PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS INC Form 10-Q November 01, 2016

**UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-O QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended September 24, 2016 Commission File Number 0-00981 PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) 59-0324412 Florida (State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 3300 Publix Corporate Parkway 33811 Lakeland, Florida (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (863) 688-1188 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 and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X 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 during the preceding 12 months. Yes X 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. Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer X 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 Х The number of shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding as of October 14, 2016 was 766,663,000.

# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Amounts are in thousands, except par value)

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	September 24, 2016 (Unaudited)	December 26, 2015
ASSETS	(	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$304,561	352,176
Short-term investments	1,588,737	1,376,698
Trade receivables	633,777	723,685
Merchandise inventories	1,662,684	1,740,513
Deferred tax assets	57,235	51,216
Prepaid expenses	36,161	70,145
Total current assets	4,283,155	4,314,433
Long-term investments	5,461,844	5,226,236
Other noncurrent assets	466,088	431,311
Property, plant and equipment	11,769,077	10,712,312
Accumulated depreciation	(4,647,345)	(4,325,014)
Net property, plant and equipment	7,121,732	6,387,298
	\$17,332,819	16,359,278
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$1,510,815	1,675,858
Accrued expenses:		
Contributions to retirement plans	438,213	513,072
Self-insurance reserves	135,974	135,865
Salaries and wages	259,410	131,253
Other	512,873	380,314
Current portion of long-term debt	94,212	56,693
Federal and state income taxes	20,821	9,634
Total current liabilities	2,972,318	2,902,689
Deferred tax liabilities	449,272	425,132
Self-insurance reserves	215,295	214,474
Accrued postretirement benefit cost	101,445	101,725
Long-term debt	165,374	179,753
Other noncurrent liabilities	96,928	104,243
Total liabilities Common stock related to Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)	4,000,632 3,149,480	3,928,016
Common stock related to Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) Stockholders' equity:	5,149,400	2,953,878
Common stock of \$1 par value. Authorized 1,000,000 shares;		
issued 776,443 shares in 2016 and 770,175 shares in 2015	776,443	770,175
Additional paid-in capital	2,840,901	2,556,391
Retained earnings	10,025,390	9,041,497
Treasury stock at cost, 9,297 shares in 2016	(406,402)	
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings	72,336	26,268
Common stock related to ESOP	(3,149,480)	(2,953,878)

Total stockholders' equity Noncontrolling interests Total equity 10,159,1889,440,45323,51936,93113,332,18712,431,262\$17,332,81916,359,278

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (Amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts)

Davagener	Three Months Ended September 24, September 26 2016 2015 (Unaudited)		
Revenues: Sales	\$8,026,548	7,842,135	
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Other operating income	64,101	60,009	
Total revenues	8,090,649	7,902,144	
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of merchandise sold	5,902,079	5,738,223	
Operating and administrative expenses	1,652,933	1,605,795	
Total costs and expenses	7,555,012	7,344,018	
Operating profit	535,637	558,126	
Investment income	29,000	35,372	
Other nonoperating income, net	13,721	7,134	
Earnings before income tax expense	578,358	600,632	
Income tax expense	157,223	188,318	
Net earnings	\$421,135	412,314	
Weighted average shares outstanding	768,941	774,240	
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$0.55	0.53	
Dividends paid per share	\$0.2225	0.20	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS (Amounts are in thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 24, September 26			
	2016	2016 2015		
	(Unaudited)			
Net earnings	\$421,135	412,314		
Other comprehensive earnings:				
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale (AFS) securities net of income taxes of \$13,390 and \$(36,921) in 2016 and 2015, respectively	21,263	(58,631	)	
Reclassification adjustment for net realized gain on AFS securities net of income taxes of \$(2,346) and \$(5,614) in 2016 and 2015, respectively	(3,725)	(8,914	)	
Adjustment to postretirement benefit plan obligation net of income taxes of \$91 in 2015 Comprehensive earnings	 \$438,673	145 344,914		

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (Amounts are in thousands, except per share amounts)

D	Nine Months Ended September 24, September 2 2016 2015 (Unaudited)		
Revenues:	¢ 0 4 9 7 2 0 5 4	24 146 026	
Sales	\$24,873,954	24,146,926	
Other operating income	197,793	185,994	
Total revenues	25,071,747	24,332,920	
Costs and expenses:			
Cost of merchandise sold	18,054,675	17,461,792	
Operating and administrative expenses	4,995,297	4,870,768	
Total costs and expenses	23,049,972	22,332,560	
Operating profit	2,021,775	2,000,360	
Investment income	82,222	116,540	
Other nonoperating income, net	39,737	23,715	
Earnings before income tax expense	2,143,734	2,140,615	
Income tax expense	662,523	696,642	
Net earnings	\$1,481,211	1,443,973	
Weighted average shares outstanding	770,695	775,422	
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$1.92	1.86	
Dividends paid per share	\$0.645	0.59	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS (Amounts are in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 24, September 26		
	2016 2015		
	(Unaudited)		
Net earnings	\$1,481,211	1,443,973	
Other comprehensive earnings:			
Unrealized gain (loss) on AFS securities net of income taxes of \$34,017 and \$(39,387) in 2016 and 2015, respectively	54,019	(62,548)	
Reclassification adjustment for net realized gain on AFS securities net of income taxes of \$(5,007) and \$(20,392) in 2016 and 2015, respectively	(7,951)	(32,379)	
Adjustment to postretirement benefit plan obligation net of income taxes of \$274 in 2015	_	435	
Comprehensive earnings	\$1,527,279	1,349,481	

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Amounts are in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended			
	September 24, September 2			
	2016	2015		
	(Unaudited)			
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Cash received from customers	\$25,024,422	24,146,330		
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(21,995,448)	(21,301,936)		
Income taxes paid	(505,330)	(566,823)		
Self-insured claims paid	(242,803)	(227,008)		
Dividends and interest received	175,698	161,545		
Other operating cash receipts	193,482	181,032		
Other operating cash payments	(31,258)	(15,543)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,618,763	2,377,597		
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Payment for capital expenditures	(1,110,516)	(779,036)		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	4,300	3,161		
Payment for investments	(1,891,611 )	(2,285,154)		
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments	1,352,848	1,497,765		
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,644,979)	(1,563,264)		
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Payment for acquisition of common stock	(722,641)	(682,167)		
Proceeds from sale of common stock	252,803	268,226		
Dividends paid	(497,318)	(458,322)		
Repayment of long-term debt	(40,831)	(25,522)		
Other, net	(13,412)	3,457		
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,021,399)	(894,328)		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(47,615)	(79,995)		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	352,176	407,493		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$304,561	327,498		

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. (Continued) 4

# PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Amounts are in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 24, September 20 2016 2015 (Unaudited)			
Reconciliation of net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Net earnings	\$1,481,211	1,443,973		
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net				
cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	458,694	422,127		
Increase in LIFO reserve	7,020	28,861		
Retirement contributions paid or payable	278,335	282,597		
in common stock Deferred income taxes	(10,889)	(27.006)		
Loss on disposal and impairment of property,	(10,009)	(37,886)		
plant and equipment	2,756	43,564		
Gain on AFS securities	(12,958)	(52,771)		
Net amortization of investments	105,968	102,357		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
providing (requiring) cash:				
Trade receivables	90,128	(45,969)		
Merchandise inventories	70,809	(33,019)		
Prepaid expenses and other noncurrent assets	(18,999))	(7,645)		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	42,951	97,064		
Self-insurance reserves	930	(817)		
Federal and state income taxes	129,501	141,171		
Other noncurrent liabilities	(6,694)	(6,010)		
Total adjustments	1,137,552	933,624		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$2,618,763	2,377,597		

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### (1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Publix Super Markets, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for interim financial reporting. Accordingly, the accompanying statements do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, these statements include all adjustments that are of a normal and recurring nature necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position and results of operations. Due to the seasonal nature of the Company's business, the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 24, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire 2016 fiscal year. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2015.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (2) Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued an Accounting Standards Update (ASU) requiring companies to change the methodology used to measure credit losses on financial instruments. The ASU is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019 with early adoption permitted only for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Company does not expect the adoption of the ASU to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations. The adoption of the ASU will have no effect on the Company's cash flows.

In February 2016, the FASB issued an ASU on lease accounting. The ASU requires the lease rights and obligations arising from lease contracts, including existing and new arrangements, to be recognized as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. The ASU is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018 with early adoption permitted. While the Company is still evaluating the ASU, the Company expects the adoption of the ASU to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition due to the recognition of the lease rights and obligations as assets and liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company does not expect the adoption of the ASU to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations. The adoption of the ASU will have no effect on the Company's cash flows.

In January 2016, the FASB issued an ASU requiring companies to measure equity securities at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net earnings as opposed to other comprehensive earnings. The ASU is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The adoption of the ASU will have an effect on the Company's results of operations. The extent of the effect on results of operations will vary with the changes in the fair value of equity securities. The adoption of the ASU will have no effect on the Company's financial condition or cash flows. In November 2015, the FASB issued an ASU requiring companies to classify deferred tax assets and liabilities in the noncurrent section of the balance sheet. The ASU is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016 with early adoption permitted. The adoption of the ASU will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition and will have no effect on the Company's results of operations and will have no effect on the Company's results of operations beginning after December 15, 2016 with early adoption permitted.

In May 2014, the FASB issued an ASU on the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. The ASU requires additional disclosures about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts. The ASU is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 with early adoption permitted only for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company does not expect the

adoption of the ASU to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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#### (3) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of certain of the Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and accounts payable, approximates their respective carrying amounts due to their short-term maturity. The fair value of available-for-sale (AFS) securities is based on market prices using the following measurement categories:

Level 1 – Fair value is determined by using quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. AFS securities that are included in this category are primarily mutual funds, exchange traded funds and equity securities.

Level 2 – Fair value is determined by using other than quoted prices. By using observable inputs (for example, benchmark yields, interest rates, reported trades and broker dealer quotes), the fair value is determined through processes such as benchmark curves, benchmarking of like securities and matrix pricing of corporate, state and municipal bonds by using pricing of similar bonds based on coupons, ratings and maturities. AFS securities that are included in this category are primarily debt securities (tax exempt and taxable bonds).

Level 3 – Fair value is determined by using other than observable inputs. Fair value is determined by using the best information available in the circumstances and requires significant management judgment or estimation. No AFS securities are currently included in this category.

Following is a summary of fair value measurements for AFS securities as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015:

Fair Value (Amounts are in thousands) September 24, 2016 \$7,050,581 1,238,503 5,812,078 — December 26, 2015 6,602,934 1,049,791 5,553,143 —

# (4) Investments

Debt and equity securities are classified as AFS and are carried at fair value. The Company evaluates whether AFS securities are other-than-temporarily impaired (OTTI) based on criteria that include the extent to which cost exceeds market value, the duration of the market value decline, the credit rating of the issuer or security, the failure of the issuer to make scheduled principal or interest payments and the financial health and prospects of the issuer or security. Declines in the value of AFS securities determined to be OTTI are recognized in earnings and reported as OTTI losses. Debt securities with unrealized losses are considered OTTI if the Company intends to sell the debt security or if the Company will be required to sell the debt security prior to any anticipated recovery. If the Company determines that a debt security is OTTI under these circumstances, the impairment recognized in earnings is measured as the difference between the amortized cost and the current fair value. A debt security is also determined to be OTTI if the Company does not expect to recover the amortized cost of the debt security. However, in this circumstance, if the Company does not intend to sell the debt security and will not be required to sell the debt security, the impairment recognized in earnings equals the estimated credit loss as measured by the difference between the present value of expected cash flows and the amortized cost of the debt security. Expected cash flows are discounted using the debt security's effective interest rate. An equity security is determined to be OTTI if the Company does not expect to recover the cost of the equity security. Declines in the value of AFS securities determined to be temporary are reported net of income taxes as other comprehensive losses and included as a component of stockholders' equity. Interest and dividend income, amortization of premiums, accretion of discounts and realized gains and losses on AFS securities are included in investment income. Interest income is accrued as earned. Dividend income is recognized as income on the ex-dividend date of the equity security. The cost of AFS securities sold is based on the first-in, first-out method.

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Following is a summar	y of AFS sec	urities as o	f September	24, 2016 and December 26, 2015:
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(Amounts a	re in thousa	ands)	
September 24, 2016				
Tax exempt bonds	\$3,174,197	13,958	1,945	3,186,210
Taxable bonds	2,620,138	8,229	3,172	2,625,195
Restricted investments	164,549	1,851		166,400
Equity securities	965,593	121,283	14,100	1,072,776
	\$6,924,477	145,321	19,217	7,050,581
December 26, 2015				
Tax exempt bonds	\$3,336,841	12,038	2,737	3,346,142
Taxable bonds	2,214,366	1,492	10,399	2,205,459
Restricted investments	164,548		1,389	163,159
Equity securities	836,153	78,378	26,357	888,174
	\$6,551,908	91,908	40,882	6,602,934

Realized gains on sales of AFS securities totaled \$7,012,000 and \$18,896,000 for the three and nine months ended September 24, 2016, respectively. Realized losses on sales of AFS securities totaled \$941,000 and \$5,938,000 for the three and nine months ended September 24, 2016, respectively.

Realized gains on sales of AFS securities totaled \$29,620,000 and \$73,542,000 for the three and nine months ended September 26, 2015, respectively. Realized losses on sales of AFS securities totaled \$15,092,000 and \$20,771,000 for the three and nine months ended September 26, 2015, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of AFS securities by expected maturity as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015 are as follows:

	September 24, 2016		December 26, 2015	
	Amortized Fair		Amortized	lFair
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
	(Amounts a	re in thousa	ands)	
Due in one year or less	\$1,587,866	1,588,737	1,375,450	1,376,698
Due after one year through five years	3,585,503	3,600,438	3,951,600	3,948,654
Due after five years through ten years	604,225	604,723	161,732	162,999
Due after ten years	16,741	17,507	62,425	63,250
	5,794,335	5,811,405	5,551,207	5,551,601
Restricted investments	164,549	166,400	164,548	163,159
Equity securities	965,593	1,072,776	836,153	888,174
	\$6,924,477	7,050,581	6,551,908	6,602,934

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Following is a summary of temporarily impaired AFS securities by the time period impaired as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015:

	Less Than12 Months12 Monthsor Longer		Total			
	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized	Fair	Unrealized
	Value	Losses	Value	Losses	Value	Losses
	(Amounts a	re in thousa	nds)			
September 24, 2016						
Tax exempt bonds	\$817,019	1,927	83	18	817,102	1,945
Taxable bonds	956,713	2,297	51,490	875	1,008,203	3,172
Equity securities	35,651	3,459	63,190	10,641	98,841	14,100
	\$1,809,383	7,683	114,763	11,534	1,924,146	19,217
December 26, 2015						
Tax exempt bonds	\$890,907	2,264	63,474	473	954,381	2,737
Taxable bonds	1,676,719	9,988	70,309	411	1,747,028	10,399
Restricted investments	163,159	1,389	_	_	163,159	1,389
Equity securities	274,517	20,561	16,112	5,796	290,629	26,357
	\$3,005,302	34,202	149,895	6,680	3,155,197	40,882

There are 329 AFS securities contributing to the total unrealized loss of \$19,217,000 as of September 24, 2016. Unrealized losses related to debt securities are primarily due to interest rate volatility impacting the market value of certain bonds. The Company continues to receive scheduled principal and interest payments on these debt securities. Unrealized losses related to equity securities are primarily due to temporary equity market fluctuations that are expected to recover.

#### (5) Consolidation of Joint Ventures and Long-Term Debt

From time to time, the Company enters into Joint Ventures (JV), in the legal form of limited liability companies, with certain real estate developers to partner in the development of shopping centers with the Company as the anchor tenant. The Company consolidates certain of these JVs in which it has a controlling financial interest. The Company is considered to have a controlling financial interest in a JV when it has (1) the power to direct the activities of the JV that most significantly impact the JV's economic performance and (2) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits from the JV that could potentially be significant to such JV.

The Company evaluates a JV using specific criteria to determine whether the Company has a controlling financial interest and is the primary beneficiary of the JV. Factors considered in determining whether the Company is the primary beneficiary include risk and reward sharing, experience and financial condition of the other JV members, voting rights, involvement in routine capital and operating decisions and each member's influence over the JV owned shopping center's economic performance.

Generally, most major JV decision making is shared between all members. In particular, the use and sale of JV assets, business plans and budgets are generally required to be approved by all members. However, the Company, through its anchor tenant operating lease agreement, has the power to direct the activities that most significantly influence the economic performance of the JV owned shopping center. Additionally, through its member equity interest in the JV, the Company will receive a significant portion of the JV's benefits or is obligated to absorb a significant portion of the JV's losses.

As of September 24, 2016, the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of the consolidated JVs were \$102,494,000 and \$53,278,000, respectively. As of December 26, 2015, the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities of the consolidated JVs were \$141,355,000 and \$64,928,000, respectively. The assets are owned by and the

liabilities are obligations of the JVs, not the Company, except for a portion of the long-term debt of certain JVs guaranteed by the Company. The JVs are financed with capital contributions from the members, loans and/or the cash flows generated by the JV owned shopping centers once in operation. Total earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests for 2016 and 2015 were immaterial. The Company's involvement with these JVs does not have a significant effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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The Company's long-term debt results primarily from the consolidation of loans of certain JVs and loans assumed in connection with the acquisition of certain shopping centers with the Company as the anchor tenant. The Company assumed loans totaling \$63,971,000 during the nine months ended September 24, 2016. The Company assumed loans totaling \$31,759,000 during the nine months ended September 26, 2015. Maturities of JV loans range from April 2017 through June 2017 and have variable interest rates based on a LIBOR index plus 175 to 250 basis points. Maturities of assumed shopping center loans range from January 2017 through January 2027 and have fixed interest rates ranging from 3.7% to 7.5%.

#### (6) Retirement Plan

The Company has a trusteed, noncontributory Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) for the benefit of eligible employees. Since the Company's common stock is not traded on an established securities market, the ESOP includes a put option for shares of the Company's common stock distributed from the ESOP. Shares are distributed from the ESOP primarily to separated vested participants and certain eligible participants who elect to diversify their account balances. Under the Company's administration of the ESOP's put option, if the owners of distributed shares desire to sell their shares, the Company is required to purchase the shares at fair value for a specified time period after distribution of the shares from the ESOP. The fair value of distributed shares subject to the put option totaled \$476,766,000 and \$427,226,000 as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015, respectively. The cost of the shares held by the ESOP totaled \$2,672,714,000 and \$2,526,652,000 as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015, respectively. Due to the Company's obligation under the put option, the distributed shares subject to the put option and the shares held by the ESOP are classified as temporary equity in the mezzanine section of the condensed consolidated balance sheets and totaled \$3,149,480,000 and \$2,953,878,000 as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015, respectively. The fair value of the shares held by the ESOP totaled \$8,818,886,000 and \$9,201,171,000 as of September 24, 2016 and December 26, 2015, respectively.

#### (7) Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings

A reconciliation of the changes in accumulated other comprehensive earnings net of income taxes for the three months ended September 24, 2016 and September 26, 2015 is as follows:

	AFS Securities	Postretire Benefits		Comprehe Earnings	
2016	(Amounts	are in thou	isan	ds)	
2016 Balances at June 25, 2016 Unrealized gain on AFS securities Net realized gain on AFS securities reclassified to investment income Net other comprehensive earnings	\$59,825 21,263 (3,725) 17,538	(5,027 	)	54,798 21,263 (3,725 17,538	)
Balances at September 24, 2016	\$77,363	(5,027	)	72,336	
2015 Balances at June 27, 2015	\$90,580	(8,538	)	82,042	Ň
Unrealized loss on AFS securities	(58,631)			(58,631	)
Net realized gain on AFS securities reclassified to investment income Amortization of actuarial losses reclassified to operating and administrative expenses	(8,914)	 145		(8,914 145	)

Net other comprehensive (losses) earnings	(67,545)	145		(67,400	)
Balances at September 26, 2015	\$23,035	(8,393	)	14,642	

# PUBLIX SUPER MARKETS, INC. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A reconciliation of the changes in accumulated other comprehensive earnings net of income taxes for the nine months ended September 24, 2016 and September 26, 2015 is as follows:

				Accumulat	ed		
	AFS	PostretirementOther					
	Securities	Benefits		Comprehensive			
				Earnings			
	(Amounts are in thousands)						
2016							
Balances at December 26, 2015	\$31,295	(5,027	)	26,268			
Unrealized gain on AFS securities	54,019			54,019			
Net realized gain on AFS securities reclassified to investment income	(7,951)			(7,951	)		
Net other comprehensive earnings	46,068			46,068			
Balances at September 24, 2016	\$77,363	(5,027	)	72,336			
2015							
Balances at December 27, 2014	\$117,962	(8,828	)	109,134			
Unrealized loss on AFS securities	(62,548)			(62,548	)		
Net realized gain on AFS securities reclassified to investment income	(32,379)	_		(32,379	)		
Amortization of actuarial losses reclassified to operating and administrative expenses		435		435			
Net other comprehensive (losses) earnings	(94,927 )						