connection with the offering of the Notes, the Company entered into a new three-year \$175.0 million line of credit arrangement. At March 24, 2012, the Company had \$175.0 million of total line of credit commitments, with no borrowings outstanding.

The line of credit provides the Company with various interest rate options generally at rates less than prime. The line allows the Company to issue up to \$30.0 million in unused letters of credit, of which \$8.2 million of unused letters of credit were issued at March 24, 2012. The Company is not required to maintain compensating balances in connection with the line of credit.

On December 29, 2010, the Company completed the funding of \$99.7 million of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (the Bonds) for: (A) acquisition, construction and equipping of a new approximately 830,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center and a new grocery store to be located in Buncombe County, North Carolina (the Project), and (B) the payment of certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The final maturity date of the Bonds is January 1, 2036.

Bond proceeds were invested in a trust account with the Bond trustee. The Company receives disbursements from the account as it submits requisitions to the trustee for incurred Project costs. The account with the Bond trustee is listed in the line item Restricted investments on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and consists of money market deposits and United States Treasury securities which mature no later than September 2012. These investments are classified as available-for-sale and are stated at market value.

The Bonds were issued by the Buncombe County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority and were purchased by certain financial institutions. Under a Continuing Covenant and Collateral Agency Agreement (the Covenant Agreement) between the financial institutions and the Company, the financial institutions will hold the Bonds until January 1, 2017, subject to certain events. Mandatory redemption of the Bonds by the Company in the annual amount of \$4,530,000 begins on January 1, 2014. The Company may redeem the Bonds without penalty or premium at any time prior to January 1, 2017.

Interest earned by bondholders on the Bonds is exempt from Federal and North Carolina income taxation. Initially, the interest rate on the Bonds is equal to one month LIBOR (adjusted monthly) plus a credit spread, adjusted to reflect the income tax exemption.

The Company's obligation to repay the Bonds is collateralized by the Project. Additional collateral may be required in order to meet certain loan to value criteria in the Covenant Agreement. The Covenant Agreement incorporates substantially all financial covenants included in the Line Agreement.

Also on December 29, 2010, the Company executed an amendment to extend the maturity of the line of credit from May 12, 2012 to December 29, 2015. All other terms of the line of credit remain in place.

The Notes, the Bonds and the line of credit contain provisions that under certain circumstances would permit lending institutions to terminate or withdraw their respective extensions of credit to the Company. Included among the triggering factors permitting the termination or withdrawal of the line of credit to the Company are certain events of default, including both monetary and non-monetary defaults, the initiation of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, and the failure of the Company to meet certain financial covenants designated in its respective loan

documents. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants at March 24, 2012.

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The Company's long-term debt agreements generally have cross-default provisions which could result in the acceleration of payments due under the Company's line of credit, Bonds and Notes indenture in the event of default under any one instrument.

### G. DIVIDENDS

The Company paid cash dividends of \$0.165 for each share of Class A Common Stock and \$0.15 for each share of Class B Common Stock on January 19, 2012 and October 20, 2011 to stockholders of record on January 6, 2012 and October 6, 2011, respectively.

### H. EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The Company has two classes of common stock: Class A which is publicly traded, and Class B, which has no public market. The Class B Common Stock has restrictions on transfer; however, each share is convertible into one share of Class A Common Stock at any time. Each share of Class A Common Stock has one vote per share and each share of Class B Common Stock has ten votes per share. Each share of Class A Common Stock is entitled to receive cash dividends equal to 110% of any cash dividend paid on Class B Common Stock.

The Company calculates earnings per share for its Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 260.

The two-class method of computing basic earnings per share for each period reflects the cash dividends paid per share for each class of stock, plus the amount of allocated undistributed earnings per share computed using the participation percentage, which reflects the dividend rights of each class of stock. Diluted earnings per share is calculated assuming the conversion of all shares of Class B Common Stock to shares of Class A Common Stock on a share-for-share basis. The tables below reconcile the numerators and denominators of basic and diluted earnings per share for current and prior periods.

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 24, 2012 |              | Six Months Ended<br>March 24, 2012 |              |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
|   | Class A                              | Class B      | Class A                            | Class B      |
| <i>Numerator: Allocated net income</i>                  |                                      |              |                                    |              |
| Net income allocated, basic                             | \$ 3,620,798                         | \$ 2,891,277 | \$ 9,492,303                       | \$ 7,616,988 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares                 | 2,891,277                            |              | 7,616,988                          |              |
| Net income allocated, diluted                           | \$ 6,512,075                         | \$ 2,891,277 | \$ 17,109,291                      | \$ 7,616,988 |
| <i>Denominator: Weighted average shares outstanding</i> |                                      |              |                                    |              |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, basic              | 12,926,684                           | 11,359,090   | 12,932,887                         | 11,411,906   |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares                 | 11,359,090                           |              | 11,411,906                         |              |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted            | 24,285,774                           | 11,359,090   | 24,344,793                         | 11,411,906   |
| <b>Earnings per share</b>                               |                                      |              |                                    |              |
| Basic   | \$ 0.28                              | \$ 0.26      | \$ 0.73                            | \$ 0.67      |
| Diluted   | \$ 0.27                              | \$ 0.26      | \$ 0.70                            | \$ 0.67      |

|   | Three Months Ended<br>March 26, 2011 |              | Six Months Ended<br>March 26, 2011 |              |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
|   | Class A                              | Class B      | Class A                            | Class B      |
| <i>Numerator: Allocated net income</i>  |                                      |              |                                    |              |
| Net income allocated, basic             | \$ 4,255,059                         | \$ 3,466,553 | \$ 8,467,441                       | \$ 6,906,764 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares | 3,466,553                            |              | 6,906,764                          |              |

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|                               |              |              |               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Net income allocated, diluted | \$ 7,721,612 | \$ 3,466,553 | \$ 15,374,205 | \$ 6,906,764 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|

*Denominator: Weighted average shares outstanding*

|  |            |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Weighted average shares outstanding, basic | 12,890,933 | 11,552,326 | 12,890,509 | 11,564,223 |
| Conversion of Class B to Class A shares    | 11,552,326 |            | 11,564,223 |            |

|  |            |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted | 24,443,259 | 11,552,326 | 24,454,732 | 11,564,223 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|

Earnings per share

|       |         |         |         |         |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Basic | \$ 0.33 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.60 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

|         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Diluted | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.63 | \$ 0.60 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|

## I. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company operates three lines of business: retail grocery sales, shopping center rentals, and a fluid dairy processing plant. All of the Company's operations are domestic. Information about the Company's operations by lines of business (in thousands) is as follows:

|   | Three Months Ended |                   | Six Months Ended    |                     |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | March 24,<br>2012  | March 26,<br>2011 | March 24,<br>2012   | March 26,<br>2011   |
| Revenues from unaffiliated customers:             |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Grocery sales                                     | \$ 848,756         | \$ 839,391        | \$ 1,733,529        | \$ 1,681,431        |
| Shopping center rentals                           | 2,136              | 2,447             | 4,429               | 4,571               |
| Fluid dairy                                       | 32,911             | 30,980            | 66,376              | 61,693              |
| <b>Total revenues from unaffiliated customers</b> | <b>\$ 883,803</b>  | <b>\$ 872,818</b> | <b>\$ 1,804,334</b> | <b>\$ 1,747,695</b> |
| Income from operations:                           |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Grocery sales                                     | \$ 20,820          | \$ 23,246         | \$ 47,909           | \$ 46,388           |
| Shopping center rentals                           | 368                | 553               | 796                 | 868                 |
| Fluid dairy                                       | 2,652              | 2,830             | 5,499               | 5,925               |
| <b>Total income from operations</b>               | <b>\$ 23,840</b>   | <b>\$ 26,629</b>  | <b>\$ 54,204</b>    | <b>\$ 53,181</b>    |

|  | March 24,<br>2012   | September 24,<br>2011 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets:                                |                     |                       |
| Grocery sales                          | \$ 1,452,833        | \$ 1,471,086          |
| Shopping center rentals                | 113,454             | 113,454               |
| Fluid dairy                            | 37,161              | 36,244                |
| Elimination of intercompany receivable | (2,119)             | (2,434)               |
| <b>Total assets</b>                    | <b>\$ 1,601,329</b> | <b>\$ 1,618,350</b>   |

Sales by product category (amounts in thousands) are as follows:

|                              | Three Months Ended |                   | Six Months Ended    |                     |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | March 24,<br>2012  | March 26,<br>2011 | March 24,<br>2012   | March 26,<br>2011   |
| Grocery                      | \$ 346,674         | \$ 347,020        | \$ 718,635          | \$ 704,711          |
| Non-foods                    | 167,002            | 169,624           | 342,651             | 342,161             |
| Perishables                  | 202,579            | 201,169           | 412,448             | 403,574             |
| Gasoline                     | 132,501            | 121,578           | 259,795             | 230,985             |
| <b>Total grocery segment</b> | <b>\$ 848,756</b>  | <b>\$ 839,391</b> | <b>\$ 1,733,529</b> | <b>\$ 1,681,431</b> |

The grocery category includes grocery, dairy and frozen foods.

The non-foods category includes alcoholic beverages, tobacco, pharmacy, health and video.

The perishables category includes meat, produce, deli and bakery.

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Revenue from shopping center rentals is included in the caption Rental income, net line of the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. Grocery and fluid dairy revenues comprise net sales reported in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

For the three-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, respectively, the fluid dairy segment had \$14.3 million and \$14.4 million in sales to the grocery sales segment. The fluid dairy segment had \$29.5 million and \$29.0 million in sales to the grocery sales segment for the six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, respectively. These sales have been eliminated in consolidation and are excluded from the amounts in the table above.

### J. FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amounts for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

The fair value of the Company's debt is estimated using valuation techniques under the accounting guidance related to fair value measurements based on observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect readily available data from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These inputs are classified into the following hierarchy:

*Level 1 Inputs* Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

*Level 2 Inputs* Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

*Level 3 Inputs* Pricing inputs are unobservable for the assets or liabilities and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the assets or liabilities. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

The carrying amount and fair value of the Company's debt at March 24, 2012 is as follows (in thousands):

|  | Carrying<br>Amount | Fair<br>Value | Fair Value<br>Measurements |
|--|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Senior Notes, net of unamortized original issue discount | \$ 562,310         | \$ 622,438    | Level 2                    |
| Recovery Zone Facility Bonds                             | 99,740             | 99,740        | Level 2                    |
| Real estate and equipment notes payable                  | 171,427            | 173,346       | Level 2                    |
| Total debt   | \$ 833,477         | \$ 895,523    |                            |

The fair values for Level 2 measurements were determined primarily using market yields and taking into consideration the underlying terms of the debt.

#### K. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

We have evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through the day the financial statements were issued.

### Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### *Overview*

Ingles, a leading supermarket chain in the Southeast, operates 203 supermarkets in Georgia (74), North Carolina (69), South Carolina (36), Tennessee (21), Virginia (2) and Alabama (1). The Company locates its supermarkets primarily in suburban areas, small towns and rural communities. Ingles supermarkets offer customers a wide variety of nationally advertised food products, including grocery, meat and dairy products, produce, frozen foods and other perishables and non-food products. Non-food products include health and beauty care products and general merchandise. The Company also offers quality private label items. As of March 24, 2012, the Company operated 75 in-store pharmacies and 70 fuel centers.

Ingles also operates two other lines of business, fluid dairy processing and shopping center rentals. The fluid dairy processing segment sells approximately 31% of its products to the retail grocery segment and approximately 69% of its products to third parties. Real estate ownership (including the shopping center rental segment) is an important component of the Company's operations, providing both operational and economic benefits.

#### *Critical Accounting Policies*

Critical accounting policies are those accounting policies that management believes are important to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results of operations, and require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Estimates are based on historical experience and other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and

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liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Management estimates, by their nature, involve judgments regarding future uncertainties, and actual results may therefore differ materially from these estimates.

### *Self-Insurance*

The Company is self-insured for workers' compensation and group medical and dental benefits. Risks and uncertainties are associated with self-insurance; however, the Company has limited its exposure by maintaining excess liability coverage of \$750,000 per

occurrence for workers' compensation, \$500,000 for general liability, and \$325,000 per covered person for medical care benefits for a policy year. Self-insurance liabilities are established based on claims filed and estimates of claims incurred but not reported. The estimates are based on data provided by the respective claims administrators. These estimates can fluctuate if historical trends are not predictive of the future. The majority of the Company's properties are self-insured for casualty losses and business interruption; however, liability coverage is maintained. At March 24, 2012, the Company's self insurance reserves totaled \$26.2 million for employee group insurance, workers' compensation insurance and general liability insurance.

#### *Restricted Investments*

Restricted investments consist of money market deposits and United States Treasury securities purchased with proceeds of the Recovery Zone Bonds issued in December 2010. These investments are held in a trust account, mature no later than September 2012, and may only be liquidated as the Company incurs approved costs to build the Project. These investments are classified as available-for-sale and are stated at market value.

#### *Asset Impairments*

The Company accounts for the impairment of long-lived assets in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) Topic 360. For assets to be held and used, the Company tests for impairment using undiscounted cash flows and calculates the amount of impairment using discounted cash flows. For assets held for sale, impairment is recognized based on the excess of remaining book value over expected recovery value. The recovery value is the fair value as determined by independent quotes or expected sales prices developed by internal associates. Estimates of future cash flows and expected sales prices are judgments based upon the Company's experience and knowledge of local operations and cash flows that are projected for several years into the future. These estimates can fluctuate significantly due to changes in real estate market conditions, the economic environment, capital spending decisions and inflation. The Company monitors the carrying value of long-lived assets for potential impairment each quarter based on whether any indicators of impairment have occurred. There were no asset impairments during the three- or six-month periods ended March 24, 2012.

#### *Closed Store Accrual*

For closed properties under long-term lease agreements, a liability is recognized and expensed based on the difference between the present value of any remaining liability under the lease and the present value of the estimated market rate at which the Company expects to be able to sublease the properties, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 420. The Company's estimates of market rates are based on its experience, knowledge and third-party advice or market data. If the real estate and leasing markets change, sublease recovery could vary significantly from the recoveries originally assumed, resulting in a change in the Company's recorded liability. The closed store accrual is included in the line item "Accrued expenses and current portion of other long-term liabilities" on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The closed store accrual was not material to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

#### *Vendor Allowances*

The Company receives funds for a variety of merchandising activities from the many vendors whose products the Company buys for resale in its stores. These incentives and allowances are primarily comprised of volume or purchase based incentives, advertising allowances, slotting fees, and promotional discounts. The purpose of these incentives and allowances is generally to help defray the costs incurred by the Company for stocking, advertising, promoting and selling the vendor's products. These allowances generally relate to short term arrangements with vendors, often relating to a period of a month or less, and are negotiated on a purchase-by-purchase or transaction-by-transaction basis. Whenever possible, vendor discounts and allowances that relate to buying and merchandising activities are recorded as a component of item cost in inventory and recognized in merchandise costs when the item is sold. Due to system constraints and the nature of certain allowances, it is sometimes not practicable to apply allowances to the item cost of inventory. In those instances, the allowances are applied as a reduction of merchandise costs using a rational and systematic methodology, which results in the recognition of these incentives when the inventory related to the vendor consideration received is sold. Vendor allowances applied as a reduction of merchandise costs, which is included in cost of goods sold, totaled \$27.0 million and \$27.0 million for the fiscal quarters ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, respectively. For the six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, vendor allowances applied as a reduction of merchandise costs totaled \$57.0 million and \$54.8 million, respectively. Vendor advertising allowances that represent a reimbursement of specific identifiable incremental costs of advertising the vendor's specific products are recorded as a reduction to the related expense in the period in which the related expense is incurred. Vendor advertising allowances recorded as a reduction of advertising expense totaled \$3.2 million for each of the fiscal quarters ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011. For the six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, vendor advertising allowances recorded as a reduction of advertising expense totaled \$6.6 million and \$6.6 million, respectively.

If vendor advertising allowances were substantially reduced or eliminated, the Company would likely consider other methods of advertising, as well as the volume and frequency of the Company's product advertising, which could increase or decrease the Company's expenditures.



Similarly, the Company is not able to assess the impact of vendor advertising allowances on creating additional revenue; as such allowances do not directly generate revenue for the Company's stores.

#### *Uncertain Tax Positions*

Despite the Company's belief that its tax positions are consistent with applicable tax laws, the Company believes that certain positions are likely to be challenged by taxing authorities. Settlement of any challenge can result in no change, a complete disallowance, or some partial adjustment reached through negotiations or litigation. Significant judgment is required in evaluating the Company's tax positions. The Company's positions are evaluated in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the progress of its tax audits as well as evolving case law. Income tax expense includes the impact of provisions for and changes to uncertain tax positions based on the Company's evaluation of facts and circumstances. Unfavorable settlement of any particular position would require use of cash. Favorable resolution would be recognized as a reduction to income tax expense at the time of resolution.

#### *Results of Operations*

Ingles operates on a 52- or 53-week fiscal year ending on the last Saturday in September. There are 13 and 26 weeks of operations included in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three- and six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, respectively. Beginning with the fiscal quarter ended March 26, 2011 the Company changed its methodology for calculating comparable store sales to be more in line with peer grocery companies. Comparable store sales are now defined as sales by grocery stores in operation for five full fiscal quarters. Previously, comparable store sales were defined as sales by grocery stores in operation for the entire duration of the previous and current fiscal periods. Sales from replacement stores, major remodels and the addition of fuel stations to existing stores are included in the comparable store sales calculation from the date thereof. A replacement store is a new store that is opened to replace an existing nearby store that is closed. A major remodel entails substantial remodeling of an existing store and includes additional retail square footage. For the three- and six-month periods ended March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011, comparable store sales include 202 and 200 stores, respectively.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, selected financial information as a percentage of net sales. For information regarding the various segments of the business, see Note I "Segment Information" to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

|                                       | Three Months Ended |                   | Six Months Ended  |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | March 24,<br>2012  | March 26,<br>2011 | March 24,<br>2012 | March 26,<br>2011 |
| Net sales                             | 100.0%             | 100.0%            | 100.0%            | 100.0%            |
| Gross profit                          | 21.8%              | 22.4%             | 21.9%             | 22.3%             |
| Operating and administrative expenses | 19.2%              | 19.4%             | 18.9%             | 19.3%             |
| Rental income, net                    | %                  | 0.1%              | %                 | 0.1%              |
| Income from operations                | 2.7%               | 3.1%              | 3.0%              | 3.1%              |
| Other income, net                     | 0.1%               | 0.1%              | 0.1%              | 0.1%              |
| Interest expense                      | 1.7%               | 1.8%              | 1.7%              | 1.8%              |
| Income before income taxes            | 1.1%               | 1.4%              | 1.5%              | 1.4%              |
| Income taxes                          | 0.4%               | 0.5%              | 0.5%              | 0.5%              |
| Net income                            | 0.7%               | 0.9%              | 1.0%              | 0.9%              |

#### **Three Months Ended March 24, 2012 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 26, 2011**

Net income for the second quarter of fiscal 2012 totaled \$6.5 million, compared with net income of \$7.7 million earned for the second quarter of fiscal 2011. A mild winter led to lower sales growth, income contributed by gasoline sales was lower and gross margins were relatively flat. As a result, net income was lower.

*Net Sales.* Net sales increased by \$11.3 million to \$881.7 million for the three months ended March 24, 2012 from \$870.4 million for the three months ended March 26, 2011. Ingles operated 203 stores at March 24, 2012 and March 26, 2011. Retail square footage was approximately 11.0 million at March 24, 2012 and at March 26, 2011. Excluding gasoline sales, total sales increased 0.1% over the comparative fiscal second quarter.

Grocery segment comparable store sales grew \$9.7 million, or 1.2%, in the second quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2011. Excluding gasoline, comparable store sales decreased 0.1%. In the Company's market area, the winter of fiscal 2012 was much milder compared with the winter of fiscal 2011 and 2010, resulting in lower sales attributable to school closings and other inclement weather purchases during the second quarter of fiscal 2012. Retail gasoline sales prices increased and the number of gallons sold decreased during the

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second quarter of fiscal 2012 compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2011. The number of customer transactions (excluding gasoline) increased 0.7%, and the average transaction size (excluding gasoline) decreased by 0.8%.

Sales by product category (amounts in thousands) are as follows:

|                              | Three Months Ended |                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                              | March 24,<br>2012  | March 26,<br>2011 |
| Grocery                      | \$ 346,674         | \$ 347,020        |
| Non-foods                    | 167,002            | 169,624           |
| Perishables                  | 202,579            | 201,169           |
| Gasoline                     | 132,501            | 121,578           |
| <b>Total grocery segment</b> | <b>\$ 848,756</b>  | <b>\$ 839,391</b> |

The grocery category includes grocery, dairy and frozen foods.

The non-foods category includes alcoholic beverages, tobacco, pharmacy, health and video.

The perishables category includes meat, produce, deli and bakery.

Changes in grocery segment sales for the quarter ended March 24, 2012 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Total grocery sales for the three months ended March 26, 2011        | <b>\$ 839,391</b> |
| Comparable store sales increase (including gasoline)                 | <b>9,676</b>      |
| Impact of stores opened in fiscal 2011 and 2012                      | <b>(312)</b>      |
| Other  | <b>1</b>          |
| <b>Total grocery sales for the three months ended March 24, 2012</b> | <b>\$ 848,756</b> |

Net sales to outside parties for the Company's milk processing subsidiary increased \$1.9 million or 6.2% in the March 2012 quarter compared to the March 2011 quarter. The sales increase is attributable to an approximately 4.8% increase in raw milk costs in the March 2012 quarter compared to the March 2011 quarter, offset by an approximately 2% decrease in the case volume of products sold.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit for the three-month period ended March 24, 2012 decreased \$2.2 million, or 1.1%, to \$192.4 million, or 21.8% of sales, compared with gross profit \$194.6 million, or 22.4% of sales, for the three-month period ended March 26, 2011.

Grocery segment gross profit as a percentage of total sales was affected by increased per gallon sales prices on lower margin gasoline. Excluding gasoline sales, grocery segment gross profit as a percentage of sales was 25.9% for the three months ended March 24, 2012 compared with 26.0% for the three months ended March 26, 2011.

Gross profit as a percentage of sales for the Company's milk processing subsidiary was 10.7% for the March 2012 quarter, compared with 11.8% of sales, for the March 2011 quarter. Raw milk prices were higher during the March 2012 quarter, and the cents per gallons margin was affected by the competitive environment over the comparative second fiscal quarter of 2012 and 2011.

In addition to the direct product cost, the cost of goods sold line item for the grocery segment includes inbound freight charges and the costs related to the Company's distribution network. Distribution network costs for the grocery segment totaled \$13.2 million and \$12.8 million for the quarters ended March 2012 and March 2011, respectively. The milk processing segment is a manufacturing process; therefore, the costs mentioned above as well as purchasing, production costs, and internal transfer costs incurred by the milk processing segment are included in the cost of goods sold line item, while these items are included in operating and administrative expenses in the grocery segment.

*Operating and Administrative Expenses.* Operating and administrative expenses increased \$0.5 million, or 0.3%, to \$169.1 million for the three months ended March 24, 2012, from \$168.6 million for the three months ended March 26, 2011. As a percentage of sales, operating and administrative expenses were 19.2% for the three months ended March 24, 2012 compared with 19.4% for the three months ended March 26, 2011. Excluding gasoline sales and associated gasoline operating expenses (primarily payroll), operating expenses were 22.4% of sales for the second fiscal 2012 quarter and for the second fiscal quarter of 2011.



The major increases (decreases) in operating and administrative expenses were as follows:

|                           | Increase<br>(decrease)<br>in millions | Increase<br>(decrease)<br>as a %<br>of sales |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Salaries and wages        | \$ 1.7                                | 0.19%  |
| Taxes and licenses        | \$ (1.0)                              | (0.12)%                                      |
| Repairs and maintenance   | \$ 0.8                                | 0.09%  |
| Insurance expense         | \$ (0.7)                              | 0.08%  |
| Advertising and promotion | \$ (0.5)                              | (0.06)%                                      |

Salaries and wages increased in dollars due to additional labor hours required for the increased sales volume and as a result of remodeling activity that resulted in more space devoted to more labor-intensive areas.

Taxes and licenses decreased due to successful tax negotiations and the timing of certain assessments from municipalities where the Company does business.

Repairs and maintenance increased as a result of additional outsourced services.

Insurance expense decreased due to lower claims under the Company's self insurance programs.

Advertising and promotion expenses decreased as a result of more efficient procurement.

*Rental Income, Net.* Rental income, net totaled \$0.4 million for the quarter ended March 24, 2012 and \$0.6 million for the quarter ended March 26, 2011. Following a period of increased vacancies attributed to the economic recession, the Company's tenant base has somewhat stabilized.

*Other Income, Net.* Other income, net totaled \$0.8 million for the three-month period ended March 24, 2012 compared with \$1.1 million for the three-month period ended March 26, 2011. The principal component of other income is waste paper and packaging sales.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense decreased \$0.8 million for the three-month period ended March 24, 2012 to \$14.9 million from \$15.7 million for the three-month period ended March 26, 2011. Total debt at March 24, 2012 was \$833.5 million compared with \$875.6 million at March 26, 2011. Interest on the \$99.7 million of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds issued in December 2010 is generally capitalized as part of the project cost during the facility construction period.

*Income Taxes.* Income tax expense as a percentage of pre-tax income was 32.9% for the quarter ended March 24, 2012 compared with 35.6% for the quarter ended March 26, 2011.

*Net Income.* Net income totaled \$6.5 million for the three-month period ended March 24, 2012 compared with \$7.7 million for the three-month period ended March 26, 2011. Net income, as a percentage of sales, was 0.8% for the quarter ended March 24, 2012 and 0.9% for the quarter ended March 26, 2011. Basic and diluted earnings per share for Class A Common Stock were \$0.28 and \$0.27 for the quarter ended March 24, 2012 compared to \$0.33 and \$0.32, respectively, for the quarter ended March 26, 2011. Basic and diluted earnings per share for Class B Common Stock were each \$0.26 for the quarter ended March 24, 2012 compared to \$0.30 of basic and diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended March 26, 2011.

#### **Six Months Ended March 24, 2012 Compared to the Six Months Ended March 26, 2011**

Net income for the first half of fiscal 2012 totaled \$17.1 million, compared with net income of \$15.4 million earned for the comparable fiscal 2011 period. Increases in total sales, comparable store sales, and gross margin and decreases in interest expense more than offset increases in operating expenses.

*Net Sales.* Net sales increased by \$56.8 million to \$1.80 billion for the six months ended March 24, 2012 from \$1.74 billion for the six months ended March 26, 2011. Excluding gasoline, total sales increased \$28.5 million, or 1.9% over the comparative six month 2012 and 2011 periods.

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Grocery segment comparable store sales grew \$51.3 million, or 3.1% for the first six months of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period of fiscal 2011. Excluding gasoline, comparable store sales increased 1.6%. The retail per gallon price of gasoline was approximately 9.3% higher during the first six months of fiscal 2012 compared with the first six months of fiscal 2011. Total gallons sold decreased 1.5% over the comparable six month periods. The number of customer transactions (excluding gasoline) increased 1.4%, while the average transaction size (excluding gasoline) increased by 0.3%.

Sales by product category (amounts in thousands) are as follows:

|                              | Six Months Ended    |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | March 24,<br>2012   | March 26,<br>2011   |
| Grocery                      | \$ 718,635          | \$ 704,711          |
| Non-foods                    | 342,651             | 342,161             |
| Perishables                  | 412,448             | 403,574             |
| Gasoline                     | 259,795             | 230,985             |
| <b>Total grocery segment</b> | <b>\$ 1,733,529</b> | <b>\$ 1,681,431</b> |

The grocery category includes grocery, dairy and frozen foods.

The non-foods category includes alcoholic beverages, tobacco, pharmacy, health and video.

The perishables category includes meat, produce, deli and bakery.

Changes in grocery segment sales for the six months ended March 24, 2012 are summarized as follows (in thousands):

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Total grocery sales for the six months ended March 26, 2011        | <b>\$ 1,681,431</b> |
| Comparable store sales increase (including gasoline)               | <b>51,337</b>       |
| Impact of stores opened in fiscal 2011 and 2012                    | <b>751</b>          |
| Other  | <b>10</b>           |
| <b>Total grocery sales for the six months ended March 24, 2012</b> | <b>\$ 1,733,529</b> |

Net sales to outside parties for the Company's milk processing subsidiary increased \$4.7 million, or 7.6%, for the six months ended March 2012 compared with the six months ended March 2011. As noted in the three-month discussion, the sales increase is attributable to an increase in raw milk costs, offset by a decrease in the case volume of products sold.

Sales growth for the remainder of fiscal 2012 will depend upon the pace of economic improvement, inflation, and market prices for gasoline and raw milk. The Company expects that the maturation of new and expanded stores will contribute to sales growth, albeit at a slower pace due to current economic conditions. The Company does not anticipate opening any new stores during the remainder of fiscal 2012, although new stores are currently under construction that will open during fiscal year 2013.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit for the six months ended March 24, 2012 increased \$6.1 million, or 1.6%, to \$394.2 million compared with \$388.1 million, for the six months ended March 26, 2011. As a percent of sales, gross profit was 21.9% for the six months ended March 24, 2012 compared with 22.3% for the six months ended March 26, 2011.

Gross profit dollars increased due to the higher sales volume. Gross profit dollars contributed by gasoline was lower for the first half of fiscal 2012 compared with the first half of fiscal 2011. Excluding gasoline sales, grocery segment gross profit as a percentage of sales was 25.7% for the six months ended March 24, 2012 compared with 25.6% for the same period of last fiscal year.

Distribution network costs for the grocery segment totaled \$25.9 million for the six months ended March 2012 compared with \$24.6 million for the six months ended March 2011. In addition to higher diesel fuel costs, the Company has begun incurring start up expenses related to the new distribution center scheduled to begin operation later in fiscal year 2012.

Gross profit as a percentage of sales for the Company's milk processing subsidiary was 10.9% for the March 2012 six-month period, compared with 12.3% of sales for the March 2011 six month period.

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*Operating and Administrative Expenses.* Operating and administrative expenses increased \$5.1 million, or 1.6%, to \$340.9 million for the six months ended March 24, 2012, from \$335.8 million for the six months ended March 26, 2011. As a percentage of sales, operating and administrative expenses were 18.9% for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 and 19.3% for the six-month period ended March 26, 2011. Excluding gasoline sales and associated gasoline operating expenses (primarily payroll), operating expenses were 22.0% of sales for the fiscal 2012 six month period compared with 22.1% for the first six months of fiscal 2011.

The major increases (decreases) in operating and administrative expenses were as follows:

|                               | Increase<br>(decrease)<br>in millions | Increase<br>(decrease)<br>as a %<br>of sales |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Salaries and wages            | \$ 2.8                                | 0.16%  |
| Repairs and maintenance       | \$ 2.2                                | 0.12%  |
| Insurance expense             | \$ (1.7)                              | (0.09)%                                      |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$ 1.2                                | 0.07%  |
| Store supplies                | \$ 0.9                                | 0.05%  |

Salaries and wages increased in dollars due to additional labor hours required for the increased sales volume.

Repairs and maintenance increased as a result of additional outsourced services.

Insurance expense decreased due to lower claims under the Company's self insurance programs.

Depreciation and amortization increased as a result of the Company's increased capital expenditures to improve its store base.

Store supplies increased due to cost increases in petroleum-based bags and other supplies.

*Rental Income, Net.* Rental income, net decreased \$0.1 million to \$0.8 million for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 from \$0.9 million in the March 2011 comparable period. Following a period of increased vacancies attributed to the economic recession, the Company's tenant base has somewhat stabilized.

*Other Income, Net.* Other income, net totaled \$1.8 million for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 compared with \$2.2 million for the six-month period ended March 26, 2011. The principal component of other income is waste paper and packaging sales.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense decreased \$1.6 million to \$30.0 million for the six months ended March 24, 2012 from \$31.6 million for the six months ended March 26, 2011. During the six months ended March 24, 2012, net principal debt repayments totaled \$21.6 million.

*Income Taxes.* Income tax expense as a percentage of pre-tax income decreased to 34.3% for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 compared to 35.4% for the six-month period ended March 26, 2011. The effective tax rate decreased primarily as a result of increased tax credits.

*Net Income.* Net income totaled \$17.1 million for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 compared with \$15.4 million for the six-month period ended March 26, 2011. Net income, as a percentage of sales, was 1.0% for the six months ended March 24, 2012 and 0.9% for the six months ended March 26, 2011. Basic and diluted earnings per share for Class A Common Stock were \$0.73 and \$0.70 for the six months ended March 24, 2012 compared to \$0.66 and \$0.63, respectively, for the six months ended March 26, 2011. Basic and diluted earnings per share for Class B Common Stock were each \$0.67 for the six months ended March 24, 2012 compared to \$0.60 of basic and diluted earnings per share for the six months ended March 26, 2011.

### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

#### ***Capital Expenditures***

The Company believes that a key to its ability to continue to develop a loyal customer base is providing conveniently located, clean and modern stores that provide customers with good service and a broad selection of competitively priced products. Therefore, the Company has invested and will continue to invest significant amounts of capital toward the modernization of its store base. The Company's modernization program includes the opening of new stores, the completion of remodels and expansion of selected existing stores, and the relocation of selected existing stores to larger, more convenient locations. The Company will also add fuel centers and other products complementary to grocery sales where market conditions and real estate considerations warrant.

Capital expenditures totaled \$103.5 million for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012. Most of these capital expenditures were related to construction of the new distribution facility and procurement of related equipment. The Company also purchased a store which it had previously

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leased. Capital expenditures also included the costs of upgrading and replacing store equipment, technology investments, capital expenditures related to its milk processing plant, and expenditures for stores scheduled to open in fiscal 2013.

Ingles' capital expenditure plans for fiscal 2012 include investments of approximately \$160 million. The majority of the Company's fiscal 2012 capital expenditures are expected for the new distribution and warehouse facility. The Company plans to continue its program of less expensive remodels to a larger number of stores. Fiscal 2012 capital expenditures will also include investments in stores expected to open in fiscal 2013 as well as technology improvements, upgrading and replacing existing store equipment and warehouse and transportation equipment and improvements to the Company's milk processing plant.

The Company expects that its net annual capital expenditures will be in the range of approximately \$110 to \$180 million going forward in order to maintain a modern store base. Planned expenditures for any given future fiscal year will be affected by the availability of financing, which can affect both the number of projects pursued at any given time and the cost of those projects. The number of projects may also fluctuate due to the varying costs of the types of projects pursued including new stores, major remodel/expansions or minor remodels. The Company makes decisions on the allocation of capital expenditure dollars based on many factors including the competitive environment, other Company capital initiatives and its financial condition.

The Company does not generally enter into commitments for capital expenditures other than on a store-by-store basis at the time it begins construction on a new store or begins a major remodeling project. Construction commitments at March 24, 2012 totaled \$21.3 million.

### *Liquidity*

The Company generated net cash from operations of \$73.7 million for the six months ended March 24, 2012 compared to \$48.1 million for the comparable 2011 period. Most of the change is attributable to decreased working capital and other asset funding requirements.

Cash used by investing activities for the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 totaled \$50.3 million, comprised primarily of \$103.5 million of capital expenditures during the period. Of this amount, \$52.5 million was funded by the redemption of short-term investment of Recovery Zone bond proceeds.

Cash used by financing activities during the six-month period ended March 24, 2012 totaled \$32.0 million. The primary components were net debt repayments of \$21.6 million, dividends of \$7.7 million and stock repurchases of \$2.6 million. Cash provided by financing activities during the six-month period ended March 26, 2011 totaled \$49.8 million. The Recovery Zone bonds issued in December 2010 provided \$99.7 million, offset by principal payments on long-term debt of \$41.6 million and dividend payments of \$7.7 million. The Company also used cash of \$0.5 million to repurchase 29,000 shares of Class B Common Stock from the Company's Investment/Profit Sharing Plan (the Plan). The Plan used the proceeds to fund retirement distributions. The shares were repurchased by the Company under a program announced in March 2010 that would allow the Company to repurchase up to one million shares of either Class A or Class B Common Stock. As of March 24, 2012 a total of 252,483 Class A and B shares have been purchased under the plan.

In May 2009, the Company issued \$575.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due in 2017 (the Notes) in a private placement. The Notes bear an interest rate of 8.875% per annum and were issued at a discount to yield 9.5% per annum. In connection with the offering of the Notes, the Company entered into a new three-year \$175.0 million line of credit. On December 29, 2010 the maturity date of the \$175.0 million line of credit was extended to December 29, 2015. There were no borrowings outstanding under the line of credit at March 24, 2012.

The line of credit provides the Company with various interest rate options generally at rates less than prime. The line allows the Company to issue up to \$30.0 million in unused letters of credit, of which \$8.2 million of unused letters of credit were issued at March 24, 2012. The Company is not required to maintain compensating balances in connection with the line of credit.

On December 29, 2010, the Company completed the funding of \$99.7 million of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds (the Bonds) for: (A) acquisition, construction and equipping of an approximately 830,000 square foot new warehouse and distribution center and a new grocery store to be located in Buncombe County, North Carolina (the Project), and (B) the payment of certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The final maturity date of the Bonds is January 1, 2036.

The Bonds were issued by the Buncombe County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority and were purchased by certain financial institutions. Under a Continuing Covenant and Collateral Agency Agreement (the Covenant Agreement) between the financial institutions and the Company, the financial institutions will hold the Bonds until January 1, 2017, subject to certain events. Mandatory redemption of the Bonds by the Company in the annual amount of \$4,530,000 begins on January 1, 2014. The Company may redeem the Bonds without penalty or premium at any time prior to January 1, 2017.

The Notes, the Bonds and the line of credit contain provisions that under certain circumstances would permit lending institutions to terminate or withdraw their respective extensions of credit to the Company. Included among the triggering factors permitting the termination or withdrawal of the line of credit to the Company are certain events of default, including both monetary and non-monetary defaults, the initiation of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, and the failure of the Company to meet certain financial covenants designated in its respective loan documents. As of March 24, 2012, the Company was in compliance with these covenants by a significant margin. Under the most restrictive of these covenants, the Company would be able to incur approximately \$568 million of additional borrowings (including borrowings under the line of credit) as of March 24, 2012.

The Company's principal sources of liquidity are expected to be cash flow from operations, borrowings under its lines of credit and long-term financing. As of March 24, 2012, the Company had unencumbered real property and equipment with a net book value of approximately \$813.0

million. The Company believes, based on its current results of operations and financial condition, that its

financial resources, including existing bank lines of credit, short- and long-term financing expected to be available to it and internally generated funds, will be sufficient to meet planned capital expenditures and working capital requirements for the foreseeable future, including any debt service requirements of additional borrowings. However, there is no assurance that any such sources of financing will be available to the Company when needed on acceptable terms, or at all.

It is possible that, in the future, the Company's results of operations and financial condition will be different from that described in this report based on a number of factors. These factors may include, among others, increased competition, changing regional and national economic conditions, adverse climatic conditions affecting food production and delivery and changing demographics, as well as the additional factors discussed below under Forward Looking Statements. It is also possible, for such reasons, that the results of operations from the new, expanded, remodeled and/or replacement stores will not meet or exceed the results of operations from existing stores that are described in this report.

#### *Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments*

There have been no material changes in contractual obligations and commercial commitments subsequent to September 24, 2011 other than as disclosed elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

#### *Off Balance Sheet Arrangements*

The Company is not a party to any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future material effect on the Company's financial condition, revenues, expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

#### *Quarterly Cash Dividends*

Since December 27, 1993, the Company has paid regular quarterly cash dividends of \$0.165 (sixteen and one-half cents) per share on its Class A Common Stock and \$0.15 (fifteen cents) per share on its Class B Common Stock for an annual rate of \$0.66 and \$0.60 per share, respectively.

The Company expects to continue paying regular cash dividends on a quarterly basis. However, the Board of Directors periodically reconsiders the declaration of dividends. The Company pays these dividends at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the continuation of these payments, the amount of such dividends, and the form in which the dividends are paid (cash or stock) depends upon the results of operations, the financial condition of the Company and other factors which the Board of Directors deems relevant. In addition, the Notes, the Bonds, and the lines of credit contain provisions that, based on certain financial parameters, restrict the ability of the Company to pay additional cash dividends in excess of current quarterly per share amounts. Further, the Company is prevented from declaring dividends at any time that it is in default under the indenture governing the Notes.

#### *Seasonality*

Sales in the grocery segment of the Company's business are subject to a slight seasonal variance due to holiday related sales and due to sales in areas where seasonal homes are located. Sales are traditionally higher in the Company's first fiscal quarter due to the inclusion of sales related to Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Company's second fiscal quarter traditionally has the lowest sales of the year. In the third and fourth quarter, sales are affected by the return of customers to seasonal homes in our market area. The fluid dairy segment of the Company's business has slight seasonal variation to the extent of its sales into the grocery industry. The Company's real estate segment is not subject to seasonal variations.

#### *Impact of Inflation*

The following table from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics lists changes in the Consumer Price Index that could have an effect on the Company's operations. One of the Company's significant costs is labor, which increases with general inflation. Inflation in energy costs affects both the Company's gasoline sales and distribution expenses.

|                    | Three Months Ended |                   | Twelve Months Ended |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                    | March 24,<br>2012  | March 26,<br>2011 | March 24,<br>2012   | March 26,<br>2011 |
| All items          | 0.3%               | 0.5%              | 2.7%                | 2.7%              |
| Food and beverages | 1.3%               | 0.6%              | 3.3%                | 2.9%              |
| Energy             | 1.4%               | 3.0%              | 4.6%                | 15.5%             |

#### *Forward Looking Statements*

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This Quarterly Report contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The words "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "plan", "likely", "goal", "believe", "seek" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. While these forward-looking statements and the related assumptions are made in good faith and reflect the Company's current judgment regarding the direction of the Company's business, actual results will almost

always vary, sometimes materially, from any estimates, predictions, projections, assumptions or other future performance suggested herein. Such statements are based upon a number of assumptions and estimates which are inherently subject to significant risks and uncertainties many of which are beyond the Company's control. Some of these assumptions inevitably will not materialize, and unanticipated events will occur which will affect the Company's results. Some important factors (but not necessarily all factors) that affect the Company's revenues, growth strategies, future profitability and operating results, or that otherwise could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by any forward-looking statement, include business and economic conditions generally in the Company's operating area; the Company's ability to successfully implement its expansion and operating strategies and to manage rapid expansion; pricing pressures and other competitive factors; reduction in per gallon retail gasoline prices; the maturation of new and expanded stores; the Company's ability to reduce costs and achieve improvements in operating results; the availability and terms of financing; increases in labor and utility costs; success or failure in the ownership and development of real estate; changes in the laws and government regulations applicable to the Company; and changes in accounting policies, standards, guidelines or principles as may be adopted by regulatory agencies as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

Consequently, actual events affecting the Company and the impact of such events on the Company's operations may vary significantly from those described in this report or contemplated or implied by statements in this report. The Company does not undertake and specifically denies any obligation to update any such statements or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any such statements to reflect future events or developments.

### **Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

The Company does not typically utilize financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes, nor does it typically utilize leveraged financial instruments. There have been no material changes in the market risk factors from those disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 24, 2011.

### **Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving the objective that information in its Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified and pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act, include controls and procedures designed to ensure the information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. It should be noted that the Company's system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met.

As required by SEC Rule 13a-15(b), the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with participation of its management including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures as of March 24, 2012, the end of the period covered by this report. In making this evaluation, it considered matters previously identified and disclosed in connection with the filing of its Form 10-K for fiscal 2011. After consideration of the matters discussed above, the Company has concluded that its controls and procedures were effective at a reasonable assurance level as of March 24, 2012.

#### **(b) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

The Company has begun testing of internal controls over financial reporting performing tests for fiscal year 2012, including testing of significant software implementations during the first half of fiscal year 2012 and designing internal controls for the new distribution center that will open later in fiscal year 2012.

No other change in internal control over financial reporting occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## Part II. Other Information

**Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS****ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SHARES**

| Period (1)                            | Total<br>Number of<br>Shares<br>Purchased<br>(2) | Average Price<br>Paid Per<br>Share | Total Number of<br>Shares Purchased<br>as Part of Publicly<br>Announced<br>Plans<br>to Programs<br>(2) | Maximum<br>Number of Shares<br>that May Yet<br>Be<br>Purchased<br>Under<br>the Plans or<br>Programs (3) |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|---|
| First five weeks                      |  |                                    |  |   |
| December 25, 2011 to January 28, 2012 |  | \$                                 |  | 760,817   |
| Second four weeks                     |  |                                    |  |   |
| January 29, 2012 to February 25, 2012 | 13,300   | \$ 17.69                           |  | 747,517   |
| Third four weeks                      |  |                                    |  |   |
| February 26, 2012 to March 24, 2012   |  | \$                                 |  | 747,517   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>13,300</b>                                    | <b>\$ 17.69</b>                    | <b>13,300</b>  | <b>747,517</b>  |

- (1) The reported periods conform to the Company's fiscal calendar composed of twelve months ending on the last (or next to last during 53 week fiscal years) Saturday of each calendar month. The second quarter of fiscal 2012 contained 13 weeks.
- (2) Shares were purchased under a stock repurchase program authorized by the Board of Directors and announced on March 9, 2010. Under the program, up to one million shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock may be repurchased. The program has no expiration date but may be terminated by the Board of Directors at any time.
- (3) Shares shown in this column reflect shares remaining under the one million share repurchase program referenced in Note (2) above.

**Item 6. EXHIBITS**

(a) Exhibits.

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation of Ingles Markets, Incorporated (included as Exhibit 3.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-23919, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by this reference).
- 3.2 Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Ingles Markets, Incorporated (included as Exhibit 3.3 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2004, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission and incorporated herein by this reference).
- 3.3\* Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of Ingles Markets, Incorporated dated April 23, 2012.
- 3.4 Amended and Restated By-Laws of Ingles Markets, Incorporated (included as Exhibit 99.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on August 30, 2007 and incorporated herein by this reference).

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- 4.1 Articles 4 and 9 of the Articles of Incorporation of Ingles Markets, Incorporated (included as Exhibit 3.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Registration Statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-23919, and Exhibit 3.3 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2004, File No. 0-14706, respectively, each of which were previously filed with the Commission and are incorporated herein by this reference).
- 4.2 Articles 2, 3, 10, 11 and 14 of the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Ingles Markets, Incorporated (included as Exhibit 99.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on August 30, 2007 and incorporated herein by this reference).
- 4.3 Indenture, dated as of May 12, 2009, between Ingles Markets, Incorporated and U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee, governing the 8 7/8% Senior Notes Due 2017, including the form of unregistered 8 7/8% Senior Note Due 2017 (included as Exhibit 4.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on May 15, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).

- 4.4 Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 12, 2009, among the Company and Banc of America Securities LLC, Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC and BB&T, a division of Scott & Stringfellow, LLC (included as Exhibit 4.3 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on May 15, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
- 10.1 Exhibits and Schedules to Credit Agreement dated May 12, 2009, among the Company and the lenders party thereto, Bank of America, as administrative agent, swing line lender and l/c issuer, Branch Banking and Trust Company, as syndication agent, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as documentation agent, and Banc of America Securities LLC, Branch Banking and Trust Company and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as joint lead arrangers and joint book managers (included as Exhibit 10.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on May 15, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
- 10.2 Second Amendment to the Credit Agreement dated as of May 12, 2009, among the Company the lenders from time to time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and l/c issuer, and the other agents, joint lead arrangers and joint book managers party thereto (included as Exhibit 10.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on January 4, 2011 and incorporated herein by this reference).
- 10.3 Credit Agreement, dated May 12, 2009, among the Company and the lenders party thereto, Bank of America, as administrative agent, swing line lender and l/c issuer, Branch Banking and Trust Company, as syndication agent, Wachovia Bank, National Association, as documentation agent, and Banc of America Securities LLC, Branch Banking and Trust Company and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as joint lead arrangers and book managers (included as Exhibit 10.1 to Ingles Markets, Incorporated's Current Report on Form 8-K, File No. 0-14706, previously filed with the Commission on May 15, 2009 and incorporated herein by this reference).
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- 31.1\* Rule 13a-14(a) Certification
- 31.2\* Rule 13a-14(a) Certification
- 32.1\* Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
- 32.2\* Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
- 101\* The following financial information from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three- and six-months ended March 24, 2012, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) and furnished electronically herewith: (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income; (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity; (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (v) Notes to Interim Financial Statements.

\* Filed herewith.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

INGLES MARKETS, INCORPORATED

Date: May 3, 2012

/s/ Robert P. Ingle, II  
Robert P. Ingle, II  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 3, 2012

/s/ Ronald B. Freeman  
Ronald B. Freeman  
Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer