SUPERVALU INC Form 10-Q October 11, 2001

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period (12 weeks) ended September 8, 2001.

[_] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to to

Commission file number 1-5418

SUPERVALU INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 41-0617000

(State or other jurisdiction of

(I.R.S. Employer identification No.)

incorporation or organization)

11840 VALLEY VIEW ROAD,

EDEN PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA (Address of principal executive offices)

55344

(Zip Code)

(952) 828-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report) $${\rm N/A}$$

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No

The number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of Common Stock as of October 5, 2001 is as follows:

Title of Each Class Shares Outstanding

Common Shares 133,299,913

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1: Financial Statements			
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS			
SUPERVALU INC. and Subsidiaries			
(In thousands, except per share data)		Second quarter	(12 weeks)
	Sept. 8, 2001		
Net sales	\$ 4,715,257	100.00%	\$ 5,333
Costs and expenses Cost of sales Selling and administrative expenses Amortization of goodwill Interest Interest expense Interest income	455,194 11,106 45,942		4,740 442 11
Interest expense, net		0.85	4 4
Total costs and expenses	4,628,056	98.15	5,238
Earnings before income taxes	87,201	1.85	95
Provision for income taxes Current Deferred	30,648 4,408		50 (11
Income tax expense	35,056	0.74	38
Net earnings	\$ 52,145 		\$ 57
Net earnings per common share- diluted	\$ 0.39		\$
Net earnings per common share- basic	\$ 0.39		\$
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding Diluted Basic	134,249 133,130		133 132
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.1400		\$ 0.
All data subject to year-end audit.	See notes to consolidated	financial	

statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS			
SUPERVALU INC. and Subsidiaries			
(In thousands, except per share data)		Year-to-date	
	Sept. 8, 2001		
Net sales	\$11,646,825	100.00%	\$12,28
Costs and expenses	10 202 260	00 20	10 04
Cost of sales		88.28	
Selling and administrative expenses		9.06	
Amortization of goodwill Interest	۷۵, ۶۱۱	0.22	2
Interest Interest expense	108,599	0.93	11:
Interest expense Interest income	12,300	0.11	1:
Interest expense, net		0.83	
Total costs and expenses	11,460,264	98.40	12,074
Earnings before income taxes		1.60	
Provision for income taxes Current	67,542		104
Deferred	7,457		(1
Income tax expense	74,999	0.64	8.5
Net earnings		0.96%	
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Net earnings per common share- diluted	\$ 0.84		\$
Net earnings per common share- basic	\$ 0.84		\$
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding			
Diluted	133,293		13
Basic	132,766		13

Dividends declared per common share

\$ 0.2775

\$ 0.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF NET SALES AND EARNINGS

(In thousands)				
	Se	Second Quarter (ept. 8, 2001		Year-to-
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Net Sales			 	
Retail food % of total		2,157,842 45.8%	40.2%	4
Food distribution % of total -		54.2%	3,192,034 59.8%	 6,668, 5
Total net sales		4,715,257 100.0%	100.0%	10
Earnings			 	
Retail food % of sales	\$	93,695 4.3%	\$ 86,350 4.0%	\$ 185,
Food distribution % of sales		42 , 598 1.7%	 62,575 2.0%	 118,
Subtotal % of sales		136 , 293 2.9%	148,925 2.8%	303,
General corporate expenses		(9,020)	 (8,673)	 (20,
Total operating earnings % of sales		127,273 2.7%	140,252 2.6%	282,
Interest income		5,870	5,430	12,
Interest expense		(45,942)	 (49,869)	 (108,
Earnings before income taxes		87,201	95,813	186,
Provision for income taxes		(35,056)	 (38,517)	 (74,
Net earnings	\$	52 , 145	\$ 57 , 296	\$ 111,

All data subject to year-end audit. See notes to consolidated financial

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

SUPERVALU INC. and Subsidiaries	Second Quarter
(In thousands)	September 8, 2001
Assets	2001
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,383
Receivables, net	487,471
Inventories	1,170,420
Other current assets	138,009
Total current assets	1,818,283
Long-term receivables	162,336
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,162,576
Goodwill	1,545,773
Other assets	347,624
Total assets	\$ 6,036,592
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	
Current Liabilities	
Notes payable	\$ 386,384
Accounts payable	1,191,376
Current debt and obligations under capital leases	55,665
Other current liabilities	291 , 945
Total current liabilities	1,925,370
Long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	1,955,892
Other liabilities and deferred income taxes	279,927
Total stockholders' equity	1,875,403
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 6,036,592

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SUPERVALU INC. and Subsidiaries

(In thousands, except	per share	data)				
	Shares		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Treas Shares	sury Stock Amount	Earnings
BALANCES AT FEBRUARY 26, 2000 Net earnings	150,670	\$150 , 670	\$132 , 226	(16,008)	(\$308 , 788)	\$1,847,371 81,965
Sales of common stock under option plans	-	_	(3,538)	279	7,095	-
Cash dividends declared on common stock- \$.5475 per share	-	-	-	-	-	(72,903)
Compensation under employee incentive plans	-	-	(196)	366	8,271	-
Purchase of shares for treasury		_		(2,933)	(48,678)	-
BALANCES AT FEBRUARY 24, 2001		\$150 , 670	\$128,492	(18,296)	\$ (342,100)	\$1,856,433
Net earnings		-		-	-	111,562
Sales of common stock Under option plans	-	_	(1,356)	457	8,339	-
Cash dividends declared on common stock- \$0.2775 per share	-	-	-	-	-	(36,987)
Compensation under employee incentive plans	_	-	(2,251)	550	9,833	_

Other comprehensive
loss - - - - - - - - -

BALANCES AT

SEPTEMBER 8, 2001 150,670 \$150,670 \$124,885 (17,289) \$ (323,928) \$1,931,008

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Year-to-date (28 weeks ended)

	(28 weeks ended)		
	September 8,	September 9, 2000	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 479,209	\$ 380,653	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Additions to long-term receivables	(21,658)	(31,052)	
Proceeds received on long-term receivables	19,112	18,200	
Proceeds from sale of assets	50,562	20,510	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(125,972)	(187,346)	
Other cash used in investing activities	(30,180)	(72,148)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(108,136)	(251,836)	
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net (decrease) increase in checks outstanding	(119,808)	24,744	
Net (reduction) issuance of short-term notes payable	(192,655)	43,729	
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	10,000	_	
Repayment of long-term debt	(11,973)	(95,499)	
Dividends paid	(36,525)	(36,119)	
Payment for purchase of treasury stock	_	(48,604)	
Other cash used in financing activities	(8,125)	(13,528)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(359,086)	(125,277)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	 11 , 987	3,540	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10,396	10,920	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	\$ 22,383	\$ 14,460	
Supplemental information:			
Pretax LIFO expense	\$ 3 , 882	\$ 1,292	
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All data subject to year-end audit.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting Policies

The summary of significant accounting policies is included in the notes to consolidated financial statements set forth in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of SUPERVALU INC. ("SUPERVALU" or the "company") for its fiscal year ended February 24, 2001 ("fiscal 2001").

Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," became effective for the Company on February 25, 2001. Therefore, at that date, the company's interest rate swap agreements were recorded on its balance sheet at fair value, resulting in recognition of a liability of \$23.5 million, a non-current asset of \$10.8 million, a debit to other comprehensive loss of \$7.7 million, and a deferred tax liability of \$5.0 million. As of June 16, 2001, the swaps were revalued, resulting in a decrease to the liability of \$0.7 million, a decrease to deferred taxes of \$0.2 million and a decrease to other comprehensive income of \$0.5 million. On July 6, 2001, the swaps were terminated, which had no material impact to the company's consolidated financial statements.

Statement of Registrant

The data presented herein is unaudited but, in the opinion of management, includes all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the condensed consolidated financial position of the company and its subsidiaries at September 8, 2001 and September 9, 2000, and the results of the company's operations and condensed cash flows for the periods then ended. These interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results of the fiscal years as a whole.

Restructure and Other Charges

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, the company completed a company-wide asset review to identify assets that did not meet return objectives, provide long-term strategic opportunities, or justify additional capital investment. As a result, the company recorded restructure and other charges of \$171.3 million including \$89.7 million for asset impairment charges, \$52.1 million for lease subsidies, lease cancellation fees, future payments on exited leased facilities and guarantee obligations and \$39.8 million for severance and employee related costs, offset by a reduction in the fiscal 2000 reserve of \$10.3 million for lease subsidies and future payments on exited leased facilities. These actions include a net reduction of approximately 4,500 employees throughout the organization. Management expects the majority of these actions to be completed by the end of fiscal 2002.

Details of the fiscal 2001 restructure activity, after-tax, for fiscal 2002 follow:

(In thousands, except for employees)	Balance February 24, 2001	Fiscal 2002 Activity
Consolidation of distribution centers Exit of non-core retail markets Disposal of non-core assets and other administrative reductions	\$41,499 33,735 16,619	\$ 4,568 18,008 585
Total restructure and other charges	\$91 , 853	\$23 , 161
Employees	4,500	2 , 900

The reserves at the end of second quarter fiscal 2002 for fiscal 2001 restructure charges were \$68.7 million, including \$47.6 million for lease subsidies, lease terminations and future payments on exited leased facilities and \$21.1 million for employee related costs.

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In fiscal 2000, the company recorded pre-tax restructure and other charges of \$103.6 million as a result of an extensive review to reduce costs and enhance efficiencies. This amount was reduced by \$10.3 million in fiscal 2001, primarily for a change in estimate for the closure of a remaining facility, which occurred in the second quarter of fiscal 2002. The restructure charges include costs for facility consolidation, non-core store disposal, and rationalization of redundant and certain decentralized administrative functions.

Details of the fiscal 2000 restructure activity, after-tax, for fiscal 2002 follow:

(In thousands, except for employees)	Balance February 24, 2001		Balance September 8, 2001
Facility consolidation Non-core store disposal Infrastructure realignment	\$11,472 4,404 1,980	\$3,519 1,450 243	\$ 7,953 2,954 1,737
Total restructure and other charges	\$17,856	\$5 , 212	\$12,644
Employees	463	346	117

The reserves at the end of second quarter fiscal 2002 for fiscal 2000 restructure charges were \$12.6 million, including \$8.1 million for lease subsidies, lease terminations and future payments on exited leased facilities and \$4.5 million for severance and employee related costs.

Notes Payable

On August 16, 2001, the company entered into an accounts receivable securitization program, under which the company can borrow up to \$200 million on a revolving basis, with borrowings secured by eliqible accounts receivable. As

of September 8, 2001, the company had \$158 million of borrowings outstanding under this agreement and \$224 million in eligible receivables pledged as collateral.

Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and

Results of Operations

RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER:

For the second quarter of fiscal 2002, the company achieved sales of \$4.7 billion, net earnings of \$52.1 million and diluted earnings per share of \$0.39. Last year, sales were \$5.3 billion, net earnings were \$57.3 million and diluted earnings per share were \$0.43.

Net sales

Net sales decreased 11.6 percent compared to last year. Retail food sales increased 0.8 percent and food distribution sales decreased 19.9 percent.

Retail food sales increased over last year primarily due to new store openings, partly offset by the closure of non-core and underperforming retail stores. In addition, same-store sales turned slightly positive for the quarter. Food distribution sales decreased from last year due to the exit of the Kmart business and the impact of restructuring activities, offset in part by new business. The supply agreement with Kmart terminated June 30, 2001.

Gross profit

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 12.6 percent compared to 11.1 percent last year. The increase was due to the growing proportion of the company's retail business, which operates at a higher gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales than the food distribution business, as well as improved merchandising activities in retail, and the impacts of exiting Kmart in distribution.

Selling and administrative expenses

Selling and administrative expenses, including goodwill amortization, as a percentage of sales were 9.9 percent for the current quarter compared to 8.5 percent last year. The increase in selling and administrative expenses as a

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percentage of sales was due to the growing proportion of the company's retail business, which operates at a higher selling and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales than the food distribution business as well as increases in labor costs and employee benefits.

Operating earnings

The company's pretax operating earnings (earnings before interest and taxes) were \$127.3 million compared to \$140.3 million last year, a 9.3 percent decrease. Operating earnings before depreciation and amortization were \$204.5 million compared with \$219.2 million last year, a 6.7 percent decrease. Retail food operating earnings increased 8.5 percent to \$93.7 million, or 4.3 percent of sales, from last year's \$86.4 million, or 4.0 percent of sales. The increase was primarily a result of higher gross profit margins due to category management

activities, partially offset by increases in labor costs and employee benefits. Retail food operating earnings before depreciation and amortization increased 6.1 percent to \$133.3 million, or 6.2 percent of sales, from last year's \$125.7 million, or 5.9 percent of sales. Food distribution operating earnings decreased 31.9 percent to \$42.6 million, or 1.7 percent of sales, from last year's \$62.6 million, or 2.0 percent of sales, primarily due to the exit of the Kmart business. Food distribution operating earnings before depreciation and amortization decreased 21.8 percent to \$79.4 million, or 3.2 percent of sales, from last year's \$101.5 million, or 3.2 percent of sales.

Interest expense

Interest expense decreased to \$45.9 million compared with \$49.9 million last year due to lower overall borrowing levels and lower interest rates.

Income taxes

The effective tax rate was 40.2 percent in the second quarter, comparable to last year.

Net earnings

Net earnings decreased 9.0 percent to \$52.1 million or \$0.39 per share - diluted compared with last year's net earnings of \$57.3 million or \$0.43 per share - diluted. Cash earnings decreased to \$0.46 per share - diluted compared with last year's \$0.51 per share - diluted. Weighted average shares - diluted increased to 134.2 million compared with last year's 133.1 million.

YEAR TO DATE RESULTS:

Year-to-date for fiscal 2002, the company achieved sales of \$11.6 billion, net earnings of \$111.6 million and diluted earnings per share of \$0.84. Last year, net sales were \$12.3 billion, net earnings were \$127.3 million and diluted earnings per share were \$0.96.

Net sales

Net sales decreased 5.2 percent compared to last year, primarily reflecting the loss of the Kmart business in the second quarter. Retail food sales increased 2.9 percent, while food distribution sales decreased 10.5 percent.

Retail food sales increased over last year primarily due to 106 new store openings over the past twelve months. Same-store sales also turned slightly positive in the second quarter contributing to the retail food sales increase. Food distribution sales decreased from last year primarily due to the Kmart exit.

Gross profit

Gross profit as a percentage of net sales was 11.7 percent compared to 10.9 percent last year. The increase was due to the growing proportion of the company's retail business, which operates at a higher gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales than the food distribution business and distribution expense reductions in the logistics operations.

Selling and administrative expenses

Selling and administrative expenses, including goodwill amortization, as a percentage of sales were 9.3 percent, compared to 8.4 percent last year. The increase in selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of sales was due to the growing proportion of the company's retail business, which operates at a higher selling and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales than the

food distribution business as well as increases in labor costs and employee benefits.

Operating earnings

The company's pretax operating earnings (earnings before interest and taxes) decreased 10.2 percent to \$282.9 million, compared with \$314.9 million last year. Operating earnings before depreciation and amortization decreased to

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\$463.1 million compared with \$490.2 million last year, a 5.5 percent decrease. Retail food operating earnings decreased 5.3 percent to \$185.3 million, or 3.7 percent of sales, from last year's \$195.7 million, or 4.0 percent of sales. The decrease primarily relates to higher promotional, selling and administrative expenses. Retail food operating earnings before depreciation and amortization decreased 2.5 percent to \$276.3 million, or 5.5 percent of sales, from last year's \$283.4 million, or 5.9 percent of sales. Food distribution operating earnings decreased 13.9 percent to \$118.4 million, or 1.8 percent of sales, from last year's \$137.5 million, or 1.8 percent of sales primarily due to the exit of the Kmart business. Food distribution operating earnings before depreciation and amortization decreased 7.8 percent to \$206.1 million, or 3.1 percent of sales, from last year's \$223.5 million, or 3.0 percent of sales.

Interest expense

Interest expense decreased to \$108.6 million compared with \$113.5 million last year due to lower overall borrowing levels and lower interest rates since last year.

Income taxes

The effective tax rate was 40.2 percent, comparable to last year.

Net earnings

Net earnings decreased 12.3 percent to \$111.6 million or \$0.84 per share - diluted compared with last year's net earnings of \$127.3 million or \$0.96 per share - diluted. Cash earnings decreased to \$1.02 per share - diluted compared to last year's \$1.15 per share - diluted. Weighted average shares - diluted increased to 133.3 million compared with last year's 133.1 million.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Internally generated funds from operations continued to be the major source of liquidity and capital growth. Cash provided from operations was \$479.2 million year-to-date, compared with \$380.7 million last year. The increase is reflective of positive impacts on working capital attributable to the exit of the Kmart business as well as restructuring activities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$108.1 million, compared with \$251.8 million last year. The decrease is due to lower purchases of fixed assets and higher proceeds from sales of assets related to restructuring activities. Net cash used in financing activities was \$359.1 million, compared with \$125.3 million last year. The increase in cash used in financing activities reflects higher debt reduction in fiscal 2002.

Management expects that the company will continue to replenish operating assets and reduce aggregate debt with internally generated funds. The company has adequate short-term and long-term financing capabilities to fund its capital expenditures plan. SUPERVALU will continue to use short-term and long-term debt

as a supplement to internally generated funds to finance its activities. Maturities of debt issued will depend on management's views with respect to the relative attractiveness of interest rates at the time of issuance.

The company has established credit facilities with various financial institutions, which are available for general corporate purposes and for the issuance of letters of credit. On August 16, 2001, the company executed a 364-day \$300 million revolving credit agreement that replaced the company's maturing 364-day credit agreement, and amended its existing \$400 million credit facility which expires in October 2002. As of September 8, 2001, the unused available credit under these facilities was \$385 million.

Both credit facilities have rates tied to LIBOR plus a spread of 0.650 to 1.400 percent based on the company's credit ratings as in effect from time to time, and require the company to comply with certain financial and other covenants, including interest expense coverage, leverage and asset coverage ratios. The credit agreements also provide that if the company's long-term senior unsecured debt rating is reduced to BB+ or below by Standard & Poor's or to Bal or below by Moody's Investors Service, borrowings under these facilities will automatically become secured by certain assets of the company and certain of its subsidiaries and guaranteed by certain subsidiaries of the company.

Also on August 16, 2001, the company entered into an accounts receivable securitization program, under which the company can borrow up to \$200 million on a revolving basis, with the borrowings secured by eligible accounts receivable. As of September 8, 2001, the company had \$158 million of borrowings outstanding under this agreement and \$224 million in eligible receivables pledged as collateral.

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Company-Wide Asset Review

In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001, the company completed a company-wide asset review to identify assets that did not meet return objectives, provide long-term strategic opportunities, or justify additional capital investment. As a result the company recorded charges of \$240.1 million pre-tax, or \$153.9 million after tax. The charges are net of a \$10.3 million reversal of the fiscal 2000 restructure charge.

The restructure and other charges of \$171.3 million include \$89.7 million for asset impairment charges, \$52.1 million for lease subsidies, lease cancellation fees, future payments on exited leased facilities and guarantee obligations and \$39.8 million for severance and employee related costs, offset by a reduction in the fiscal 2000 reserve of \$10.3 million for lease subsidies and future payments on exited leased facilities. These actions include a net reduction of approximately 4,500 employees throughout the organization. Management expects the majority of these actions to be completed by the end of fiscal 2002.

The reserves at the end of second quarter fiscal 2002 for fiscal 2001 restructure charges were \$68.7 million, including \$47.6 million for lease subsidies, lease terminations and future payments on exited leased facilities and \$21.1 million for severance and employee related costs.

The reserves at the end of second quarter fiscal 2002 for fiscal 2000 restructure activities were \$12.6 million, including \$8.1 million for lease subsidies, lease terminations and future payments on exited leased facilities and \$4.5 million for severance and employee related costs.

New accounting standards

Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," became effective for the Company on February 25, 2001. Therefore, at that date, the company's interest rate swap agreements were recorded on its balance sheet at fair value, resulting in recognition of a liability of \$23.5 million, a non-current asset of \$10.8 million, a debit to other comprehensive loss of \$7.7 million, and a deferred tax liability of \$5.0 million. As of June 16, 2001, the swaps were revalued, resulting in a decrease to the liability of \$0.7 million, a decrease to deferred taxes of \$0.2 million and a decrease to other comprehensive income of \$0.5 million. On July 6, 2001, the swaps were terminated, which had no material impact to the company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board approved Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." SFAS No. 142 requires companies to cease amortizing goodwill that existed at June 30, 2001. For the Company, this amortization of existing goodwill will cease on February 23, 2002. Any goodwill resulting from an acquisition completed after June 30, 2001 will not be amortized. SFAS No. 142 also establishes a new method of testing goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or on an interim basis if an event occurs or circumstances change that would reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. The adoption of SFAS No. 142 will result in the discontinuation of amortization of goodwill and goodwill will be tested for impairment under the new standard beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2003.

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations," which addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. The standard applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal use of the asset. Statement No. 143 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The Company is required and plans to adopt the provisions of Statement No. 143 in the first quarter of fiscal 2003.

In August 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board approved Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." SFAS No. 144 addresses the financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets and supersedes Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 121 "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of". However, this statement retains the fundamental provisions of SFAS No. 121 for (a) recognition and measurement of the impairment of long-lived assets to be held and used and (b) measurement of long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale.

SFAS No. 144 also supersedes the accounting and reporting provisions of APB Opinion No. 30 "Reporting the Results of Operations-Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions" for the disposal of a segment of a business. However, this Statement retains the requirement of APB No. 30 to report discontinued operations separately from continuing operations and extends that

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reporting to a component of an entity that either has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale. This statement also amends ARB No. 51,

"Consolidated Financial Statements" to eliminate the exception to consolidation for a temporarily controlled subsidiary. The Company is required and plans to adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 144 in the first quarter of fiscal 2003.

The information in this Quarterly Report includes forward-looking statements. The company's businesses are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in such forward looking statements. These include, but are not limited to, the impact of changing economic or business conditions, the impact of competition, the nature and extent of the consolidation of the retail food and food distribution industries, the ability to attract and retain customers for the company's businesses, general economic or political conditions that affect consumer buying habits generally, the ability to control food distribution costs, the ability of the company to grow through acquisition and assimilate acquired entities, the availability of favorable credit and trade terms, food price changes and other risk factors inherent in the food wholesaling and retail businesses, all of which are set forth in further detail in Exhibit 99(i) to this report. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and the company undertakes no obligation to update such statement to reflect events or circumstances arising after such date. Other risks or uncertainties may be detailed from time to time in the company's future Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There were no material changes in market risk for the company in the period covered by this report.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There are no material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business of the Registrant.

Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds

None

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None

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

The Registrant held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 27, 2001 at which the stockholders took the following actions:

(a) elected Charles M. Lillis, Jeffrey Noddle, Steven S. Rogers and Michael W. Wright to the Board of Directors for terms expiring in 2004. The votes cast for and withheld with respect to each such Director were as follows:

	Votes For	Votes Withheld
Charles M. Tillia	110 205 760	0 557 107
Charles M. Lillis	112,385,768 112,378,506	2,557,137 2,564,399
Jeffrey Noddle Steven S. Rogers	112,370,506	2,559,339
Michael W. Wright	112,363,366	2,702,390

The Directors whose terms continued after the meeting are as follows: Lawrence A. Del Santo, Susan E. Engel, Edwin C. Gage, William A. Hodder, Garnett L. Keith, Jr., Richard L. Knowlton, Harriet Perlmutter, and Carole F. St. Mark.

- (b) approved by a vote of 105,358,330 for, 7,926,490 against, and 1,658,085 abstaining, an amendment to the SUPERVALU/Richfood Stock Incentive Plan.
- c) ratified by a vote of 112,434,367 for, 1,856,029 against, and 652,509 abstaining, the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent auditors of Registrant for the fiscal year ending February 23, 2002.

Item 5. Other Information

None

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K.

- (a) Exhibits filed with this Form 10-Q:
 - (11) Computation of Earnings Per Common Share.
 - (99)(i) Cautionary Statements pursuant to the Securities Litigation Reform Act.
- (b) Exhibits to this Form 10-Q incorporated by reference:
 - (4) Form of Credit Agreement, dated as of October 8, 1997, as amended and restated as of August 16, 2001, among the Registrant, the Lenders named therein, the Chase Manhattan Bank, as Agent, and Bank One, NA, as Syndication Agent, is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 17, 2001.
- (c) Reports on Form 8-K:

On August 20, 2001 the Registrant filed a report on Form 8-K reporting under Item 5. "Other Events" that it had amended its existing \$400 million credit facility and entered into a new 364-day \$300 million revolving credit facility.

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.

SUPERVALU INC. (Registrant)

Dated: October 11, 2001 By: /s/ Pamela K. Knous

Pamela K. Knous
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer
(Authorized officer of
Registrant)

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