

WINN DIXIE STORES INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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 September 16, 2009

OR

.. **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 1-3657

WINN-DIXIE STORES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Florida (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 59-0514290 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| 5050 Edgewood Court, Jacksonville, Florida (Address of principal executive offices) | 32254-3699 (Zip Code) |
| (904) 783-5000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | |

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 the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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| Large accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer <input 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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court. Yes No

As of October 14, 2009, 54,853,472 shares of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. common stock were outstanding.

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| Amounts in thousands except per share data | 12 weeks ended | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | September 16, 2009 | September 17, 2008 |
| Net sales | \$ 1,641,573 | 1,675,935 |
| Cost of sales, including warehouse and delivery expenses | 1,176,332 | 1,209,177 |
| Gross profit on sales | 465,241 | 466,758 |
| Other operating and administrative expenses | 469,134 | 468,102 |
| Impairment charges | 3,523 | |
| Operating loss | (7,416) | (1,344) |
| Interest expense, net | 1,324 | 1,002 |
| Loss before income taxes | (8,740) | (2,346) |
| Income tax benefit | (682) | (76) |
| Net loss | \$ (8,058) | (2,270) |
| Basic and diluted loss per share | \$ (0.15) | (0.04) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding-basic and diluted | 54,641 | 54,223 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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| Dollar amounts in thousands except par value | September 16, 2009 | June 24, 2009 |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 157,405 | 182,823 |
| Trade and other receivables, less allowance for doubtful receivables of \$3,193 (\$3,946 at June 24, 2009) | 63,546 | 70,115 |
| Income tax receivable | 3,415 | 3,351 |
| Merchandise inventories, less LIFO reserve of \$41,236 (\$39,252 at June 24, 2009) | 640,242 | 665,481 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 34,244 | 32,571 |
| Total current assets | 898,852 | 954,341 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 595,365 | 591,712 |
| Intangible assets, net | 222,791 | 225,732 |
| Deferred tax assets, non-current | 39,275 | 37,987 |
| Other assets, net | 4,853 | 5,277 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,761,136 | 1,815,049 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current obligations under capital leases | \$ 10,944 | 10,888 |
| Accounts payable | 288,652 | 333,471 |
| Reserve for self-insurance liabilities | 73,939 | 71,744 |
| Accrued wages and salaries | 63,247 | 80,796 |
| Accrued rent | 42,483 | 35,274 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 47,033 | 45,792 |
| Accrued expenses | 89,315 | 81,240 |
| Total current liabilities | 615,613 | 659,205 |
| Reserve for self-insurance liabilities | 117,396 | 117,396 |
| Unfavorable leases | 108,190 | 110,936 |
| Obligations under capital leases | 21,799 | 24,378 |
| Other liabilities | 23,856 | 24,036 |
| Total liabilities | 886,854 | 935,951 |
| Commitments and contingent liabilities (Notes 1 and 6) | | |
| Shareholders equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value. Authorized 400,000,000 shares; 54,949,391 shares issued and 54,850,864 outstanding at September 16, 2009, and 54,582,067 shares issued and 54,483,540 outstanding at June 24, 2009. | 55 | 54 |
| Additional paid-in-capital | 794,904 | 791,567 |
| Retained earnings | 73,008 | 81,066 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 6,315 | 6,411 |
| Total shareholders equity | 874,282 | 879,098 |

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| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | \$ | 1,761,136 | 1,815,049 |
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

Table of Contents**WINN-DIXIE STORES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

| Amounts in thousands | 12 weeks ended | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | September 16, 2009 | September 17, 2008 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net loss | \$ (8,058) | (2,270) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Gain on sales of assets, net | (69) | (175) |
| Impairment charges | 3,523 | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 22,853 | 24,029 |
| Share-based compensation | 3,296 | 3,435 |
| Deferred income taxes | (47) | (76) |
| Change in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Favorable and unfavorable leases, net | 22 | 465 |
| Trade, insurance and other receivables | 6,569 | 12,270 |
| Merchandise inventories | 25,239 | (167) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (1,673) | 7,622 |
| Accounts payable | (35,284) | (28,100) |
| Income taxes payable/receivable | (640) | 444 |
| Reserve for self-insurance liabilities | 2,195 | 3,902 |
| Accrued expenses and other | (1,725) | (5,584) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 16,201 | 15,795 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (27,613) | (37,275) |
| (Increase) decrease in investments and other assets, net | (2,121) | 4,532 |
| Sales of assets | 127 | 305 |
| Proceeds from insurance | | 231 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (29,607) | (32,207) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Gross borrowings on credit facilities | 2,837 | 4,585 |
| Gross payments on credit facilities | (2,837) | (4,643) |
| Decrease in book overdrafts | (9,535) | (20,684) |
| Principal payments on capital leases | (2,519) | (2,193) |
| Proceeds from sales under Employee Stock Purchase Plan | 42 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (12,012) | (22,935) |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (25,418) | (39,347) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 182,823 | 201,275 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 157,405 | 161,928 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited).

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Dollar amounts in thousands except per share data, unless otherwise stated

1. Proceedings Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code

Emergence from Bankruptcy Protection: On February 21, 2005 (the Petition Date), Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. and 23 then-existing direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the Debtors) filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (Chapter 11 or the Bankruptcy Code) in the United States Bankruptcy Court (the Court). Two of the then-existing wholly owned subsidiaries of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. (collectively with the Debtors, the Company or Winn-Dixie) did not file petitions under Chapter 11. On November 9, 2006, the Court entered its order confirming the Debtors' modified plan of reorganization (the Plan or the Plan of Reorganization). Although certain objecting parties appealed the confirmation order, they did not seek a stay of the order. In the absence of a stay, the Debtors were free to implement the Plan notwithstanding the pendency of the appeals. The Plan became effective and the Debtors emerged from bankruptcy protection on November 21, 2006 (the Effective Date). The appeals remain pending.

Claims Resolution and Plan Distributions: As of September 16, 2009, 46.9 million shares had been distributed by the disbursing agent to holders of allowed unsecured claims that totaled \$929.8 million in allowed amounts; and 7.1 million shares were held in reserve by the disbursing agent to satisfy remaining disputed unsecured claims. The claims resolution process remains ongoing with respect to certain unsecured, secured, administrative and priority claims. The claims resolution process will continue until all claims are resolved.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Other Matters

General: All information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in that Form 10-K for a more detailed discussion of the Company's significant accounting policies.

The Company: As of September 16, 2009, the Company operated as a major food retailer in five states in the southeastern United States. The Company operated 515 retail stores, with five fuel centers and 75 liquor stores at the retail stores. In support of its stores, the Company operated six distribution centers and a beverage manufacturing facility.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. The Company cannot determine future events and their effects with certainty. Therefore, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment based on various assumptions and other factors such as historical experience, current and expected economic conditions, and in some cases, actuarial calculations. The Company periodically reviews these significant factors and makes adjustments when appropriate. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

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Basis of Presentation: The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

The Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 24, 2009, was derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents consisted of United States government obligations money market funds of \$148.8 million and cash in stores of \$8.6 million as of September 16, 2009, and United States government obligations money market funds of \$173.8 million and cash in stores of \$9.0 million as of June 24, 2009. Book overdrafts of \$3.3 million and \$12.9 million were classified as accounts payable in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 16, 2009, and June 24, 2009, respectively.

Loss Per Share: Basic earnings (loss) per common share is based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the periods presented. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, plus the incremental shares that would have been outstanding upon the assumed vesting and exercise of all common stock equivalents (options, restricted stock and restricted stock units, collectively "CSEs") using the treasury stock method, subject to anti-dilution limitations.

Excluded from the calculation are approximately 5.4 million and 6.2 million anti-dilutive CSEs for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively.

Comprehensive Loss: Comprehensive loss was \$8.2 million and \$2.4 million for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively. Other comprehensive loss consists of changes in the Company's post-retirement benefits obligation.

Subsequent Events: The Company has evaluated subsequent events through October 26, 2009, the date these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements were issued and have determined there are no subsequent events that require disclosure.

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The Company uses the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method to value approximately 85% of its inventory. LIFO charges increased cost of sales by \$2.0 million and \$7.2 million for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively.

An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method is made as of the end of each fiscal year based on the inventory levels and costs as of that date. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations are based on management's estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs. Because these calculations are estimates of future events and prices, interim results are subject to the final year-end LIFO inventory valuations.

4. Impairment Charges

The Company periodically estimates the future cash flows expected to result from the various long-lived assets and the residual values of such assets. In some cases, the Company concludes that the undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying values of the related assets, resulting in impairment charges equal to the excess of net book value over the fair value of the impaired asset. Fair value estimates are based on assumptions the Company believes to be reasonable but are inherently uncertain, thus fall within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. Impairment charges related to six stores of \$3.5 million were recorded during the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009. No impairment charges were recorded during the 12 weeks ended September 17, 2008.

5. Retirement Plans

The following table provides the components of the periodic benefit expense for the Company's retirement plans.

| | 12 weeks ended | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | September 16, 2009 | September 17, 2008 |
| Interest cost | \$ 281 | 298 |
| Amortization of actuarial gain | (96) | (99) |
| Net periodic benefit expense | \$ 185 | 199 |

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (Continued)

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6. Commitments and Contingencies

Bankruptcy-related Contingencies

The Debtors' creditors generally filed proofs of claim with the Court. Through a claims resolution process and on objections of the Debtors, the Court reduced, reclassified and/or disallowed a significant number of claims for varying reasons, including claims that were duplicative, amended, without merit, misclassified or overstated. Many claims were resolved prior to the Effective Date through settlement or Court orders. This process will continue until all claims are resolved (see Note 1).

Litigation - Bankruptcy and pre-petition matters

On the Petition Date, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., and 23 of its then-existing subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The reorganization was jointly administered under the caption *In re: Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 05-03817 by the Court. Two of the then-existing wholly owned subsidiaries of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., did not file petitions under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. On August 9, 2006, the Debtors filed their final plan of reorganization and related Court-approved disclosure statement. On October 10, 2006, the Company filed a modification to the plan to address objections to confirmation of the Plan. On November 9, 2006, the Court entered its order confirming the Plan of Reorganization.

In confirming the Plan, the Court overruled the objections to the Plan filed by, among others, several holders of landlord claims and the Florida tax collectors. Certain of the objecting parties, including four groups of landlord claimants and the Florida tax collectors, appealed the confirmation order to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (the *District Court*). The issues placed on appeal by the landlord claimants derive from the substantive consolidation compromise contained in the Plan and the resulting treatment of landlord claims under the Plan. The issues placed on appeal by the Florida tax collectors relate to the treatment of ad valorem property taxes under the Plan, including the alleged immunity of the State of Florida and the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court with respect to state taxes. None of the appealing parties sought to stay the effectiveness of the confirmation order, leaving the Debtors free to move forward to implement the Plan. The Debtors implemented the Plan on November 21, 2006, which became the effective date of the Plan. On July 5, 2007, the Debtors filed a motion to dismiss as moot the appeals filed by the landlord claimants. On October 10, 2007, the District Court entered its order granting the Debtors motion and dismissing the appeals filed by the landlord claimants and on July 1, 2008, the District Court's dismissal order was affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The Florida tax collectors' appeals are now pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. The Debtors do not believe that these appeals will have a material impact on the Plan or the Company.

Litigation - Post-emergence matters

On August 21, 2009, the Company was served with a putative class action lawsuit filed by two former employees in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida against Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. alleging company-wide violations of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act related to the Company's background check procedures. The Company denies all allegations raised in the lawsuit, has answered the complaint and has filed motions asserting various defenses to the claims. Discovery in the case is underway.

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Various claims and lawsuits arising in the normal course of business are pending against the Company, including claims alleging violations of certain employment or civil rights laws, claims relating to both regulated and non-regulated aspects of the business and claims arising under federal, state or local environmental regulations. The Company vigorously defends these actions.

While no one can predict the outcome of any pending or threatened litigation with certainty, management believes that any resolution of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

7. Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) (Topic 105, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), became the single source for authoritative nongovernmental U.S. generally accepted accounting principles on July 1, 2009. The Company's adoption of FASB ASC on June 25, 2009, did not have an effect on its Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Effective June 25, 2009, the Company adopted ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820), as it relates to nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities. See Note 4 for disclosures related to the application to impairment of long-lived assets.

The Company adopted ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations (Topic 805), on June 25, 2009. Topic 805 addresses the accounting for business combinations with acquisition dates subsequent to the adoption and requires changes in valuation allowances for acquired deferred tax assets and acquired income tax uncertainties in a business combination to adjust income tax expense. The Company currently maintains a full valuation allowance against substantially all of its net deferred tax assets. Decreases in the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets that existed at the time of emergence from bankruptcy protection previously reduced intangible assets. Subsequent to the adoption, decreases in the valuation allowance reduce income tax expense. There was no impact from adoption of Topic 805 as there were no business combinations or decreases in the valuation allowance during the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009.

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ITEM 2: MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Unless specified to the contrary, all information herein is reported as of September 16, 2009, which was the end of our most recently completed fiscal quarter.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements made in this report, and other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf, may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Statements regarding future events and developments and our future performance, as well as management's expectations, beliefs, plans, estimates or projections related to the future, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of these laws. These forward-looking statements include and may be indicated by words or phrases such as anticipate, estimate, plans, expects, projects, should, will, believes or intends and similar words and phrases.

All forward-looking statements, as well as our business and strategic initiatives, are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from expected results. Management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable. However, you should not place undue reliance on such statements. These statements are based on current expectations and speak only as of the date of such statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of future events, new information or otherwise. Additional information concerning the risks and uncertainties and other factors that you may wish to consider are described in Item 1A: Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009, and elsewhere in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A number of factors, many of which are described in Item 1A: Risk Factors in the Form 10-K, could cause our actual results to differ materially from the expected results described in our forward-looking statements.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

General. The information below should be read in conjunction with Note 1 to the Financial Statements included in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009.

Emergence from Bankruptcy Protection. On February 21, 2005 (the Petition Date), Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., and 23 then-existing direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, the Debtors) filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (Chapter 11 or the Bankruptcy Code) in the United States Bankruptcy Court (the Court). Two of the then-existing wholly owned subsidiaries of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., (collectively with the Debtors, the Company or Winn-Dixie) did not file petitions under Chapter 11. On November 9, 2006, the Court entered its order confirming the Debtors' modified

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plan of reorganization (the Plan or the Plan of Reorganization). Although certain objecting parties appealed the confirmation order, they did not seek a stay of the order. In the absence of a stay, the Debtors were free to implement the Plan notwithstanding the pendency of the appeals. The Plan became effective and the Debtors emerged from bankruptcy protection on November 21, 2006 (the Effective Date). The appeals remain pending.

Claims Resolution and Plan Distributions. As of September 16, 2009, 46.9 million shares had been distributed by the disbursing agent to holders of allowed unsecured claims that totaled \$929.8 million in allowed amounts; and 7.1 million shares were held in reserve by the disbursing agent to satisfy remaining disputed unsecured claims. The claims resolution process remains on-going with respect to certain unsecured, secured, administrative and priority claims. The claims resolution process will continue until all claims are resolved.

OVERVIEW

We remain committed to our remodel program and other strategic initiatives. Our identical store sales decreased 1.5% for the first quarter of fiscal 2010, due in part to hurricane-related sales in the prior year and a mix shift from branded pharmaceutical products to generics. Though sales were softer than expected, gross margin for the first quarter of fiscal 2010 was 40 basis points higher than the same period in the prior fiscal year, related primarily to lower warehouse and transportation costs and a lower LIFO charge offset by an increase in inventory shrink. Our identical store sales decrease for the first quarter of fiscal 2010 was 1.5% compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year resulting from a decrease in basket size of 1.5%. Transaction count for the first quarter remained unchanged as compared to the prior fiscal year. Operating and administrative expenses for the first quarter of fiscal 2010 increased slightly as compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year, due primarily to higher payroll and payroll-related expenses, primarily related to retail payroll partially offset by storm-related expenses in the prior year.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net sales. Net sales for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, were \$1.6 billion, a decrease of \$34.4 million, or 2.0%, compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. Net sales primarily related to grocery and supermarket items. In aggregate, sales of the pharmacy, fuel, and floral departments comprised approximately 10% of retail sales for all periods reported in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The decrease in our net sales was the result of sales from six stores we closed in fiscal 2009 and a decrease in our identical store sales.

Identical store sales decreased 1.5% for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. We define identical store sales as sales from continuing operations stores, including stores that we remodeled or enlarged during the period and excluding stores that opened or closed during the period.

The decrease in our identical store sales for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, was the result of a decrease in basket size (average sales per customer visit on identical store sales) of 1.5% for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009. Transaction count (number of customer visits on identical store sales) was unchanged for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009.

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Our identical store sales for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009 was negatively impacted by 100 basis points from decreased sales from stores in areas impacted by hurricanes and a tropical storm in the prior fiscal year. In addition, a sales mix shift from brand name pharmaceutical products to generics negatively impacted identical store sales by 50 basis points for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009.

Inflation was a significant contributor to the increase in identical sales during the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009, as compared to the fiscal year ended June 25, 2008. During the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, we have experienced deflation in certain categories and lower inflation in others, which had a negative impact on identical store sales. We expect the food deflation experienced during the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, to be replaced by a low level of food inflation later in fiscal 2010.

Other factors that impacted our identical store sales included, but were not limited to, competitive activity and other general market factors and sales increases related to remodeled stores.

Gross Profit on Sales. Gross profit on sales decreased \$1.5 million for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of net sales, gross margin was 28.3% and 27.9% for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively.

For the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, gross margin improved by approximately 40 basis points as compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. The improvement was attributable to lower warehouse and transportation costs (30 basis points), a lower LIFO charge (30 basis points) and pricing/promotional activity (30 basis points), offset by an increase in inventory shrink (50 basis points). The increase in inventory shrink was comprised of pricing loss due to deflationary pricing (30 basis points) and product loss (20 basis points).

Other Operating and Administrative Expenses. Other operating and administrative expenses increased \$1.0 million for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, as compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year. As a percentage of net sales, other operating and administrative expense was 28.6% and 27.9% for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively.

The increase in operating and administrative expenses for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, as compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year was due primarily to higher payroll and payroll-related expenses, primarily related to increased retail payroll of \$3.1 million, partially offset by storm-related expenses in the prior year of \$1.6 million, which did not recur in the current fiscal year.

Impairment Charges. Impairment charges related to store facilities of \$3.5 million were recorded during the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009. No impairment charges were recorded during the 12 weeks ended September 17, 2008. See Part I, Item 1, Note 4 for further discussion of impairment charges.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net, is primarily interest on long-term and short-term debt and capital leases, offset by interest income. Interest expense, net was \$1.3 million and \$1.0 million for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively. The increase in interest expense, net was primarily related to lower investment income.

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Income Taxes. Income tax benefit was \$682 thousand and \$76 thousand for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively. The effective tax rate was a benefit of 7.8% and 3.2% for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively. The rates reflected the maintenance of a full valuation allowance and the benefit related to certain refundable credits. The 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, also included a benefit related to reduction of an uncertain tax position.

We maintain a full valuation allowance against substantially all of our net deferred tax assets. The valuation allowance will be maintained until there is sufficient positive evidence to conclude that it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax assets will be realized.

As of September 16, 2009, we had net operating loss carryforwards (NOLs) for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$540 million that will begin to expire in fiscal 2025.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Summary

As of September 16, 2009, we had \$668.9 million of liquidity, comprised of \$511.5 million of borrowing availability under the Credit Agreement (defined below) and \$157.4 million of cash and cash equivalents. We anticipate our capital expenditures for the remainder of fiscal 2010 will be funded substantially by cash flows from operations, working capital improvements, and cash and cash equivalents on hand. We believe that we have sufficient liquidity through borrowing availability, available cash and cash flows from operating activities to fund our cash requirements for existing operations and capital expenditures for the remainder of fiscal 2010. Based on borrowing availability and anticipated improvement in operating results, we believe that we will have sufficient resources beyond fiscal 2010 to operate our business and fund our capital-spending program.

Credit Agreement

On the Effective Date, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc., and certain of our subsidiaries entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (Credit Agreement). The Credit Agreement, to be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, provides for a \$725.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility, of which a maximum of \$300.0 million may be utilized for letters of credit. The Credit Agreement matures November 21, 2011, at which time all amounts then outstanding under the agreement will be due and payable. At our request, under certain conditions the facility may be increased by up to \$100.0 million. Obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by substantially all of our subsidiaries and are secured by senior liens on substantially all of our assets. The Credit Agreement contains certain covenants, including an EBITDA financial covenant, which is tested only when Excess Availability falls below \$75.0 million. This Form 10-Q contains only a general description of the terms of the Credit Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full Credit Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed on

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November 28, 2006) and Amendment 1 to the Credit Agreement (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K filed on September 5, 2008). The following capitalized terms have specific meanings as defined in the Credit Agreement: Agent, Borrowing Base, Capital Expenditures, EBITDA, Excess Availability, and Reserves.

We had no material borrowings on the Credit Agreement, other than fees charged by the lender, during the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009.

Borrowing availability was \$511.5 million as of September 16, 2009, as summarized below (in thousands):

| | September 16, 2009 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Lesser of Borrowing Base or Credit Agreement capacity ¹ | \$ 561,508 |
| Outstanding borrowings | |
| Excess Availability | 561,508 |
| Limitation on Excess Availability ² | (50,000) |
| Borrowing availability | \$ 511,508 |

¹ Net of Reserves of \$161.1 million, including \$141.9 million related to outstanding letters of credit.

² Assumes the Credit Agreement's EBITDA covenant is met or is not being tested.

As shown in the table above, availability under the Credit Agreement was determined net of Reserves, which are subject to revision by the Agent to reflect events or circumstances that adversely affect the value of the Borrowing Base assets. Accordingly, a determination by the Agent to increase Reserves would reduce availability.

Letters of credit are considered reserves against the borrowing availability. As of September 16, 2009, letters of credit totaling \$141.9 million were issued under the Credit Agreement. Outstanding letters of credit related primarily to insurance programs including workers' compensation.

Historical Cash Flow Data

The table below sets forth certain Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows data for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, (in thousands):

| | 12 weeks ended | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | September 16, 2009 | September 17, 2008 |
| Cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$ 16,201 | 15,795 |
| Investing activities | (29,607) | (32,207) |
| Financing activities | (12,012) | (22,935) |

Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities of \$16.2 million and \$15.8 million for the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, respectively was due primarily to operating cash flows and changes in working capital items. In addition, cash provided by operations for the 12 weeks ended September 17, 2008, included proceeds from collection of insurance of \$2.2 million.

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Investing Activities. For the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, net cash used in investing activities was \$29.6 million and \$32.2 million, respectively, due primarily to capital expenditures including our store-remodeling program.

Financing Activities. For the 12 weeks ended September 16, 2009, and September 17, 2008, net cash used in financing activities was \$12.0 million and \$22.9 million, respectively, due primarily to a decrease in book overdrafts.

Capital Expenditures. In fiscal 2010, we expect capital expenditures to total approximately \$220 million, a majority of which is for our store-remodeling program and also includes other capital expenditures such as maintenance and other store-related projects, information technology projects, new stores, back-up generators and logistics projects.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Our critical accounting estimates for the first quarter of fiscal 2010 are consistent with those included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009. See Note 7 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-Q for a description of recently adopted accounting standards and the impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

As of September 16, 2009, we had no derivative instruments that increased our exposure to market risks for interest rates, foreign currency rates, commodity prices or other market price risks. We do not use derivatives for speculative purposes. Our current exposure to market risks results primarily from changes in interest rates, principally with respect to our Credit Agreement, which is a variable rate financing agreement. As of September 16, 2009, we had no amount outstanding under the Credit Agreement. We currently do not use swaps or other interest rate protection agreements to hedge this risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of September 16, 2009, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, together with a disclosure review committee appointed by the Chief Executive Officer, evaluated the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of September 16, 2009, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) and are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act, is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter ended September 16, 2009, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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Part II Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Part I, Item 1, Note 6 for a discussion of legal proceedings.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The risks described in Item 1A, Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 24, 2009. Additional information concerning those risks and uncertainties and other factors that you may wish to consider are contained elsewhere in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

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Item 6. Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit | Incorporated by Reference From |
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| 2.1 | Order Confirming Joint Plan of Reorganization of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. and Affiliated Debtors entered November 9, 2006. | Previously filed as Exhibit 99.2 to Form 8-K on November 15, 2006, which Exhibit is herein incorporated by reference. |
| 3.1 | Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. | Previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Form 8-A/A on November 21, 2006, which Exhibit is herein incorporated by reference. |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated By-Laws of Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. | Previously filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Form 8-K on November 12, 2008, which Exhibit is herein incorporated by reference. |
| 31.1 | Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. | |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

WINN-DIXIE STORES, INC.

Date: October 26, 2009

/s/ BENNETT L. NUSSBAUM
Bennett L. Nussbaum
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)

Date: October 26, 2009

/s/ D. MICHAEL BYRUM
D. Michael Byrum
Vice President, Corporate Controller
and Chief Accounting Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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