

## Darling International Inc. Announces Third Quarter Results

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Darling International Inc. today reported sales and earnings for its 2005 fiscal third quarter and nine months ended October 1, 2005 as compared to the same periods of the prior year.

For the 2005 third quarter, the Company's net sales were \$79.3 million as compared to \$80.0 million for the 2004 third quarter. For the 2005 third quarter, the Company reported net income of \$2.0 million as compared to \$4.6 million for the 2004 comparable period. The decrease in net income for the 2005 third quarter was primarily due to the Company realizing a before tax gain of \$2.8 million in the comparable prior year period resulting from a settlement with past insurers.

Darling International Chairman and CEO, Randall Stuewe, noted that, "Historically high energy costs, above average summer temperatures and continued restrictions on the export of our finished products made for a challenging quarter."

For the nine months ended October 1, 2005, the Company reported net sales of \$231.9 million as compared to \$248.8 million for the 2004 comparable period. For the nine months ended October 1, 2005, the Company reported net income of \$5.7 million as compared to \$13.0 million for the 2004 comparable period. Decreases in raw material volumes and finished product prices accounted for the majority of the \$16.9 million decline in net sales. Decreases in raw material volumes and finished product prices, combined with increases in energy costs in 2005 and the before tax insurance settlement gain of \$2.8 million realized during 2004, accounted for the majority of the \$7.3 million decline in net income.

Darling International will host a conference call to discuss the Company's third quarter 2005 financial results at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time (10:00 a.m. Central Time) on Friday, November 11, 2005. To listen to the conference call, participants calling from within North America may dial 800-475-2151; international participants may dial 973-582-2792. Please call approximately fifteen minutes before the start of the call to ensure that you are connected. The call will also be available as a live audio web cast that can be accessed on the company website at <http://www.darlingii.com/investors/investors.html> or <http://www.earnings.com/>. Following its completion, a replay of the call can be accessed until December 9, 2005 by dialing 877-519-4471 or 973-341-3080 outside of North America. The access code for the replay is 6663067. The conference call will also be archived on the company's website for seven days.

Darling International Inc. is the largest publicly traded, food processing by-products recycling company in the United States. The Company recycles used restaurant cooking oil and by-products from the beef, pork and poultry processing industries into useable products such as tallow, feed-grade fats and meat and bone meal. These products are primarily sold to animal feed and oleo-chemical manufacturers around the world. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells equipment to restaurants.

For more information, please visit <http://www.darlingii.com/>.

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Darling International Inc.  
Consolidated Operating Results  
For the Periods Ended October 1, 2005 and October 2, 2004  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
\$ Change	\$ Change
Oct. 1, Oct. 2, Favorable	Oct. 1, Oct. 2, Favorable

2005    2004 (Unfavorable)    2005    2004 (Unfavorable)

Net sales	\$79,332	\$80,047	\$(715)	\$231,959	\$248,845	\$(16,886)
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of sales and operating expenses	63,204	57,878	(5,326)	182,014	183,124	1,110
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,111	9,203	1,092	26,158	27,301	1,143
Depreciation and amortization	3,812	3,559	(253)	11,390	11,301	(89)
Total costs and expenses	75,127	70,640	(4,487)	219,562	221,726	2,164
Operating income	4,205	9,407	(5,202)	12,397	27,119	(14,722)
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense (A)	(1,534)	(1,664)	130	(4,707)	(5,224)	517
Other, net	216	(56)	272	891	(391)	1,282
Total other expense	(1,318)	(1,720)	402	(3,816)	(5,615)	1,799
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	2,887	7,687	(4,800)	8,581	21,504	(12,923)
Income taxes	(966)	(3,119)	2,153	(3,002)	(8,575)	5,573
Income from continuing operations	1,921	4,568	(2,647)	5,579	12,929	(7,350)
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	69	14	55	81	54	27
Net income	\$1,990	\$4,582	\$(2,592)	\$5,660	\$12,983	\$(7,323)
Basic and diluted income per share:						
Continuing operations	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$(0.04)	\$0.09	\$0.20	\$(0.11)
Discontinued operations	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	\$0.03	\$0.07	\$(0.04)	\$0.09	\$0.20	\$(0.11)

(A) Pursuant to SFAS 150, beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2003, on a prospective basis, preferred stock dividends and accretion are included in interest expense. No dividends and accretion are included in interest expense for the third quarter and \$0.4 million are included for the nine months ended October 2, 2004.

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