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**UNITED STATES**  
**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 April 30, 2015**

**OR**

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

**Commission file number: 000-33385**

**CALAVO GROWERS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**California**  
**(State of incorporation)**

**33-0945304**  
**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

**1141-A Cummings Road**

**Santa Paula, California 93060**

**(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)**

**(805) 525-1245**

**(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 (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

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

Registrant's number of shares of common stock outstanding as of April 30, 2015 was 17,383,295

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in Item 2, contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. If the risks or uncertainties ever materialize or the assumptions prove incorrect, the results of Calavo Growers, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries (Calavo, the Company, we, us or our) may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements and assumptions. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are statements that could be deemed forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, any projections of revenue, margins, expenses, earnings, earnings per share, tax provisions, cash flows, currency exchange rates, the impact of acquisitions or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations, including execution of restructuring and integration plans; any statements regarding current or future macroeconomic trends or events and the impact of those trends and events on Calavo and its financial performance; any statements regarding pending investigations, claims or disputes; any statements of expectation or belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Risks, uncertainties and assumptions include the impact of macroeconomic trends and events; the competitive pressures faced by Calavo's businesses; the development and transition of new products and services (and the enhancement of existing products and services) to meet customer needs; integration and other risks associated with business combinations; the hiring and retention of key employees; the resolution of pending investigations, claims and disputes; and other risks that are described herein, including, but not limited to, the items discussed in Item 1A, *Risk Factors*, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014, and those detailed from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Calavo assumes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements.

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|   | <b>April 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>October 31,<br/>2014</b> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                           |                             |
| Current assets:   |                           |                             |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 9,269                  | \$ 6,744                    |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$3,411 (2015) and \$3,248 (2014) | 80,493                    | 56,618                      |
| Inventories, net  | 31,045                    | 30,975                      |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                   | 20,909                    | 19,528                      |
| Advances to suppliers   | 76                        | 3,258                       |
| Income taxes receivable   | 2,460                     | 2,627                       |
| Deferred income taxes   | 3,294                     | 3,294                       |
| Total current assets  | 147,546                   | 123,044                     |
| Property, plant, and equipment, net   | 60,855                    | 57,352                      |
| Investment in Limoneira Company   | 39,653                    | 44,355                      |
| Investment in unconsolidated entities                                       | 18,360                    | 18,380                      |
| Deferred income taxes   | 13,932                    | 12,287                      |
| Goodwill  | 18,262                    | 18,262                      |
| Other assets  | 8,954                     | 9,784                       |
|   | <b>\$ 307,562</b>         | <b>\$ 283,464</b>           |
| <b>Liabilities and shareholders equity</b>                                  |                           |                             |
| Current liabilities:  |                           |                             |
| Payable to growers  | \$ 25,078                 | \$ 6,660                    |
| Trade accounts payable  | 19,125                    | 15,065                      |
| Accrued expenses  | 20,605                    | 25,303                      |
| Short-term borrowings   | 45,150                    | 35,900                      |
| Dividend payable  |                           | 12,970                      |
| Current portion of long-term obligations                                    | 4,635                     | 5,099                       |
| Total current liabilities   | 114,593                   | 100,997                     |
| Long-term liabilities:  |                           |                             |
| Long-term obligations, less current portion                                 | 1,168                     | 2,791                       |
| Total long-term liabilities   | 1,168                     | 2,791                       |

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|---|------------|------------|
| Commitments and contingencies   |            |            |
| Noncontrolling interest, Calavo Salsa Lisa  | 270        | 270        |
| Shareholders' equity:   |            |            |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000 shares authorized; 17,383 (2015) and 17,295 (2014) shares issued and outstanding | 17         | 17         |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 145,906    | 144,496    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | 9,657      | 12,713     |
| Retained earnings   | 35,951     | 22,180     |
| Total shareholders' equity  | 191,531    | 179,406    |
|   | \$ 307,562 | \$ 283,464 |

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated condensed financial statements.*

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|   | <b>Three months ended</b> |             | <b>Six months ended</b> |             |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>April 30,</b>          |             | <b>April 30,</b>        |             |
|   | <b>2015</b>               | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b>             | <b>2014</b> |
| Net sales   | \$ 221,589                | \$ 194,894  | \$ 416,380              | \$ 363,059  |
| Cost of sales   | 198,614                   | 176,002     | 375,600                 | 330,526     |
| Gross margin  | 22,975                    | 18,892      | 40,780                  | 32,533      |
| Selling, general and administrative                   | 9,986                     | 9,145       | 19,496                  | 17,437      |
| Contingent consideration related to RFG acquisition   |                           | 7,036       |                         | 16,254      |
| Operating income (loss)                               | 12,989                    | 2,711       | 21,284                  | (1,158)     |
| Interest expense                                      | (236)                     | (292)       | (459)                   | (548)       |
| Other income, net                                     | 309                       | 270         | 426                     | 405         |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                     | 13,062                    | 2,689       | 21,251                  | (1,301)     |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes                  | 4,590                     | 1,433       | 7,480                   | (643)       |
| Net income (loss)                                     | 8,472                     | 1,256       | 13,771                  | (658)       |
| Add: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest |                           | 298         |                         | 446         |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Calavo Growers, Inc | \$ 8,472                  | \$ 1,554    | \$ 13,771               | \$ (212)    |
| Calavo Growers, Inc. s net income (loss) per share:   |                           |             |                         |             |
| Basic   | \$ 0.49                   | \$ 0.10     | \$ 0.80                 | \$ (0.01)   |
| Diluted   | \$ 0.49                   | \$ 0.09     | \$ 0.79                 | \$ (0.01)   |
| Number of shares used in per share computation:       |                           |             |                         |             |
| Basic   | 17,300                    | 15,755      | 17,298                  | 15,755      |
| Diluted   | 17,382                    | 17,176      | 17,343                  | 15,755      |

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## CALAVO GROWERS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)

|   | Three months ended |                | Six months ended |                |
|---|--------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
|   | April 30, 2015     | April 30, 2014 | April 30, 2015   | April 30, 2014 |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ 8,472           | \$ 1,256       | \$ 13,771        | \$ (658)       |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax:  |                    |                |                  |                |
| Unrealized holding income (loss) on available for sales investments arising during period | 3,699              | 3,803          | (4,702)          | (5,825)        |
| Income tax benefit (expense) related to items of other comprehensive income (loss)        | (1,295)            | (1,483)        | 1,646            | 2,272          |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax   | 2,404              | 2,320          | (3,056)          | (3,553)        |
| Comprehensive income (loss)   | 10,876             | 3,576          | 10,715           | (4,211)        |
| Add: Net loss noncontrolling interest   |                    | 298            |                  | 446            |
| Comprehensive income (loss) Calavo Growers, Inc.  | \$ 10,876          | \$ 3,874       | \$ 10,715        | \$ (3,765)     |

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## CALAVO GROWERS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)

|  | Six months ended<br>April 30, |          |
|--|-------------------------------|----------|
|  | 2015                          | 2014     |
| <b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>   |                               |          |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 13,771                     | \$ (658) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities: |                               |          |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 3,965                         | 3,378    |
| Provision for losses on accounts receivable  | 30                            |          |
| Loss from unconsolidated entities  | 20                            | 12       |
| Interest on contingent consideration   |                               | 18       |
| Contingent consideration and non-cash compensation related to the acquisition of RFG     |                               | 16,442   |
| Stock-based compensation expense   | 719                           | 303      |
| Deferred income taxes  |                               | (6,518)  |
| Effect on cash of changes in operating assets and liabilities:                           |                               |          |
| Accounts receivable  | (23,905)                      | (9,033)  |
| Inventories, net   | (70)                          | (3,588)  |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  | (1,381)                       | (2,771)  |
| Advances to suppliers  | 3,182                         | 3,174    |
| Income taxes receivable  | 623                           | 2,036    |
| Other assets   | 25                            | 78       |
| Payable to growers   | 18,419                        | 4,628    |
| Trade accounts payable and accrued expenses  | (638)                         | 5,762    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 14,760                        | 13,263   |
| <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>   |                               |          |
| Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment   | (6,663)                       | (5,464)  |
| Investment in unconsolidated entity  |                               | (125)    |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (6,663)                       | (5,589)  |
| <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>   |                               |          |
| Payment of dividend to shareholders  | (12,970)                      | (11,005) |
| Proceeds on revolving credit facilities, net   | 9,250                         | 7,040    |
| Payments on long-term obligations  | (2,087)                       | (1,928)  |
| Exercise of stock options  | 235                           | 114      |
| Net cash used in financing activities  | (5,572)                       | (5,779)  |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents  | 2,525                         | 1,895    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period   | 6,744                         | 8,019    |

|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period           | \$ 9,269   | \$ 9,914   |
| <b>Noncash Investing and Financing Activities:</b> |            |            |
| Tax benefit related to stock based compensation    | \$ 456     | \$ 175     |
| Unrealized investment holding losses               | \$ (4,702) | \$ (5,825) |

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(UNAUDITED)**

**1. Description of the business**

***Business***

Calavo Growers, Inc. (Calavo, the Company, we, us or our), is a global leader in the avocado industry and an expanding provider of value-added fresh food. Our expertise in marketing and distributing avocados, prepared avocados, and other perishable foods allows us to deliver a wide array of fresh and prepared food products to food distributors, produce wholesalers, supermarkets, and restaurants on a worldwide basis. We procure avocados principally from California and Mexico. Through our various operating facilities, we sort, pack, and/or ripen avocados, tomatoes, pineapples and/or Hawaiian grown papayas. Additionally, we also produce salsa and prepare ready-to-eat produce and deli products.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared by the Company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting of adjustments of a normal recurring nature necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year. These statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014.

***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

In July 2013, the FASB issued a new accounting standard requiring the presentation of certain unrecognized tax benefits as reductions to deferred tax assets rather than as liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss or a tax credit carryforward exists. The adoption of this standard had no impact on our financial statements.

***Recently Issued Accounting Standards***

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) amended the existing accounting standards for revenue recognition. The amendments are based on the principle that revenue should be recognized to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. We are required to adopt the amendments in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. Early adoption is not permitted. The amendments may be applied retrospectively to each prior period presented or retrospectively with the cumulative effect recognized as of the date of initial application. We do not expect the adoption of these amendments to have a material impact on our financial statements.

In April 2014, the FASB issued guidance which changes the criteria for identifying a discontinued operation. The guidance limits the definition of a discontinued operation to the disposal of a component or group of components that is disposed of or is classified as held for sale and represents a strategic shift that has, or will have, a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. We are required to adopt the guidance in the first quarter of fiscal 2016, with early adoption permitted for transactions that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our financial statements

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We report our operations in three different business segments: (1) Fresh products, (2) Calavo Foods, and (3) RFG. These three business segments are presented based on how information is used by our Chief Executive Officer to measure performance and allocate resources. The Fresh products segment includes all operations that involve the distribution of avocados and other fresh produce products. The Calavo Foods segment represents all operations related to the purchase, manufacturing, and distribution of prepared products, including guacamole and salsa. The RFG segment represents all operations related to the manufacturing and distribution of fresh-cut fruit, ready-to-eat vegetables, recipe-ready vegetables and deli meat products. Selling, general and administrative expenses, as well as other non-operating income/expense items, are evaluated by our Chief Executive Officer in the aggregate. We do not allocate assets, or specifically identify them to, our operating segments. The following table sets forth sales by product category, by segment (in thousands):

|                       | Three months ended April 30, 2015 |              |           |            | Three months ended April 30, 2014 |              |           |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|
|                       | Fresh products                    | Calavo Foods | RFG       | Total      | Fresh products                    | Calavo Foods | RFG       | Total      |
| Third-party sales:    |                                   |              |           |            |                                   |              |           |            |
| Avocados              | \$ 125,744                        | \$           | \$        | \$ 125,744 | \$ 106,713                        | \$           | \$        | \$ 106,713 |
| Tomatoes              | 9,606                             |              |           | 9,606      | 12,590                            |              |           | 12,590     |
| Papayas               | 1,898                             |              |           | 1,898      | 3,139                             |              |           | 3,139      |
| Pineapples            | 635                               |              |           | 635        | 1,858                             |              |           | 1,858      |
| Other fresh products  | 107                               |              |           | 107        | 80                                |              |           | 80         |
| Food service          |                                   | 12,126       |           | 12,126     |                                   | 12,674       |           | 12,674     |
| Retail and club       |                                   | 5,458        | 69,468    | 74,926     |                                   | 5,533        | 56,339    | 61,872     |
| Total gross sales     | 137,990                           | 17,584       | 69,468    | 225,042    | 124,380                           | 18,207       | 56,339    | 198,926    |
| Less sales incentives | (137)                             | (2,691)      | (625)     | (3,453)    | (428)                             | (3,090)      | (514)     | (4,032)    |
| Net sales             | \$ 137,853                        | \$ 14,893    | \$ 68,843 | \$ 221,589 | \$ 123,952                        | \$ 15,117    | \$ 55,825 | \$ 194,894 |

|                       | Six months ended April 30, 2015 |              |            |            | Six months ended April 30, 2014 |              |            |            |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|                       | Fresh products                  | Calavo Foods | RFG        | Total      | Fresh products                  | Calavo Foods | RFG        | Total      |
| Third-party sales:    |                                 |              |            |            |                                 |              |            |            |
| Avocados              | \$ 228,169                      | \$           | \$         | \$ 228,169 | \$ 196,077                      | \$           | \$         | \$ 196,077 |
| Tomatoes              | 15,659                          |              |            | 15,659     | 19,096                          |              |            | 19,096     |
| Papayas               | 4,418                           |              |            | 4,418      | 6,424                           |              |            | 6,424      |
| Pineapples            | 1,630                           |              |            | 1,630      | 2,755                           |              |            | 2,755      |
| Other fresh products  | 334                             |              |            | 334        | 144                             |              |            | 144        |
| Food service          |                                 | 23,648       |            | 23,648     |                                 | 22,645       |            | 22,645     |
| Retail and club       |                                 | 11,120       | 138,620    | 149,740    |                                 | 11,055       | 112,872    | 123,927    |
| Total gross sales     | 250,210                         | 34,768       | 138,620    | 423,598    | 224,496                         | 33,700       | 112,872    | 371,068    |
| Less sales incentives | (708)                           | (5,252)      | (1,258)    | (7,218)    | (822)                           | (5,727)      | (1,460)    | (8,009)    |
| Net sales             | \$ 249,502                      | \$ 29,516    | \$ 137,362 | \$ 416,380 | \$ 223,674                      | \$ 27,973    | \$ 111,412 | \$ 363,059 |



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|  | <b>Fresh<br/>products</b> | <b>Calavo<br/>Foods</b> | <b>RFG</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Three months ended April 30, 2015</b> |                           |                         |            |              |
| Net sales                                | \$ 137,853                | \$ 14,893               | \$ 68,843  | \$ 221,589   |
| Cost of sales                            | 126,954                   | 9,280                   | 62,380     | 198,614      |
| Gross margin                             | \$ 10,899                 | \$ 5,613                | \$ 6,463   | \$ 22,975    |
| <b>Three months ended April 30, 2014</b> |                           |                         |            |              |
| Net sales                                | \$ 123,952                | \$ 15,117               | \$ 55,825  | \$ 194,894   |
| Cost of sales                            | 114,269                   | 11,294                  | 50,439     | 176,002      |
| Gross margin                             | \$ 9,683                  | \$ 3,823                | \$ 5,386   | \$ 18,892    |

For the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, inter-segment sales and cost of sales for Fresh products totaling \$9.3 million and \$8.6 million were eliminated. For the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, inter-segment sales and cost of sales for Calavo Foods totaling \$3.8 million and \$3.9 million were eliminated.

|  | <b>Fresh<br/>products</b> | <b>Calavo<br/>Foods</b> | <b>RFG</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Six months ended April 30, 2015</b> |                           |                         |            |              |
| Net sales                              | \$ 249,502                | \$ 29,516               | \$ 137,362 | \$ 416,380   |
| Cost of sales                          | 229,886                   | 20,310                  | 125,404    | 375,600      |
| Gross margin                           | \$ 19,616                 | \$ 9,206                | \$ 11,958  | \$ 40,780    |
| <b>Six months ended April 30, 2014</b> |                           |                         |            |              |
| Net sales                              | \$ 223,674                | \$ 27,973               | \$ 111,412 | \$ 363,059   |
| Cost of sales                          | 207,783                   | 21,558                  | 101,185    | 330,526      |
| Gross margin                           | \$ 15,891                 | \$ 6,415                | \$ 10,227  | \$ 32,533    |

For the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, inter-segment sales and cost of sales for Fresh products totaling \$19.1 million and \$17.6 million were eliminated. For the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, inter-segment sales and cost of sales for Calavo Foods totaling \$7.5 million and \$7.6 million were eliminated.

**3. Inventories**

Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

|             | <b>April 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>October 31,<br/>2014</b> |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fresh fruit | \$ 17,087                 | \$ 15,640                   |

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|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Packing supplies and ingredients | 6,570     | 6,324     |
| Finished prepared foods          | 7,388     | 9,011     |
|                                  | \$ 31,045 | \$ 30,975 |

During the three and six-month periods ended April 30, 2015, we were not required to and did not record any provisions to reduce our inventories to the lower of cost or market. During the three and six-month periods ended April 30, 2014, we recorded \$0.3 million in provisions to reduce our inventories to the lower of cost or market.



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Certain members of our Board of Directors market avocados through Calavo pursuant to marketing agreements substantially similar to the marketing agreements that we enter into with other growers. During the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, the aggregate amount of avocados procured from entities owned or controlled by members of our Board of Directors was \$5.7 million and \$0.8 million. During the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, the aggregate amount of avocados procured from entities owned or controlled by members of our Board of Directors was \$6.3 million and \$1.2 million. Amounts payable to these board members were \$3.2 million and \$0.6 million as of April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014.

During the three and six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, we received \$0.1 million as dividend income from Limoneira Company (Limoneira). In addition, we lease office space from Limoneira and paid rental expenses of \$0.1 million for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014. Harold Edwards, who is a member of our Board of Directors, is the Chief Executive Officer of Limoneira.

In the third quarter of 2015, we expect to finalize a joint venture agreement with Agricola Belher (Belher). Such joint venture will operate under the name of Agricola Don Memo. As of April 30, 2015, we have advanced \$5.8 million for construction of greenhouses (bridge loan). In fiscal 2015, the bridge loan will be replaced with a loan from an institutional lender and the bridge loan will be immediately repaid. The advance of \$5.8 million has been recorded as a receivable in prepaid and other current assets. During the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, we had tomato sales of \$9.6 million and \$12.6 million. During the six ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, we had tomato sales of \$15.7 million and \$19.1 million. Amounts payable to Belher was \$2.1 million as of April 30, 2015. We had grower advances due from Belher of \$3.0 million as of October 31, 2014. We had infrastructure advances due from Belher of \$1.7 million and \$2.5 million as of April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014. Of these infrastructure advances \$0.8 million was recorded as receivable in prepaid and other current assets. The remaining portion of these infrastructure advances are recorded in other assets.

The three previous owners and current executives of RFG have a majority ownership of certain entities that provide various services to RFG. RFG's California operating facility leases a building from LIG partners, LLC (LIG) pursuant to an operating lease. LIG is majority owned by an entity owned by such three executives of RFG. For the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, total rent paid to LIG was \$0.1 million. For the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, total rent paid to LIG was \$0.3 million. RFG's Texas operating facility leases a building from THNC, LLC (THNC) pursuant to an operating lease. THNC is majority owned by an entity owned by such three executives of RFG. For the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, total rent paid to THNC was \$0.1 million. For the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, total rent paid to THNC was \$0.2 million. Additionally, RFG sells cut produce and purchases raw materials, obtains transportation services, and shares costs for certain utilities with Third Coast Fresh Distribution (Third Coast). Third Coast is majority owned by an entity owned by such three executives of RFG. For the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, total sales made to Third Coast were \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million. For the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, total sales made to Third Coast were \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million. For the three months April 30, 2015 and 2014, total purchases made from Third Coast were less than \$0.1 million. For the six months April 30, 2015 and 2014, total purchases made from Third Coast were \$0.1 million. Amounts due from Third Coast were \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million at April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014. Amounts due to Third Coast were less than \$0.1 million at April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014.

**5. Other assets**

Other assets consist of the following (in thousands):

|                                  | <b>April 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>October 31,<br/>2014</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Intangibles, net                 | \$ 5,270                  | \$ 5,925                    |
| Grower advances                  | 494                       | 642                         |
| Loan to Agricola Belher          | 845                       | 845                         |
| Loan to FreshRealm members       | 301                       | 296                         |
| Notes receivable from San Rafael | 1,273                     | 1,343                       |
| Other                            | 771                       | 733                         |
|                                  | <b>\$ 8,954</b>           | <b>\$ 9,784</b>             |

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Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

|                             | Weighted-Average Useful Life | April 30, 2015       |                     |                | October 31, 2014     |                     |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                             |                              | Gross Carrying Value | Accum. Amortization | Net Book Value | Gross Carrying Value | Accum. Amortization | Net Book Value |
| Customer list/relationships | 8.0 years                    | \$ 7,640             | \$ (3,802)          | \$ 3,838       | \$ 7,640             | \$ (3,323)          | \$ 4,317       |
| Trade names                 | 8.4 years                    | 2,760                | (2,032)             | 728            | 2,760                | (1,900)             | 860            |
| Trade secrets/recipes       | 13.0 years                   | 630                  | (245)               | 385            | 630                  | (220)               | 410            |
| Brand name intangibles      | indefinite                   | 275                  |                     | 275            | 275                  |                     | 275            |
| Non-competition agreements  | 5.0 years                    | 267                  | (223)               | 44             | 267                  | (204)               | 63             |
| Intangibles, net            |                              | \$ 11,572            | \$ (6,302)          | \$ 5,270       | \$ 11,572            | \$ (5,647)          | \$ 5,925       |

We have recorded \$0.3 million of amortization expense for the second quarter of 2015. We have recorded \$0.7 million of amortization expense for the six months ended of fiscal 2015. We anticipate recording amortization expense of approximately \$0.7 million for the remainder of fiscal 2015, with \$1.2 million of amortization expense for fiscal year 2016. We anticipate recording amortization expense of approximately \$1.1 million for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2018. We anticipate recording amortization expense of approximately \$0.7 million for fiscal year 2019. We anticipate recording the total remaining amortization expense of approximately \$0.2 million for fiscal year 2020 through 2023.

## 6. Stock-Based Compensation

In April 2011, our shareholders approved the Calavo Growers, Inc. 2011 Management Incentive Plan (the 2011 Plan). All directors, officers, employees and consultants (including prospective directors, officers, employees and consultants) of Calavo and its subsidiaries are eligible to receive awards under the 2011 Plan. Up to 1,500,000 shares of common stock may be issued by Calavo under the 2011 Plan.

On February 6, 2015, our executive officers were granted a total of 55,394 restricted shares. These shares have full voting rights and participate in dividends as if unrestricted. The closing price of our stock on such date was \$40.17. These shares vest in one-third increments, on an annual basis, beginning January 8, 2016. These shares were granted pursuant to our 2011 Management Incentive Plan. The total recognized stock-based compensation expense for these grants was \$0.2 million for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015.

On January 20, 2015, all 12 of our non-employee directors were granted 1,750 restricted shares each (total of 21,000 shares). These shares have full voting rights and participate in dividends as if unrestricted. The closing price of our stock on such date was \$40.39. On January 1, 2016, as long as the directors are still serving on the board, these shares lose their restriction and become non-forfeitable and transferable. These shares were granted pursuant to our 2011 Management Incentive Plan. The total recognized stock-based compensation expense for these grants was \$0.3 million for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015.

Stock options are granted with exercise prices of not less than the fair market value at grant date, generally vest over one to five years and generally expire two to five years after the grant date. We settle stock option exercises with

newly issued shares of common stock.

We measure compensation cost for all stock-based awards at fair value on the date of grant and recognize compensation expense in our consolidated statements of operations over the service period that the awards are expected to vest. We measure the fair value of our stock based compensation awards on the date of grant.

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A summary of stock option activity, related to our 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, is as follows (in thousands, except for per share amounts):

|                                 | Number of Shares | Weighted-Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic Value |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Outstanding at October 31, 2014 | 17               | \$ 17.22                              |                              |
| Exercised                       | (6)              | \$ 16.00                              |                              |
| Outstanding at April 30, 2015   | 11               | \$ 17.94                              | \$ 559                       |
| Exercisable at April 30, 2015   | 9                | \$ 19.28                              | \$ 457                       |

At April 30, 2015, outstanding stock options had a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 3.5 years. At April 30, 2015, exercisable stock options had a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 3.1 years. The total recognized stock-based compensation expense was insignificant for the three months ended April 30, 2015.

A summary of stock option activity, related to our 2011 Management Incentive Plan, is as follows (in thousands, except for per share amounts):

|                                 | Number of Shares | Weighted-Average<br>Exercise<br>Price | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic Value |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Outstanding at October 31, 2014 | 20               | \$ 22.64                              |                              |
| Exercised                       | (6)              | \$ 21.80                              |                              |
| Outstanding at April 30, 2015   | 14               | \$ 23.00                              | \$ 389                       |
| Exercisable at April 30, 2015   | 4                | \$ 23.48                              | \$ 109                       |

At April 30, 2015, outstanding stock options had a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 5.8 years. At April 30, 2015, exercisable stock options had a weighted-average remaining contractual term of 4.2 years. The total recognized stock-based compensation expense was \$0.1 million for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015.

**7. Other events***Dividend payment*

On December 8, 2014, we paid a \$0.75 per share dividend in the aggregate amount of \$13.0 million to shareholders of record on November 17, 2014.

*Contingencies*

In January 2015, various class action lawsuits, which have been consolidated into a single lawsuit during our second fiscal quarter, were initiated against the company related to the restatement of previously-issued Financial Statements.

**8. Fair value measurements**

A fair value measurement is determined based on the assumptions that a market participant would use in pricing an asset or liability. A three-tiered hierarchy draws distinctions between market participant assumptions based on (i) observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets (Level 1), (ii) inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly (Level 2) and (iii) unobservable inputs that require the Company to use present value and other valuation techniques in the determination of fair value (Level 3).

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The following table sets forth our financial assets and liabilities as of April 30, 2015 that are measured on a recurring basis during the period, segregated by level within the fair value hierarchy:

|  | Level 1                                  | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total     |
|--|--|---------|---------|-----------|
|  | (All amounts are presented in thousands) |         |         |           |
| <b>Assets at Fair Value:</b>                   |  |         |         |           |
| Investment in Limoneira Company <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 39,653                                | \$      | \$      | \$ 39,653 |
| Total assets at fair value                     | \$ 39,653                                | \$      | \$      | \$ 39,653 |

- (1) The investment in Limoneira Company consists of marketable securities in the Limoneira Company stock. We currently own approximately 12% of Limoneira's outstanding common stock. These securities are measured at fair value by quoted market prices. Limoneira's stock price at April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014 equaled \$22.94 per share and \$25.66 per share. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized through other comprehensive income. Unrealized investment holding income arising during the three months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$3.7 million and \$3.8 million. Unrealized investment holding losses arising during the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$4.7 million and \$5.8 million.

The following table sets forth our financial assets as of April 30, 2015 that are measured on a non-recurring basis during the period, segregated by level within the fair value hierarchy:

|   | Level 1                                  | Level 2 | Level 3   | Total     |
|---|--|---------|-----------|-----------|
|   | (All amounts are presented in thousands) |         |           |           |
| <b>Assets at Fair Value:</b>            |  |         |           |           |
| Investment in FreshRealm <sup>(2)</sup> | \$                                       | \$      | \$ 16,962 | \$ 16,962 |
| Total assets at fair value              | \$                                       | \$      | \$ 16,962 | \$ 16,962 |

- (2) We estimated the fair value of our noncontrolling interest in FreshRealm by performing a forecast projection analysis when FreshRealm was deconsolidated in fiscal 2014. This analysis was conducted with the consultation from a third party consulting firm. Increases or decreases in the fair value calculation can result from changes in assumed discount periods and rates, changes in the assumed timing and amount of revenue and expense estimates. Significant judgment is employed in determining the appropriateness of these assumptions. Our investment in FreshRealm has been recorded as investment in unconsolidated subsidiaries on our balance sheet. The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of the contingent consideration for RFG:

**Interest**

|                              | <b>Balance<br/>at<br/>October 31,<br/>2013</b> |    | <b>Revalue<br/>Adjustment</b> | <b>Balance<br/>April 30,<br/>2014</b> |
|------------------------------|--|----|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                              | (All amounts are presented in thousands)       |    |                               |                                       |
| RFG contingent consideration | \$ 15,602                                      | \$ | \$ 16,442                     | \$ 32,044                             |
| Total                        | \$ 15,602                                      | \$ | \$ 16,442                     | \$ 32,044                             |

There was no contingent consideration expense for the first six months ended of fiscal 2015. In fiscal 2014, RFG's former owners received the maximum earn-out payment permitted pursuant to the acquisition agreement, as amended, and there will be no future expenses related to this acquisition.



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The following table reconciles shareholders' equity attributable to noncontrolling interest related to the Salsa Lisa acquisition and FreshRealm, LLC (in thousands).

**Salsa Lisa noncontrolling interest**

|  | <b>Three months<br/>ended<br/>April 30, 2015</b>   | <b>Three months<br/>ended<br/>April 30, 2014</b>   |
|--|--|--|
| Noncontrolling interest, beginning               | \$ 270   | \$ (69)  |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest |  | (35)   |
| Noncontrolling interest, ending                  | \$ 270   | \$ (104)   |
|  | <b>Six months<br/>ended<br/>April 30,<br/>2015</b> | <b>Six months<br/>ended<br/>April 30,<br/>2014</b> |
| Noncontrolling interest, beginning               | \$ 270   | \$ (57)  |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest |  | (47)   |
| Noncontrolling interest, ending                  | \$ 270   | \$ (104)   |

**FreshRealm noncontrolling interest**

|   | <b>Three months<br/>ended<br/>April 30, 2015</b> | <b>Three months<br/>ended<br/>April 30, 2014</b> |
|---|--|--|
| Noncontrolling interest, beginning                            | \$   | \$ (316)   |
| Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest of<br>FreshRealm |  | (263)  |
| Noncontrolling interest, ending                               | \$   | \$ (579)   |
|   | <b>Six months<br/>ended<br/>April 30, 2015</b>   | <b>Six months<br/>ended<br/>April 30, 2014</b>   |
| Noncontrolling interest, beginning                            | \$   | \$ (180)   |
| Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest of<br>FreshRealm |  | (399)  |

|                                 |    |    |       |
|---------------------------------|----|----|-------|
| Noncontrolling interest, ending | \$ | \$ | (579) |
|---------------------------------|----|----|-------|

**10. Subsequent events**

We have evaluated subsequent events to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Such events were evaluated through the date these financial statements were issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that require recognition in the financial statements.

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This information should be read in conjunction with the unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements and the notes thereto included in this Quarterly Report, and the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2014 of Calavo Growers, Inc. (we, Calavo, or the Company).

**Recent Developments***Dividend payment*

On December 8, 2014, we paid a \$0.75 per share dividend in the aggregate amount of \$13.0 million to shareholders of record on November 17, 2014.

*Net Sales*

The following table summarizes our net sales by business segment for each of the three and six-month periods ended April 30, 2015 and 2014:

| (in thousands)                | Three months ended April 30, |              |                   | Six months ended April 30, |              |                   |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|                               | 2015                         | Change       | 2014              | 2015                       | Change       | 2014              |
| Net sales to third-parties:   |                              |              |                   |                            |              |                   |
| Fresh products                | \$ 137,853                   | 11.2%        | \$ 123,952        | \$ 249,502                 | 11.5%        | \$ 223,674        |
| Calavo Foods                  | 14,893                       | (1.5)%       | 15,117            | 29,516                     | 5.5%         | 27,973            |
| RFG                           | 68,843                       | 23.3%        | 55,825            | 137,362                    | 23.3%        | 111,412           |
| <b>Total net sales</b>        | <b>\$ 221,589</b>            | <b>13.7%</b> | <b>\$ 194,894</b> | <b>\$ 416,380</b>          | <b>14.7%</b> | <b>\$ 363,059</b> |
| As a percentage of net sales: |                              |              |                   |                            |              |                   |
| Fresh products                | 62.2%                        |              | 63.6%             | 59.9%                      |              | 61.6%             |
| Calavo Foods                  | 6.7%                         |              | 7.8%              | 7.1%                       |              | 7.7%              |
| RFG                           | 31.1%                        |              | 28.6%             | 33.0%                      |              | 30.7%             |
|                               | 100.0%                       |              | 100.0%            | 100.0%                     |              | 100.0%            |

*Summary*

Net sales for the three months ended April 30, 2015, compared to fiscal 2014, increased by \$26.7 million, or 13.7%. Net sales for the six months ended April 30, 2015, compared to fiscal 2014, increased by \$53.3 million, or 14.7%. The increases in sales, when compared to the same corresponding prior year periods, are related to increases in sales from primarily the Fresh products and RFG segments.

For the quarter ended April 30, 2015, our largest percentage increase in sales was RFG sales, followed by our Fresh Products segment, as shown above. Our increase in RFG sales was due primarily to increased sales from cut fruit and vegetables platters, as well as an increase in sales of deli products. Our increase in Fresh product sales during the second quarter of fiscal 2015, was due primarily to increased sales of California sourced avocados. Partially offsetting

this increase in Fresh product sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2015, however, were decreases in sales of tomatoes, Chilean sourced avocados, pineapples and papayas. See discussion below for further details.

For the six months ended April 30, 2015, our largest percentage increase in sales was RFG sales, followed by our Fresh Products segment, as shown above. Our increase in RFG sales was due primarily to increased sales from cut fruit and vegetables platters, as well as an increase in sales of deli products. Our increase in Fresh product sales during the six months ended April 30, 2015 was due primarily to increased sales of California and Mexican sourced

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avocados. Partially offsetting this increase in Fresh product sales for the six months ended April 30, 2015, however, were decreases in sales of tomatoes, Chilean sourced avocados, pineapples and papayas. We experienced an increase in our Calavo Foods segment during the six months ended April 30, 2015, which was due primarily to an increase in the sales of our guacamole products. See discussion below for further details.

While the procurement of fresh avocados related to our Fresh products segment is very seasonal, our Calavo Foods business is generally not subject to a seasonal effect.

Net sales to third parties by segment exclude value-added services billed by our Uruapan packinghouse and our Uruapan processing plant to the parent company. All intercompany sales are eliminated in our consolidated results of operations.

### *Fresh products*

#### Second Quarter 2015 vs. Second Quarter 2014

Net sales delivered by the Fresh products business increased by approximately \$13.9 million, or 11.2%, for the second quarter of fiscal 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. As discussed above, this increase in Fresh product sales during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 was primarily related to increased sales of California sourced avocados, partially offset by decreases in sales from tomatoes, pineapples, papayas and Chilean sourced avocados.

Sales of California sourced avocados increased \$20.5 million, or 145.8%, for the second quarter of 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. The increase in California sourced avocados was due to an increase in pounds sold. California sourced avocados sales reflect an increase in 15.1 million pounds of avocados sold, or 136.1%, when compared to the same prior year period. We attribute most of this increase in volume to the cyclically larger California avocado crop for fiscal 2015. In addition to this increase, was the increase in the sales price per carton, which increased by approximately 4.1%. We attribute this increase primarily to an overall increase in the demand for avocados.

Partially offsetting this increase were decreases in sales of tomatoes, pineapples and papayas. Sales of tomatoes, decreased \$3.0 million, or 23.7%, sales of pineapples decreased \$1.2 million, or 65.8%, and sales of papayas decreased \$1.1 million, or 38.0%, for the second quarter of fiscal 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. The decrease in sales for tomatoes, pineapples and papayas are primarily due to decreases in the number of cartons sold. We attribute all of these decreases in cartons sold due to weather related issues.

Sales of Chilean sourced avocados decreased \$1.0 million, or 99.9% for the second quarter of 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. The decrease in Chilean sourced avocados was due to a decrease in pounds sold. Chilean sourced avocados sales reflect a decrease in 1.0 million pounds of avocados sold, when compared to the same prior year period. This decrease in sales is due to the high availability of other avocado sources, and an increased focus on Mexican and California sourced avocados for the three months ended April 30, 2015.

#### Six Months Ended 2015 vs. Six Months Ended 2014

Net sales delivered by the Fresh products business increased by approximately \$25.8 million, or 11.5%, for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. As discussed above, this increase in Fresh product sales during the six months ended April 30, 2015, was primarily related to increased sales of California and Mexican sourced avocados, partially offset by decreases in sales from tomatoes, Chilean sourced avocados, papayas, and pineapples.

Sales of California sourced avocados increased \$20.3 million, or 129.8%, for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. The increase in California sourced avocados was due to an increase in pounds sold. California sourced avocados sales reflect an increase in 14.8 million pounds of avocados

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sold, or 118.4%, when compared to the same prior year period. We attribute most of this increase in volume to the cyclically larger California avocado crop for fiscal 2015. In addition to this increase, was the increase in the sales price per carton, which increased by approximately 5.2%. We attribute this increase primarily to an overall increase in the demand for avocados.

Sales of Mexican sourced avocados increased \$14.3 million, or 8.1%, for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. The increase in Mexican sourced avocados was primarily due to an increase in the pounds sold, which increased by approximately 9.2 million pounds of avocados sold, or 6.2%, when compared to the same prior year period. In addition to this increase, was the increase in the sales price per carton, which increased by approximately 1.8%. We attribute this increase primarily to an overall increase in the demand for avocados.

Partially offsetting this increase were decreases in sales of tomatoes, pineapples and papayas. Sales of tomatoes, decreased \$3.4 million, or 18.0%, sales of papayas decreased \$1.7 million, or 29.7% and sales of pineapples decreased \$1.1 million, or 40.8%, for the second quarter of fiscal 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. The decrease in sales for tomatoes, pineapples and papayas are primarily due to decreases in the number of cartons sold. We attribute all of these decreases in cartons sold due to weather related issues.

Sales of Chilean sourced avocados decreased \$2.4 million, or 96.7%, for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. The decrease in Chilean sourced avocados was due to a decrease in pounds sold. Chilean sourced avocados sales reflect a decrease in 2.4 million pounds of avocados sold, when compared to the same prior year period. This decrease in sales is due to the high availability of other avocado sources, and an increased focus on Mexican and California sourced avocados for the six months ended April 30, 2015.

We anticipate that California avocado sales and volume will both experience increases during our third fiscal quarter of 2015 as compared to the second quarter of 2015.

We anticipate that net sales related to Mexican sourced avocados will increase during our third fiscal quarter of 2015, as compared to the second fiscal quarter of 2015. We anticipate that sales of Mexican grown avocados will increase in the third quarter of fiscal 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. We anticipate that sales volume for tomatoes will increase in the third quarter of fiscal 2015, when compared to the same prior year period.

### *Calavo Foods*

#### Six Months Ended 2015 vs. Six Months Ended 2014

Sales for Calavo Foods for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014, increased \$1.5 million, or 5.5%. This increase is due to an increase in sales of prepared guacamole products which increased approximately \$1.5 million, or 5.7%, for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year period. The increase in sales of prepared guacamole was primarily related to an increase in overall pounds sold, which increased 0.7 million pounds, or 5.9%.

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## Second Quarter 2015 vs. Second Quarter 2014

Sales for RFG for the quarter ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014, increased \$13.0 million, or 23.3%. This increase is due primarily to increased sales from cut fruit and deli/food service products. Cut fruit and deli/food service product sales for the quarter ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period in fiscal 2014, increased \$7.9 million, or 28.0% and \$4.1 million, or 55.7%. The overall increase in sales is primarily due to an increase in sales volume. We believe the overall increase in sales volume is primarily due to an increase in demand for the variety of innovative products that we offer.

## Six Months Ended 2015 vs. Six Months Ended 2014

Sales for RFG for the six months ended April 30, 2014, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2013, increased \$26.0 million, or 23.3%. This increase is due primarily to increased sales from cut fruit and deli/food service products. Cut fruit and deli/food service product sales for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period in fiscal 2014, increased \$14.4 million, or 26.1% and \$7.6 million or 51.3%. The overall increase in sales is primarily due to an increase in sales volume. We believe the overall increase in sales volume is primarily due to an increase in demand for the variety of innovative products that we offer.

*Gross Margins*

The following table summarizes our gross margins and gross profit percentages by business segment for each of the three and six-month periods ended April 30, 2015 and 2014:

| (in thousands)             | Three months ended April 30, |              |                  | Six months ended April 30, |              |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
|                            | 2015                         | Change       | 2014             | 2015                       | Change       | 2014             |
| Gross margins:             |                              |              |                  |                            |              |                  |
| Fresh products             | \$ 10,899                    | 12.6%        | \$ 9,683         | \$ 19,616                  | 23.4%        | \$ 15,891        |
| Calavo Foods               | 5,613                        | 46.8%        | 3,823            | 9,206                      | 43.5%        | 6,415            |
| RFG                        | 6,463                        | 20.0%        | 5,386            | 11,958                     | 16.9%        | 10,227           |
| <b>Total gross margins</b> | <b>\$ 22,975</b>             | <b>21.6%</b> | <b>\$ 18,892</b> | <b>\$ 40,780</b>           | <b>25.3%</b> | <b>\$ 32,533</b> |
| Gross profit percentages:  |                              |              |                  |                            |              |                  |
| Fresh products             | 7.9%                         |              | 7.8%             | 7.9%                       |              | 7.1%             |
| Calavo Foods               | 37.7%                        |              | 25.3%            | 31.2%                      |              | 22.9%            |
| RFG                        | 9.4%                         |              | 9.6%             | 8.7%                       |              | 9.2%             |
| Consolidated               | 10.4%                        |              | 9.7%             | 9.8%                       |              | 9.0%             |

*Summary*

Our cost of goods sold consists predominantly of fruit costs, packing materials, freight and handling, labor and overhead (including depreciation) associated with preparing food products and other direct expenses pertaining to products sold. Gross margins increased by approximately \$4.1 million, or 21.6%, for the second quarter of fiscal 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. Gross margins increased by approximately \$8.2 million, or 25.3%, for the first six months of fiscal 2015 when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. These increases in our gross



margin, when compared to the same corresponding prior year periods, are related to increases in gross margin across all segments.

*Fresh products*

During our three and six months ended April 30, 2015, as compared to the same prior year periods, the increase in our Fresh products segment gross margin percentage was primarily the result of increased margins for Mexican

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and California sourced avocados. For the second quarter of 2015, compared to the same prior year period, Mexican sourced avocados gross margin increased from 7.1% in 2014 to 8.5% in 2015. For the six months ended April 30, 2015, compared to the same prior year period, Mexican sourced avocados gross margin increased from 7.4% in 2014 to 9.1% in 2015. In fiscal 2015, we were able to manage the spread between the sales price and the fruit cost of Mexican sourced avocados more effectively. For the second quarter of 2015, compared to the same prior year period, average fruit/production costs decreased 1.7%, while we were able to only decrease sales by approximately 0.2%. For the six months ended April 30, 2015, compared to the same prior year period, average fruit/production costs increased 6.2%, while we were able to increase sales by approximately 8.1%. In addition, the U.S. Dollar to Mexican Peso exchange rate strengthened in the three and six months ended April 30, 2015, as compared to the same prior year periods. Note that any significant fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and the Mexican Peso may have a material impact on future gross margins for our Fresh products segment. In addition to this increase in gross margin from Mexican sourced fruit was an increase in the gross margin for California sourced avocados. Our gross margin for California sourced avocados increased due to an increase in pounds sold, compared to the same period in fiscal 2014. We attribute most of this increase in volume to the cyclically larger California avocado crop for fiscal 2015.

*Calavo Foods*

The Calavo Foods segment gross margin percentage during our three and six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year periods, increased primarily due to a decrease in fruit costs. In addition, for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year periods, production cost per pound decreased by approximately 4.3% and 8.0%. Production costs per pound decreased due the strengthening of the U.S. Dollar compared to the Mexican Peso. In addition, for fiscal year 2015, compared to prior year, the production cost per pound decreased due to an overall increase in pounds produced. We anticipate that the gross margin percentage for our Calavo Foods segment will experience fluctuations during this fiscal year primarily due to the uncertainty of the cost of fruit that will be used in the production process. In addition, any significant fluctuation in the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and the Mexican Peso may have a material impact on future gross margins for our Calavo Foods segment.

*RFG*

The RFG segment gross margin percentage during our three and six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same prior year period, decreased primarily as a result of higher fruit costs, higher fixed costs due to recent capacity expansion, and an increase in labor costs associated with ensuring RFG's product quality standards, as well as an overall increase in production staff to handle the anticipated increase in sales. Sales for RFG for the quarter ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014, increased \$13.0 million, or 23.3%. Sales for RFG for the six months ended April 30, 2014, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2013, increased \$26.0 million, or 23.3%.

*Selling, General and Administrative*

| (in thousands)                      | Three months ended April 30, |        |          | Six months ended April 30, |        |           |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|
|                                     | 2015                         | Change | 2014     | 2015                       | Change | 2014      |
| Selling, general and administrative | \$ 9,986                     | 9.2%   | \$ 9,145 | \$ 19,496                  | 11.8%  | \$ 17,437 |
| Percentage of net sales             | 4.5%                         |        | 4.7%     | 4.7%                       |        | 4.8%      |

Selling, general and administrative expenses include costs of marketing and advertising, sales expenses and other general and administrative costs. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$0.8 million, or 9.2%, for the three months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. This increase was primarily related to higher corporate costs, including, but not limited to, general and administrative costs related to salaries (approximately \$0.7 million), stock option expense (approximately \$0.3 million), and promotions and advertising (approximately \$0.2 million), partially offset by decreases in the start-up operations of FreshRealm (approximately \$0.5 million).

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Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$2.1 million, or 11.8%, for the six months ended April 30, 2015, when compared to the same period for fiscal 2014. This increase was primarily related to higher corporate costs, including, but not limited to, general and administrative costs related to salaries (approximately \$1.3 million), stock option expense (approximately \$0.4 million), accounting fees (approximately \$0.3 million), consulting fees (approximately \$0.3 million), and promotion and advertising (approximately \$0.2 million), partially offset by a decreases in the start-up operations of FreshRealm (approximately \$0.9 million).

**Contingent Consideration Related to RFG Acquisition**

| (in thousands)                                      | Three months ended April 30, |        |          | Six months ended April 30, |        |           |
|---|------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|--------|-----------|
|   | 2015                         | Change | 2014     | 2015                       | Change | 2014      |
| Contingent consideration related to RFG acquisition | \$                           | NM     | \$ 7,036 | \$                         | NM     | \$ 16,254 |
| Percentage of net sales                             |                              |        | 3.6%     |                            |        | 4.5%      |

NM-Not Meaningful

We revalued contingent consideration obligations to their fair value and recorded increases or decreases in the fair value into contingent consideration expense. Increases or decreases in the fair value of the contingent consideration obligations resulted from changes in the assumed timing and amount of revenue and expense estimates, changes in the probability of payment scenarios, as well as changes in capital market conditions, which impacted the discount rate used in the fair valuation. RFG's results substantially exceeded defined thresholds and expectations and, accordingly, RFG's former owners received the maximum earn-out payment permitted pursuant to the acquisition agreement in fiscal 2014. This caused the significant increase in contingent consideration for fiscal 2014. There was no contingent consideration expense for the first six months ended of fiscal 2015. In fiscal 2014, RFG's former owners received the maximum earn-out payment permitted pursuant to the acquisition agreement, as amended, and there will be no future expenses related to this acquisition.

**Provision for Income Taxes**

| (in thousands)   | Three months ended April 30, |        |          | Six months ended April 30, |            |          |
|--|------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------------------|------------|----------|
|  | 2015                         | Change | 2014     | 2015                       | Change     | 2014     |
| Provision for income taxes                             | \$ 4,590                     | 220.3% | \$ 1,433 | \$ 7,480                   | (1,263.3)% | \$ (643) |
| Percentage of income before provision for income taxes | 35.1%                        |        | 53.3%    | 35.2%                      |            | 49.4%    |

For the second quarter of fiscal 2014, our provision for income taxes was \$4.6 million, as compared to \$1.4 million recorded for the comparable prior year period. For the first six months of fiscal 2014, our provision for income taxes was \$7.5 million, as compared to a benefit of \$0.6 million recorded for the comparable prior year period. We expect our effective tax rate to be approximately 35.2% during fiscal 2015. The prior year benefit for income taxes of \$0.6 million is attributable to the revaluation adjustment related to contingent consideration.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Cash provided by operating activities was \$14.8 million for the six months ended April 30, 2015, compared to \$13.3 million provided by operations for the similar period in fiscal 2014. Operating cash flows for the six months ended

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April 30, 2015 reflect our net income of \$13.8 million, net non-cash (depreciation and amortization, stock compensation expense, interest on deferred consideration, provision for losses on accounts receivable, and income from unconsolidated entities) of \$4.7 million and a net decrease in the noncash components of our operating capital of approximately \$3.7 million.

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Our operating capital decrease includes a net increase in accounts receivable of \$23.9 million, an increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$1.3 million, a net decrease in trade accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$0.6 million, and an increase in inventory of \$0.1 million, partially offset by an increase in payable to growers of \$18.4 million, a decrease in advances to suppliers of \$3.2 million, and a decrease in income tax receivable of \$0.6 million.

The increase in our accounts receivable, as of April 30, 2015, when compared to October 31, 2014, primarily reflects higher sales recorded in the month of April 2015, as compared to October 2014. The increase in prepaid and other current assets is mostly due to short term bridge loans to our expected new joint venture Agricola Don Memo. The decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses is primarily related to a decrease in our payables related to tomatoes and Mexican avocados. The increase in payable to growers primarily reflects an increase in California fruit delivered in the month of April 2015, as compared to October 2014.

Cash used in investing activities was \$6.7 million for the six months ended April 30, 2015 and related primarily to the purchase of property, plant and equipment items.

Cash used in financing activities was \$5.6 million for the six months ended April 30, 2015, which related principally to the payment of our \$13.0 million dividend and payments on long-term obligations of \$2.1 million, partially offset by proceeds from our credit facilities totaling \$9.3 million and exercises of stock options of \$0.2 million.

Our principal sources of liquidity are our existing cash balances, cash generated from operations and amounts available for borrowing under our existing credit facilities. Cash and cash equivalents as of April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014 totaled \$9.3 million and \$6.7 million. Our working capital at April 30, 2015 was \$33.0 million, compared to \$22.0 million at October 31, 2014.

We believe that cash flows from operations and available credit facilities will be sufficient to satisfy our future capital expenditures, grower recruitment efforts, working capital and other financing requirements. We will continue to evaluate grower recruitment opportunities and exclusivity arrangements with food service companies to fuel growth in each of our business segments. Our non-collateralized, revolving credit facilities with Farm Credit West, PCA and Bank of America, N.A. expire in February 2016. Under the terms of these agreements, we are advanced funds for both working capital and long-term productive asset purchases. Total credit available under these combined borrowing agreements was \$65 million, with a weighted-average interest rate of 1.7% at April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014. Under these credit facilities, we had \$45.2 million and \$35.9 million outstanding as April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014. These credit facilities contain various financial covenants, the most significant relating to Tangible Net Worth (as defined), Current Ratio (as defined), and Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined). We were in compliance with all such covenants at April 30, 2015.

## **Contractual Obligations**

There have been no material changes to our contractual commitments from those previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended October 31, 2014. For a summary of the contractual commitments at October 31, 2014, see Part II, Item 7, in our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## **Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

See footnote 1 to the consolidated condensed financial statements that are included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.



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Our financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, payable to growers, accounts payable, current and long-term borrowings pursuant to our credit facilities with financial institutions, and long-term, fixed-rate obligations. All of our financial instruments are entered into during the normal course of operations and have not been acquired for trading purposes. The table below summarizes interest rate sensitive financial instruments and presents principal cash flows in U.S. Dollars, which is our reporting currency, and weighted-average interest rates by expected maturity dates, as of April 30, 2015.

| (All amounts in thousands)                           | Expected maturity date April 30, |      |      |      |      |            | Total     | Fair Value |
|--|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------------|-----------|------------|
|  | 2015                             | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | Thereafter |           |            |
| <b>Assets</b>  |                                  |      |      |      |      |            |           |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents (1)                        | \$ 9,269                         | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$         | \$ 9,269  | \$ 9,269   |
| Accounts receivable (1)                              | 80,493                           |      |      |      |      |            | 80,493    | 80,493     |
| Advances to suppliers (1)                            | 76                               |      |      |      |      |            | 76        | 76         |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                   |                                  |      |      |      |      |            |           |            |
| Payable to growers (1)                               | \$ 25,078                        | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$   | \$         | \$ 25,078 | \$ 25,078  |
| Accounts payable (1)                                 | 19,125                           |      |      |      |      |            | 19,125    | 19,125     |
| Current borrowings pursuant to credit facilities (1) | 45,150                           |      |      |      |      |            | 45,150    | 45,150     |
| Fixed-rate long-term obligations (2)                 | 4,635                            | 707  | 98   | 89   | 92   | 182        | 5,803     | 5,886      |

- (1) We believe the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, advances to suppliers, payable to growers, accounts payable, and current borrowings pursuant to credit facilities approximate their fair value due to the short maturity of these financial instruments.
- (2) Fixed-rate long-term obligations bear interest rates ranging from 1.7% to 5.7% with a weighted-average interest rate of 3.0%. We believe that loans with a similar risk profile would currently yield a return of 2.5%. We project the impact of an increase or decrease in interest rates of 100 basis points would result in a change of fair value of approximately \$77,000.

Except as disclosed with the acquisition of Calavo Salsa Lisa we were not a party to any derivative instruments during the fiscal year. It is currently our intent not to use derivative instruments for speculative or trading purposes. Additionally, we do not use any hedging or forward contracts to offset market volatility.

Our Mexican-based operations transact business in Mexican Pesos. Funds are transferred by our corporate office to Mexico on a weekly basis to satisfy domestic cash needs. Historically, the consistency of the spot rate for the Mexican Peso has led to a small-to-moderate impact on our operating results. We do not anticipate using derivative instruments to hedge fluctuations in the Mexican Peso to U.S. Dollar exchange rates during fiscal 2015. Total foreign currency losses for the three months ended April 30, 2015, net of gains, was \$0.2 million. Total foreign currency gains for the three months ended April 30, 2014, net of losses, was less than \$0.1 million. Total foreign currency losses for the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014, net of gains, was \$1.2 million and \$0.1 million.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is



defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended April 30, 2015 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 Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Additionally, we are involved in litigation in the ordinary course of business, none of which we believe will have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

For a discussion of our risk factors, see Part 1, Item 1A Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended October 31, 2014. There have been no material changes from the risk factors set forth in such Annual Report on Form 10-K. However, the risks and uncertainties that we face are not limited to those set forth in the 2014 Form 10-K. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also adversely affect our business and the trading price of our common stock.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

- 10.1 Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement, dated February 6, 2015.
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 7241, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 7241, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Periodic Report Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
- 101 The following financial information from the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Calavo Growers, Inc. for the quarter ended April 30, 2015, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (1) Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets as of April 30, 2015 and October 31, 2014; (2) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Income for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014; (3) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014; (4) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended April 30, 2015 and 2014; and (5) Notes to Unaudited Condensed Financial Statements.

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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.

Calavo Growers, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: June 9, 2015

By /s/ Lecil E. Cole  
Lecil E. Cole  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Chief Executive Officer and President  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: June 9, 2015

By /s/ Arthur J. Bruno  
Arthur J. Bruno  
Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer and  
Corporate Secretary  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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