## UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended: 09/30/98 Commission file number: 0-22818 THE HAIN FOOD GROUP, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

## Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

22-3240619
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

50 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, New York 11553
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (516) 237-6200

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ 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 requirement for the past 90 days.

Yes $X \quad$ No
Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date.
$13,430,640$ shares of Common Stock \$.01 par value, as of November 12, 1998.

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THE HAIN FOOD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

## ASSETS

| Current assets: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash | \$288, 000 | \$495, 000 |
| Trade accounts receivable, |  |  |
| less allowance for doubtful accounts |  |  |
| of \$530,000 and \$325,000 | 18,060,000 | 13,614,000 |
| Inventories | 18,596,000 | 13,278,000 |
| Other current assets | 2,077,000 | 1,830, 000 |
| Total current assets | 39,021,000 | 29,217,000 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of $\$ 986,000$ and $\$ 834,000$ | 5,538,000 | 1,065,000 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$4,167,000 and \$3,320, 000 | 128,806,000 | 54,253,000 |
| Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization |  |  |
| of \$1,136,000 and \$1,055,000 | 1,856,000 | 1,502,000 |
| Other assets | 2,543,000 | 2,254,000 |
| Total assets | \$177, 764, 000 | \$88, 291, 000 |

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| Current liabilities: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$15,779, 000 | \$9,715, 000 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 5,415, 000 | 4,554,000 |
| Income taxes payable | 678,000 | 410, 000 |
| Total current liabilities | 21,872, 000 | 14,679,000 |
| Long-term debt, less current portion | 56,802, 000 | 16,561,000 |
| Other liabilities | 2,795, 000 | 2,628,000 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,221, 000 | 1,176,000 |
| Total liabilities | 82,690,000 | 35, 044, 000 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |  |
| Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; authorized 5,000,000 shares, no shares issued |  |  |
| Common stock - \$.01 par value, authorized 40,000,000 shares, issued |  |  |
| 13,520,640 and 11,656,299 shares | 135,000 | 117,000 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 85,176,000 | 45,122, 000 |
| Retained earnings | 10, 038, 000 | 8,283,000 |
|  | 95, 349, 000 | 53,522,000 |
| Less: 100,000 shares of treasury stock, at cost | 275,000 | 275,000 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 95, 074, 000 | 53,247,000 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$177, 764, 000 | \$88, 291, 000 |

Note - The balance sheet at June 30, 1998 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date.

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

|  | Three M Sep | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ended } \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1997 |
| Net sales | \$43,496, 000 | \$16,336, 000 |
| Cost of sales | 26,721,000 | 9,862,000 |
| Gross profit | 16,775,000 | 6,474,000 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 11,345, 000 | 4,837,000 |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 152,000 | 48,000 |
| Amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets | 847,000 | 210,000 |
|  | 12,344, 000 | 5,095,000 |
| Operating income | 4,431, 000 | 1,379, 000 |
| Interest expense, net | 1,243, 000 | 420, 000 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 81, 000 | 131, 000 |
|  | 1,324, 000 | 551,000 |
| Income before income taxes | 3,107,000 | 828,000 |
| Provision for income taxes | 1,352,000 | 352,000 |
| Net income | \$1,755, 000 | \$476, 000 |
| Earnings Per Common Share: |  |  |
| Basic | \$0.13 | \$0. 06 |
| Diluted | \$0.12 | \$0.05 |
| Common equivalent shares: |  |  |
| Basic | 13,384, 000 | 8,649,000 |
| Diluted | 15,177, 000 | 9,965, 000 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

|  | Three Months Ended September 30 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1998 | 1997 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES |  |  |
| Net income | \$1,755, 000 | \$476, 000 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income |  |  |
| to net cash provided by (used in) |  |  |
| operating activities: |  |  |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 152,000 | 48, 000 |
| Amortization of goodwill and |  |  |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 81, 000 | 131, 000 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 7,000 |  |
| Other | 11,000 |  |
| Increase (decrease) in cash attributable |  |  |
| to changes in assets and liabilities, |  |  |
| net of amounts applicable to acquired |  |  |
| businesses: |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | 644, 000 | 296,000 |
| Inventories | (870, 000) | (790, 000) |
| Other current assets | $(227,000)$ | (172, 000 ) |
| Other assets | (289, 000) | 30, 000 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (1,980, 000) | (1,471, 000) |
| Income taxes payable | 268,000 | 293,000 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) |  |  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES |  |  |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired | (20,439, 000) | $(37,000)$ |
| Acquisition of property and equipment | (76,000) | $(20,000)$ |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(20,515,000)$ | $(57,000)$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES |  |  |
| Proceeds from bank revolving credit facility |  | 1,550,000 |
| Payment of bank revolving credit facility | (650, 000) |  |
| Proceeds from senior term loan | 60,000, 000 |  |
| Payment of senior term loan | $(18,600,000)$ | (1,509, 000) |
| Costs in connection with bank financing | $(435,000)$ | (251, 000 ) |
| Proceeds from exercise of warrants and options, net of related expenses | 311,000 | 1,293,000 |
| Payment of debt of acquired company | $(20,678,000)$ |  |
| Other - net | $(39,000)$ | (112, 000 ) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 19,909,000 | 971, 000 |
| Net (decrease) in cash | $(207,000)$ | $(35,000)$ |
| Cash at beginning of year | 495,000 | 219,000 |
| Cash at end of year | \$288, 000 | \$184, 000 |

[^0]THE HAIN FOOD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNADUITED)
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

|  | Common Shares | Stock Amount at \$. 01 | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Treas Shares | Stock Amount | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance at June 30, 1998 | 11,656,299 | \$117, 000 | \$45,122, 000 | \$8,283, 000 | 100,000 | (\$275, 000) | \$53, 247, 000 |
| ```Issuance of 1,716,111 shares in connection with acquisitions of businesses``` | 1,716,111 | 17,000 | 39,733, 000 |  |  |  | 39,750, 000 |
| ```Exercise of Common Stock warrants, net of related expenses``` | 90,930 | 1,000 | 88,000 |  |  |  | 89,000 |
| Exercise of stock options | 57,300 | - | 222,000 |  |  |  | 222,000 |
| Non-cash compensation charge |  |  | 11,000 |  |  |  | 11,000 |
| Net income for the period |  |  |  | 1,755,000 |  |  | 1,755,000 |
| Balance at |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 1998 | 13,520,640 | \$135,000 | \$85,176, 000 | \$10, 038, 000 | 100, 000 | (\$275, 000) | \$95, 074, 000 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

The Company and its subsidiaries operate as one business segment: the sale of natural and other food products. A substantial portion of the products are manufactured by various co-packers.

The Company's natural food product lines consist of Hain Pure Foods, Westbrae Natural, Arrowhead Mills, DeBoles Nutritional Foods, Earth's Best (baby foods), and Garden of Eatin'. Other product lines include Hollywood Foods (principally healthy cooking oils), Weight Watchers (dry and refrigerated products), Estee (sugar-free, medically directed foods), Kineret (kosher foods), Terra Chips (natural vegetable chips), and Boston Popcorn (snack products).

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION:

All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, except share and per share amounts.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (including normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Reference is made to the footnotes to the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and subsidiaries as at June 30, 1998 and for the year then ended included in the Company's Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for information not included in these condensed footnotes.
3. START UP COSTS:

In April 1998, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued SOP 98-5, "Reporting Costs of Start-up Activities" ("SOP 98-5"). SOP 98-5 is effective beginning on July 1, 1999, and requires the start-up costs capitalized prior to such date be written-off as a cumulative effect of an accounting change as of July 1, 1999 and any future start-up costs to be expensed as incurred. It is not practicable to estimate what effect this change will have on fiscal 2000 earnings, however, had SOP 98-5 been adopted at the beginning of the three month period ended September 30, 1998, income before income taxes charge would have been reduced by approximately \$473,000.
4. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME:

On July 1, 1998, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standard Statement No. 130 ("FAS 130")
"Reporting Comprehensive Income." FAS 130 establishes new rules for the reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components; however, the adoption of FAS 130 had no impact on the Company's net income or stockholders' equity.
5. ACQUISITIONS:

On July 1, 1998, the Company acquired the following businesses and brands from The Shansby Group and other investors; Arrowhead Mills (natural foods), DeBoles Nutritional Foods (natural pasta products), Terra Chips (natural vegetable chips) and Garden of Eatin', Inc. (natural snack products). The aggregate purchase price, including acquisition costs, for these businesses amounted to approximately $\$ 61.5$ million. The purchase price was paid by the issuance of 1,716,111 shares of the Company's common stock with a market value of $\$ 39.75$ million and approximately $\$ 21.7$ million in cash. In addition, the Company repaid approximately $\$ 20.8$ million of outstanding debt of the acquired businesses. To finance the acquisition, the Company entered into a $\$ 75$ million credit facility with its bank providing for a $\$ 60$ million Term Loan and a $\$ 15$ million revolving credit line.

On October 14, 1997, the Company completed a tender offer for all of the shares of Westbrae Natural, Inc. ("Westbrae), a publicly-owned company, for $\$ 3.625$ per share of common stock. The aggregate cash purchase price, including acquisition costs, amounted to approximately $\$ 24$ million. In addition, the Company repaid approximately $\$ 2.1$ million of outstanding Westbrae debt. Westbrae (formerly known as Vestro Natural Foods, Inc.) is a leading formulator and marketer of high quality natural and organic foods sold under the brand names Westbrae Natural, Westsoy, Little Bear and Bearitos, encompassing 300 food items such as non-dairy beverages, chips, snacks, beans and soups.

Unaudited pro forma results of operations (in thousands, except per share amounts) for the three months ended September 30, 1997, assuming the above acquisitions had occurred as of July 1, 1997 are as follows:

| Net sales | $\$ 42,191$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Net income | 731 |
| Net income per share (diluted) | $\$ .06$ |

The pro forma operating results shown above are not necessarily indicative of operations in the periods following acquisition.

The above acquisitions have been accounted for as purchases and, therefore, operating results have been included in the accompanying financial statements from the dates of acquisition. Goodwill arising from the acquisitions is being amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years.
6. INVENTORIES:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } 30 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } 30 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Finished goods | \$12,445, 000 | \$10, 006, 000 |
| Raw materials and packaging | 6,151, 000 | 3,272, 000 |
|  | \$18,596,000 | \$13, 278, 000 |


|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. } 30 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } 30 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Senior Term Loan | \$60, 000, 000 | \$18,600, 000 |
| Revolving Credit | 1,700, 000 | 2,350, 000 |
| Notes payable to sellers in connection with acquisition of companies and other |  |  |
| long-term debt | 517,000 | 165,000 |
|  | 62,217,000 | 21,115,000 |
| Current portion | 5,415, 000 | 4,554,000 |
|  | \$56, 802, 000 | \$16,561, 000 |

On July 1, 1998, in connection with the acquisitions of businesses from The Shansby Group, the Company and its bank entered into a $\$ 75$ million Amended and Restated Credit Facility ("Facility") providing for a $\$ 60$ million senior term loan and a $\$ 15$ million revolving credit line. The entire senior term loan was borrowed on that date to pay the cash portion of the purchase price of the acquisitions, fund closing costs, repay debt of the acquired businesses, and to repay the then existing balance (\$18.6 million) on the Facility. The interest rate on the Facility is based partially on the ratio of outstanding debt to operating cash flow (as defined). The Company may elect to pay interest based on the bank's base rate or the LIBOR rate. Borrowings on a base rate basis may range from $0.50 \%$ below the bank's base rate to $1.00 \%$ above the bank's base rate. Borrowings on a LIBOR basis may range from $1.75 \%$ to $3.00 \%$ over the LIBOR rate. The entire senior term loan is currently borrowed on a LIBOR basis. The senior term loan is repayable in quarterly principal installments commencing on December 31, 1998 through maturity of the Facility on September 30, 2005. Pursuant to the revolving credit line, the Company may borrow up to $85 \%$ of eligible trade receivables and $60 \%$ of eligible inventories. Amounts outstanding under the Facility are collateralized by principally all of the Company's assets. The Facility contains certain financial and other restrictive covenants, which, among other matters, restrict the payment of dividends and the incurrence of additional indebtedness. The Company is also required to maintain various financial ratios, including minimum working capital and interest and fixed charge coverage ratios and is required to achieve certain earnings levels. As of September 30, 1998, $\$ 13.3$ million was available under the Company's revolving credit line.

In February 1997, the FASB issued Statement No. 128, "Earnings Per Share" ("FAS 128"). FAS 128 replaced the previous reporting of primary and fully diluted earnings per share with basic and diluted earnings per share Unlike primary earnings per share, basic earnings per share excludes any dilutive effects of options and warrants. Diluted earnings per share is very similar to the previously reported fully diluted earnings per share. All earnings per share amounts for all periods have been presented, and where necessary restated, to conform to FAS 128 requirements.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share pursuant to FAS 128 for the three months ended September 30, 1998 and 1997:

|  | 1998 | 1997 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Numerator: |  |  |
| Net income - numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share | \$1,755, 000 | \$476, 000 |
| Denominator: |  |  |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares outstanding during the period (a) | 13,384, 000 | 8,649,000 |
| Effect of dilutive securities (b) : |  |  |
| Stock options | 1,028,000 | 849,000 |
| Warrants | 765, 000 | 467, 000 |
|  | 1,793,000 | 1,316,000 |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares and assumed conversions | 15,177,000 | 9,965,000 |
| Basic earnings per share: | \$ 0.13 | \$ 0.06 |
| Diluted earnings per share: | \$ 0.12 | \$ 0.05 |

(a) On December 8, 1997, the Company issued 2,500,000 shares of common stock in connection with a public offering. On July 1, 1998, the Company issued $1,716,111$ shares in connection with the acquisition of four companies
(b) The increase in the amount of dilutive potential shares in the 1998 period was substantially attributable to an increase in the market price of the Company's common stock over the year earlier period.

In connection with the Facility with its bank, the Company issued a warrant to the bank to purchase 114,294 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of $\$ 12.294$. The value ascribed to this warrant of approximately $\$ 377,000$ is being amortized over 6 years. In July 1998, in a cashless exercise of the warrant, the Company issued 63,467 shares to the bank.

In July 1998, warrants for 27,283 shares of the Company's common stock were exercised for aggregate proceeds of approximately $\$ 89,000$. These warrants were issued in fiscal 1994 to an affiliate of the Company's former investment banking firm at a price of $\$ 3.25$ per share.

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

## Results of Operations

Three Months Ended September 30, 1998
The Company made the following acquisitions during the twelve-month period ended September 30, 1998:

| Date of Acquisition | Business Acquired |
| :---: | :---: |
| October 14, 1997 | Westbrae Natural, Inc. |
| July 1, 1998 | Arrowhead Mills, Inc. |
| July 1, 1998 | Dana Alexander, Inc. ("Terra Chips") |
| July 1, 1998 | Garden of Eatin', Inc. |
| July 1, 1998 | DeBoles Nutritional Foods, Inc. |

All of the foregoing acquisitions ("the acquisitions" or "acquired businesses") have been accounted for as purchases. Consequently, the operations of the acquired businesses are included in the results of operations from their respective dates of acquisition. Each of the acquired businesses markets and sells natural food products. In addition, on June 1, 1998, the Company entered into a license agreement with H.J. Heinz Company to market and sell Earth's Best baby food products to natural food stores.

Sales for the current quarter increased by $\$ 27.2$ million (166\%) as compared to the 1997 quarter. Substantially all of the increase was attributable to the acquisitions.

Gross profit increased by $\$ 10.3$ million compared with the 1997 quarter, principally because of increased sales volume. Gross profit percentage for the quarter amounted to $38.6 \%$, compared with $39.6 \%$ on the 1997 quarter. There were no significant factors giving rise to this change. Gross profit margins on the acquired businesses are substantially in line with the Company's other product lines.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by $\$ 6.5$ million, compared with the 1997 quarter. A substantial portion of the increase was attributable to the acquisitions. Such expenses, as a percentage of net sales, amounted to $26.1 \%$ in the current quarter compared with $29.6 \%$ in the 1997 quarter. The improvement of $3.5 \%$ results from certain of the acquired businesses having lower selling expenses than the Company's other product lines, and the realization of reduced administrative expenses from integration of certain operations of the acquired businesses within the Company's existing infrastructure. Not all of the administrative functions of the businesses acquired on July 1, 1998 have been integrated yet. The Company anticipates that additional cost savings will be realized with the total amount aggregating approximately $\$ 6$ million annually, but the timing of which is not presently determinable.

Amortization of goodwill increased by approximately $\$ 637,000$ compared with the 1997 quarter. Substantially all of the increase was attributable to amortization of goodwill acquired in connection with the acquisitions. Amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets amounted to $1.9 \%$ of net sales, compared with $1.3 \%$ in the 1997 quarter.

Operating income increased by $\$ 3.1$ million compared to the 1997 quarter. A substantial portion of the increase relates to the significantly higher sales volume. Operating income, as a percentage of net sales, amounted to 10.2\%, an increase of $1.8 \%$ over the 1997 quarter. This resulted principally from the lower selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales, offset by slightly lower gross margin percentage and higher goodwill amortization resulting from the acquisitions.

Interest and financing costs in the current quarter increased by $\$ 0.8$ million compared with the 1997 quarter. This increase was largely attributable to senior bank debt incurred in connection with the acquisitions, offset by reduced interest costs resulting from the prepayment in April 1998 of the Company's $12.5 \%$ subordinated debentures. The debentures were paid off with the proceeds of senior bank debt carrying a lower interest rate.

Income taxes, as a percentage of pre-tax income, amounted to $43.5 \%$ compared to $42.5 \%$ in the 1996 quarter. The income tax rate utilized for the current quarter is based on the Company's estimate of the effective income tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. The higher effective rate in the current quarter, compared with the 1997 quarter, results from the nondeductibility for income tax purposes of goodwill amortization in connection with the acquisitions.

Net income in the current quarter increased by approximately $\$ 1.3$ million, and amounted to $4.0 \%$ of net sales, compared with $2.9 \%$ in the 1997 quarter. This resulted from the higher level of operating income discussed above, less increased interest costs and a marginally higher effective income tax rate.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

In October 1997, in connection with the acquisition of Westbrae, the Company entered into an amended and restated credit facility with its bank providing for a $\$ 30$ million senior term loan and a $\$ 10$ million revolving credit line. The Facility replaced the Company's existing facility with the same bank. In December 1997, the Company issued 2.5 million shares of common stock in a public offering, which raised approximately $\$ 20.9$ million, which was used to pay down the senior term loan. In April 1998, the Company re-borrowed approximately $\$ 9$ million under the senior term loan to prepay the Company's $\$ 8.5$ million subordinated debentures.

On July 1, 1998, in connection with the acquisitions, the facility was further amended (as amended the "Facility") to provide for a $\$ 60$ million senior term loan and a $\$ 15$ million revolving credit line. The entire senior term loan was borrowed on that date to pay the cash portion of the purchase price of the acquisitions, fund closing costs, and to repay the then existing balance on the Facility. At September 30, 1998, $\$ 60$ million was outstanding under the senior term loan and $\$ 1.7$ million was outstanding under the revolving credit line.

The interest rate on the Facility is based partially on the ratio of outstanding debt to operating cash flow (as defined). The Company may elect to pay interest based on the bank's base rate or the LIBOR rate. Borrowings on a base rate basis may range from $0.50 \%$ below the bank's base rate to $1.00 \%$ above the bank's base rate. Borrowings on a LIBOR basis may range from 1.75\% to $3.00 \%$ over the LIBOR rate. The entire senior term loan is currently borrowed on a LIBOR basis.

The senior term loan is repayable in quarterly principal installments (the first principal payment commences on December 31, 1998) through maturity of the Facility on September 30, 2005. Pursuant to the Facility, the Company may borrow under its revolving credit line up to $85 \%$ of eligible trade receivables and $60 \%$ of eligible inventories.

Amounts outstanding under the Facility are collateralized by principally all of the Company's assets. The Facility also contains certain financial and other restrictive covenants. As of September 30, 1998, $\$ 13.3$ million was available under the Company's revolving credit line. Utilization of the revolving credit line varies over the course of the year based on inventory requirements.

The aggregate principal payments on the senior term loan for the twelve months ending September 30, 1999 are $\$ 3.5$ million. The Company anticipates that cash flow from operations will be sufficient to meet all of its debt service and operating requirements.

Working capital at September 30, 1998 amounted to approximately $\$ 17.1$ million, which is deemed adequate to serve the Company's operational needs. Prior to the acquisitions, the Company purchased all of its products from independent co-packers and did not invest in plant or equipment relating to the manufacture of products for sale. The Company has not as yet determined whether it will continue production at the plants acquired in the acquisitions or will delegate such production to independent co-packers. Consequently, there may be some level of capital expenditures in connection with the operation of those plants, but the amount is not considered material in relation to the Company's operations.

The Facility imposes limitations on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and requires that the Company comply with certain financial tests and restrictive covenants. As at September 30, 1998, the Company was in compliance with such covenants.

Year 2000
The "Year 2000" issue is the result of computer systems that were programmed in prior years using a two digit representation for the year. Consequently, in the Year 2000, date sensitive computer programs may interpret the date "00" as 1900 rather than 2000. The Company has completed an assessment of its system affected by the Year 2000 issue and have found only minor issues to be addressed. The Company believes the business operation computer programs/systems are Year 2000 compliant. Certain systems of the acquired businesses are not Year 2000 compliant. However, the Company will integrate the computer functions of such businesses prior to the end of 1999. Accordingly, it is anticipated that Year 2000 issues will not have a material adverse impact of the Company's financial position, liquidity or results of operations.

The Company has initiated formal communications with all of its significant suppliers and large customers to determine the extent to which the Company's interface systems are vulnerable to those third parties' failure to remediate their own Year 2000 issues. While the Company believes that the Year 2000 issue will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, liquidity or results of operations, there is no guarantee that the systems of other companies on which the Company's systems rely will be timely converted and would not have an adverse effect on the Company's systems.

## Seasonality

Sales of food products consumed in the home generally decline to some degree during the Summer vacation months. However, the Company believes that such seasonality has a limited effect on operations.

## Inflation

The Company does not believe that inflation had a significant impact on the Company's results of operations for the periods presented.

Item 6. - Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K
(a) Exhibits

Financial Data Schedule (Exhibit 27)
(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On July 14, 1998, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K describing the acquisition, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, of Arrowhead Mills, Inc. and Garden of Eatin', Inc. As provided in the Agreement, the Company issued $1,716,111$ shares of Common Stock of the Company. In connection with the merger, the Company entered into its Third Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Term Loan Agreement with its bank.

On July 23, 1998, the Company filed Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-K, which amended it report filed on July 14, 1998 to provide the requisite financial statements of the businesses acquired and related pro forma financial information.

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.

THE HAIN FOOD GROUP, INC.

Date: November 13, 1998
/s/ Irwin D. Simon
Irwin D. Simon,
President and Chief Executive Officer
/s/ Gary M. Jacobs Gary M. Jacobs, Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer


[^0]:    See notes to consolidated financial statements.

