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#### FORM 10-K

 $\,$  ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  $\,$  1934

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015

or

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

For the transition period from

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Alico, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida 59-0906081 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

10070 Daniels Interstate Court Suite 100 Fort Myers, FL 33913 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 239-226-2000

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

Title of class: Name of each exchange on which registered:

COMMON CAPITAL STOCK, \$1.00 Par value,

Non-cumulative NASDAQ

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None

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Accelerated filer Smaller Reporting Company þ

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The aggregate market value of the voting and nonvoting common equity held by non-affiliates based on the closing price, as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Market as of March 31, 2015 (the last business day of Alico's most recently completed second fiscal quarter) was \$175,470,054. Solely for the purposes of this calculation, the registrant has elected to treat all executives, officers and greater than 10% stockholders as affiliates of the registrant. There were 8,294,612 shares of common stock outstanding at December 4, 2015.

#### Documents Incorporated by Reference:

Portions of the Proxy Statement of Registrant for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (to be filed with the Commission under Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the Registrant's fiscal year), are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report.

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#### **Cautionary Statement**

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains certain "forward-looking statements," as such term is defined in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). They are based on management's current expectations and assumptions regarding our business and performance, the economy and other future conditions and forecasts of future events, circumstances and results. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often include words such as "may," "will," "could," "should," "would," "believes," "expects," "anticipates", "estimates", "projects," "intends, "plans" and terms of similar substance in connection with discussions of future operating or financial performance. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future actions, business plans and prospects, prospective products, trends, future performance or results of current and anticipated products, sales efforts, expenses, interest rates, the outcome of contingencies, such as legal proceedings, plans relating to dividends, government regulations, the adequacy of our liquidity to meet our needs for the foreseeable future and our expectations regarding market conditions.

As with any projection or forecast, forward-looking statements are inherently susceptible to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Our actual results may vary materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from past results and those anticipated, estimated or projected. Investors should bear this in mind as they consider forward-looking statements.

We undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). We provide in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," a cautionary discussion of certain risks and uncertainties related to our businesses. These are factors that we believe, individually or in the aggregate, could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. We note these factors for investors as permitted by Section 21E of the Exchange Act. In addition, the operation and results of our business are subject to risks and uncertainties identified elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K as well as general risks and uncertainties such as those relating to general economic conditions. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such risks. Consequently, you should not consider such discussion to be a complete discussion of all potential risks or uncertainties.

#### Part 1

#### Item 1. Business.

Alico, Inc. ("Alico"), together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company", "we", "us" or "our") was incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida in 1960. Our business and operations are described below. For detailed financial information with respect to our business and our operations, see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations which is included in Item 7 in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and the related Notes therein, which are included in Item 8. In addition, general information concerning our Company can be found on our website, the internet address of which is www.alicoinc.com. All of our filings with the SEC including, but not limited to, the Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-O, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments thereto, are available free of charge on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed or furnished with the SEC. In addition, you may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. To obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference room, you may call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our recent press releases and information regarding corporate governance, including the charters of our audit, compensation, executive and nominating governance committees, as well as our code of business conduct and ethics are also available to be viewed or downloaded electronically at http://www.alicoinc.com. The information on our website is not part of this report or any other report we file with or furnish to the SEC.

#### Overview

Alico is an agribusiness and natural resources management company, backed by a legacy of achievement and innovation in citrus, cattle and resource conservation. The Company owns approximately 121,000 acres of land in twelve Florida counties (Alachua, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Osceola and Polk) including approximately 90,000 acres of mineral rights. Our principal lines of business are citrus groves, cattle ranching and conservation, and related support operations.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, the Company acquired three Florida citrus properties for total consideration of approximately \$363,000,000. These acquisitions make Alico one of the largest citrus producers in the United States, with total 2014-2015 production of approximately 10,500,000 boxes.

Our mission is to create value for our customers and stockholders by managing existing lands to their optimal current income and total returns, opportunistically acquiring new agricultural assets and producing high quality agricultural products while exercising responsible environmental stewardship.

We manage our land based upon its primary usage and review its performance based upon two primary classifications - Citrus Groves and Ranch and Conservation. In addition, we operate an Agricultural Supply Chain Management business that is not tied directly to our land holdings and Other Operations that include a citrus nursery, a leased mine and we lease oil extraction rights to third parties. We present our financial results and the related discussion based upon our five business segments (Citrus Groves, Improved Farmland, Ranch and Conservation, Agricultural Supply Chain Management and Other Operations).

#### Recent Developments

## Orange-Co Acquisition

On December 2, 2014, we completed the acquisition of certain citrus and related assets of Orange-Co, LP ("Orange-Co") pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, which we refer to as the "Orange-Co Purchase Agreement", dated as of December 1, 2014. The acquisition included 51% of the ownership interests in Citree Holdings 1, LLC.

The Company acquired Orange-Co to transform our citrus business and meaningfully enhance the Company's position in the citrus industry. The assets we purchased include approximately 21,000 acres of citrus groves in DeSoto and Charlotte Counties, Florida, which includes one of the largest contiguous citrus grove properties in the state of Florida. Further discussion of the Orange-Co acquisition is contained in the Notes to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements included in Item 8.

## Sugarcane Disposition

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On November 21, 2014, we sold approximately 36,000 acres of land used for sugarcane production and land leasing in in Hendry County, Florida to Global Ag Properties USA LLC ("Global") for approximately \$97,900,000 in cash. We previously leased approximately 30,600 of these acres to United States Sugar Corporation (the "USSC Lease"). The USSC Lease was assigned

to Global in conjunction with the land sale. Net proceeds from the sugarcane land sale of approximately \$97,126,000 were deposited with a Qualified Intermediary in anticipation of the Orange-Co asset acquisition in a tax deferred like-kind exchange pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 1031. As a result of the disposition of our sugarcane land, we are no longer involved in sugarcane and, as of November 21, 2014, the Improved Farmland segment was no longer material to our business. Further discussion of the sugarcane land sale is contained in the Notes to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements included in Item 8.

Common Control Acquisition between the Company and 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC

Effective February 28, 2015, the Company completed the merger (the "Merger") with 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC ("Silver Nip Citrus") pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger with 734 Sub, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Silver Nip Citrus and, solely with respect to certain sections thereof, the equity holders of Silver Nip Citrus. At the time of the Merger, the ownership of Silver Nip Citrus was held by (i) 734 Agriculture, 74.89%, (ii) Mr. Clay Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, 5% and (iii) an entity controlled by Mr. Clay Wilson. 20.11%. Silver Nip Citrus entities include 734 Harvest, LLC, 734 Co-op Groves, LLC, 734 LMC Groves, LLC and 734 BLP Groves, LLC. Further discussion of the Merger is contained in the Notes to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements included in Item 8.

#### Water Storage Contract Approval

On December 11, 2014, the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") entered into a Dispersed Water Management Program Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services Contract (the "Contract") with the Company. The Contract term is eleven years and allows up to one year for implementation (design, permitting, construction and construction completion certification) and ten years of operation whereby the Company will provide water retention services. Payment for these services includes an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 of reimbursement for implementation. In addition it provides for an annual fixed payment of \$12,000,000 for operations and maintenance costs as long as the project is in compliance with the Contract and subject to annual SFWMD Governing Board (the "Board") approval of funding. The Contract specifies that the Board has to approve the payments annually and there can be no assurance that it will approve the annual fixed payments.

During the 2015 legislative session, the Governor of Florida vetoed the legislatively approved budget for dispersed water management projects. Although SFWMD did not receive the state funds for the project payments for the next fiscal year (October 2015 through September 2016), it has options available to continue with the project.

As discussed above, the Contract between the Company and SFWMD provides that funding of the Contract is subject to the SFWMD receiving funds for the project from the Florida Legislature and the SWFMD Governing Board budget appropriation.

The SFWMD budget process allows for amending the budget at any Governing Board meeting, which could allow for some funding in fiscal year 2016. However, if no funds are provided and accommodation is not reached to delay work on the project until funds are available, the SFWMD would be within its rights under the Contract to terminate.

#### **Debt Refinancing**

We entered into a First Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and New England Life Insurance Company ("Metlife Agreement") under which they provided fixed rate and variable rate term loans in the initial aggregate principal amount of \$182,500,000 and revolving credit commitments of \$25,000,000.

The Metlife Agreement amends and restates existing credit facilities, dated as of September 8, 2010 (as amended from time to time, the "Prior Credit Agreement") between the Company and Rabo AgriFinance, Inc. Under the Prior Credit Agreement, we had a variable rate term loan in the initial principal amount of \$40,000,000, of which \$33,500,000 was outstanding at the date of refinancing and \$60,000,000 in undrawn revolving credit commitments.

## Rabo AgriFinance, Inc. Credit Agreement

We entered into a Credit Agreement with Rabo AgriFinance, Inc. under which they have provided a \$70,000,000 revolving working capital line of credit for the Company.

#### Other Transactions

In September 2014, Silver Nip Citrus purchased a 1,500 acre citrus grove in Charlotte County, Florida for a purchase price of approximately \$17,130,000. The assets purchased included land and fruit inventory as well as irrigation and other

equipment. The purchase price was funded from Silver Nip Citrus' cash and additional financing of \$11,000,000 (see Note 5, "Debt" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements) in fixed rate term loans.

On July 1, 2014, Silver Nip Citrus sold a 2,800 acre parcel of land in Polk County, Florida for \$5,623,000. This parcel was surplus to the operations and was classified as held for sale. This sale was part of a like-kind exchange transaction intended to qualify for tax-deferral treatment in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 and the proceeds were used to purchase the 1,500 acre citrus grove in Charlotte County, Florida.

#### The Land We Manage

We regularly review our land holdings to determine the best use of each parcel based upon our management expertise. Our total return profile is a combination of operating income potential and long-term appreciation. Land holdings not meeting our total return criteria are considered surplus to our operations and will be sold or exchanged for land considered to be more compatible with our business objectives and total return profile.

Our land holdings and the operating activities in which we engage are categorized in the following table:

a. a	Gross Acreage	Operating Activities
Citrus Groves Citrus Groves	46,781	Citrus Cultivation
Improved Farmland Leasable	1,825	Leasing
Ranch and Conservation Other Land Total	70,962 1,870 121,438	Cattle Grazing; Sod and Native Plant Sales; Leasing; Conservation Mining; Citrus Nursery

#### Citrus Groves

We own and manage Citrus Groves in DeSoto, Polk, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte, Highlands, Osceola, Martin, and Hardee Counties and engage in the cultivation of citrus trees to produce citrus for delivery to the fresh and processed citrus markets. Citrus Groves total approximately 46,800 gross acres or 38.5% of our land holdings.

Our citrus acreage is detailed in the following table:

Net Plantable	ъ і :	D 11	T 1 D1 1 1	<b>G</b> .	C
Producing	Developing	Fallow	Total Plantable	Support	Gross
15,038	912	702	16,652	4,525	21,177
4,445	233		4,678	2,130	6,808
4,468	_		4,468	2,823	7,291
3,490	70		3,560	1,608	5,168
1,730	_	138	1,868	635	2,503
1,054	_		1,054	169	1,223
921	_		921	442	1,363
551	_		551	123	674
417	_		417	157	574
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Of the approximately 46,800 gross acres of citrus groves we own and manage, approximately 12,600 acres are classified as support acreage. Support acreage includes acres used for roads, barns, water detention, water retention and drainage ditches integral to the cultivation of citrus trees but which are not capable of directly producing fruit. None of our citrus grove acreage is classified as available for sale. The approximately 34,200 remaining acres are classified as net plantable acres. Net plantable acres are those that are capable of directly producing fruit. These include acres that are currently producing, acres that are developing (acres that are planted in trees too young to commercially produce fruit) and acres that are fallow.

Our Citrus Groves business segment cultivates citrus trees to produce citrus for delivery to the processed and fresh citrus markets. Our sales to the processed market are approximately 92% of our citrus sales annually. We produce Early and Mid-Season varieties, primarily Hamlin oranges, as well as a Valencia variety for the processed market. We deliver our fruit to the processors in boxes which contain 90 pounds of oranges. Because the processors convert the majority of the citrus crop into orange juice, they generally do not buy their citrus on a per box basis but rather on a pound solids basis, which is the measure of the soluble solids (sugars and acids) contained in one box of citrus fruit. We produced approximately 62,200,000, 26,600,000 and 24,700,000 pound solids for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, on boxes delivered to processing plants of approximately 10,014,000, 4,146,000 and 3,867,000, respectively.

The average pound solids per box was 6.21, 6.44 and 6.40 for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

We generally use multi-year contracts with citrus processors that include pricing structures based on a minimum ("floor") price with a price increase ("rise") based on market conditions. Therefore, if pricing in the market is favorable relative to our floor price, we benefit from the incremental difference between the floor and the final market price.

The majority of our citrus produced for the processed citrus market in fiscal year 2015-2016 will be under minimum price contracts with a floor prices ranging from \$1.60 to \$2.00 per pound solids. We believe that other markets are available for our citrus products; however, new arrangements may be less favorable than our current contracts.

Our sales to the fresh market constitute approximately 4% of our citrus sales annually. We produce numerous varieties to the fresh fruit market including grapefruit, navel and other fresh varieties. Generally, our fresh fruit is sold to packing houses by the box and the packing houses are responsible for the harvest and haul of these boxes. We produced approximately 466,000, 213,000 and 251,000 fresh fruit boxes for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The majority of our citrus to be produced for the fresh citrus market in fiscal year 2015-2016 is under fixed price contracts.

Revenues from our Citrus Groves operations were 91.2%, 60.0% and 43.0% of our total operating revenues for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Ranch and Conservation

We own and manage Ranch and Conservation land in Collier and Hendry Counties and engage in cattle production, sod and native plant sales, land leasing for recreational and grazing purposes and conservation activities. Of our land holdings, Ranch and Conservation totals approximately 70,962 gross acres or 58.4% of our total acreage.

Our Ranch and Conservation acreage is detailed in the following table as of September 30, 2015:

	Acreage
Hendry County	66,940
Collier County	4,022
Total	70,962

We frequently lease the same acreage for more than one purpose. The portion of our Ranch and Conservation acreage that is leased for each purpose is detailed in the table below:

	Grazing	Recreational
Hendry County	1,082	51,893
Collier County	4,000	3,493

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Our cattle operation is engaged in the production of beef cattle and is located in Hendry and Collier Counties. The breeding herd consisted of approximately 8,600 cows and bulls and we plan to increase the size of our herd in the near future to the extent practicable. We primarily sell our calves to feed yards and yearling grazing operations in the United States. We also sell cattle through local livestock auction markets and to contract cattle buyers in the United States. These buyers provide ready markets for our cattle. We believe that the loss of any one or a few of these buyers would not have a material effect on our cattle operations. Revenues from our Ranch and Conservation operations were 3.5%, 7.8% and 6.6% of total operating revenues for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013, we granted an easement to the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), through its administering agency, The Natural Resources Conservation Service, on approximately 11,600 acres of our Ranch and Conservation land located in Hendry County, resulting in a gain of approximately \$20,300,000, which is recognized in other income, net in the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

## Our Other Segments

In addition to owning and managing approximately 121,000 gross acres of land in Central and Southwest Florida, the Company also engages in complimentary lines of business. Our Agricultural Supply Chain Management line of business includes activities related to value-added services provided to Alico and other Florida growers including agricultural contracting for harvesting, hauling and marketing and the purchase and resale of fruit. Our Other Operations lines of business also includes activities related to rock and sand mining, oil exploration, a citrus nursery and other small lines of business.

#### **Business Segments**

Our operations include five business segments: Citrus Groves, Improved Farmland, Ranch and Conservation, Agricultural Supply Chain Management and Other Operations.

Citrus Groves include activities related to planting, owning, cultivating and/or managing citrus groves in order to produce fruit for sale to fresh and processed citrus markets.

Agricultural Supply Chain Management includes activities related to the purchase and resale of fruit, as well as, value-added services which include contracting for the harvesting, marketing and hauling of citrus.

Improved Farmland includes activities related to owning and/or leasing improved farmland. Improved Farmland is acreage that has been converted, or is permitted to be converted, from native pasture and which may have various improvements including irrigation, drainage and roads. As a result of the disposition of our sugarcane land, we are no longer involved in sugarcane and, as of November 21, 2014, the Improved Farmland segment was no longer material to our business.

Ranch and Conservation includes activities related to cattle grazing, sod, native plant and animal sales, leasing, management and/or conservation of unimproved native pasture land.

Other Operations include activities related to a citrus nursery, rock mining royalties, oil exploration and other insignificant lines of business.

Financial information and further discussion of our business segments are contained in the notes to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.

## Our Strategy

Our core business strategy is to maximize stockholder value through continuously improving the return on our invested capital, either by holding and managing our existing land through skilled agricultural production, leasing, or other opportunistic means of monetization, disposing of under productive land or business units and/or acquiring new land or operations with appreciation potential.

Our objectives are to produce the highest quality agricultural products, create innovative land uses, opportunistically acquire and convert undervalued assets, sell-under productive land not meeting our total return profile, generate recurring and sustainable profit with the appropriate balance of risk and reward, and exceed the expectations of stockholders, customers, clients and partners.

Our strategy is based on best management practices of our agricultural operations, environmental and conservation stewardship of our land and natural resources. We manage our land in a sustainable manner and evaluate the effect of changing land uses while considering new opportunities. Our commitment to environmental stewardship is fundamental to the Company's core beliefs.

#### Competition

We are engaged in a variety of agricultural and nonagricultural activities, all of which are in highly competitive markets. Citrus is grown domestically in several states including Florida, California, Arizona and Texas, as well as foreign countries, most notably Brazil. Competition is impacted by several factors including quality, production, demand, brand recognition, market prices, weather, disease, export/import restrictions and foreign currency exchange rates. Beef cattle are produced throughout the United States and domestic beef sales also compete with imported beef. Forest and rock products are produced in many parts of the United States.

#### **Environmental Regulations**

Our operations are subject to various federal, state and local laws regulating the discharge of materials into the environment. Management believes we are in compliance with all such rules including permitting and reporting requirements. Historically, compliance with environmental regulations has not had a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Management monitors environmental legislation and requirements and makes every effort to remain in compliance with such regulations. In addition, we require lessees of our property to comply with environmental regulations as a condition of leasing.

#### **Employees**

As of September 30, 2015, we had 346 full-time employees. Our employees work in the following divisions:

Citrus Groves	245
Agricultural Supply Chain Management	41
Other Operations	27
Ranch and Conservation	3
Corporate, General, Administrative and Other	30
Total employees	346

## Seasonal Nature of Business

Revenues from our agricultural business operations are seasonal in nature. The following table illustrates the seasonality of our agri-business revenues:

Fiscal Year			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Ending 12/31	Ending 3/31	Ending 6/30	Ending 9/30
Oct Nov Dec	Jan Feb Mar	Apr May Jun	Jul Aug Sept

#### Harvest Early/Mid Varieties of Oranges

Harvest Valencia Oranges

Deliver Beef Cattle

#### Capital resources and raw materials

Management believes that the Company will be able to meet its working capital requirements for at least the next 12 months, and over the long term, through internally generated funds, cash flows from operations, our existing lines of credit and access to capital markets. The Company has commitments that provide for lines of revolving credit that are available for our general and corporate use. Raw materials needed to cultivate the various crops grown by the Company consist primarily of fertilizers, herbicides and fuel and are readily available from local suppliers.

#### **Available Information**

We provide electronic copies of our SEC filings free of charge upon request. Any information posted on or linked from our website is not incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The SEC also maintains a website at http://www.sec.gov, which contains annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Our business and results of operations are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. The following is a description of the known factors that we believe may materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. They should be considered carefully, in addition to the information set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, including the related Notes to the Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements in making any investment decisions with respect to our securities. Additional risks or uncertainties that are not currently known to us that we currently deem to be immaterial or that could apply to any company could also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

#### Risks related to our Business

Our citrus groves are subject to damage and loss from disease including but not limited to citrus greening and citrus canker which could negatively impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our citrus groves are subject to damage and loss from diseases such as citrus greening and citrus canker. Each of these diseases is widespread in Florida and exists in our citrus groves and in the areas where our citrus groves are located. The success of our citrus business is directly related to the viability and health of our citrus groves.

Citrus greening is one of the most serious citrus plant diseases in the world. Once a tree is infected, its productivity generally decreases. While the disease poses no threat to humans or animals, it has devastated citrus crops throughout the United States and abroad. Named for its green, misshapen fruit, citrus greening disease has now killed millions of citrus plants in the southeastern United States and has spread across the entire country. Infected trees produce fruits that are green, misshapen and bitter, unsuitable for sale as fresh fruit or for juice. Infected trees can die within a few years. At the present time, there is no known cure for citrus greening once trees are infected. Primarily as a result of citrus greening, according to a forecast by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Florida is expected to have its smallest orange harvest in 52 years in the upcoming 2015-2016 harvest season.

Citrus canker is a disease affecting citrus species and is caused by a bacterium and is spread by contact with infected trees or by windblown transmission. There is no known cure for citrus canker at the present time although some management practices including the use of copper-based bactericides can mitigate its spread and lessen its effect on infected trees; however, there is no assurance that available technologies to control such disease will be effective.

Both of these diseases pose a significant threat to the Florida citrus industry and to our citrus groves. While we use best management practices to attempt to control diseases and their spread, there can be no assurance that our mitigation efforts will be successful. These diseases can significantly increase our costs which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Our citrus groves produce a significant majority of our annual operating revenues and a significant reduction in available citrus from our citrus groves could decrease our operating revenues and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our agricultural products are subject to supply and demand pricing which is not predictable.

Agricultural operations traditionally provide almost all of our operating revenues with citrus being the largest portion and are subject to supply and demand pricing. While according to Nielsen data consumer demand for orange juice has decreased significantly to its lowest level in almost a decade, we have been able to offset the impact of such decline with higher prices based on a lower supply of available oranges. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to do so if demand continues to decline. Although our processed citrus is subject to minimum pricing we are unable to predict with certainty the final price we will receive for our products. In some instances the harvest and growth cycle will dictate when such products must be marketed which may or may not be advantageous in obtaining the best price. Excessive supplies tend to cause severe price competition and lower prices for the commodity affected. Limited supply of certain agricultural commodities due to world and domestic market conditions can cause commodity prices to rise in certain situations. We attempt to mitigate these risks by using contracts with citrus processors that include pricing structures based on a minimum ("floor") price and with a price increase ("rise") if market prices exceed the floor price. As a result, our profitability may be subject to significant variability.

Our citrus groves are geographically concentrated and the effects of adverse weather conditions could adversely affect our results of operations and financial position.

Our citrus operations are concentrated in central and south Florida with our groves located in parcels in DeSoto, Polk, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte, Highlands, Osceola, Martin and Hardee Counties. Because our groves are located in close proximity to each other, the impact of adverse weather conditions may be material to our results of operations. Florida is particularly susceptible to the occurrence of hurricanes. Depending on where any particular hurricane makes landfall, our properties could experience significant, if not catastrophic damage. Hurricanes have the potential to destroy crops, affect cattle breeding and impact citrus production through the loss of fruit and destruction of trees and/or plants either as a result of high winds or through the spread of windblown disease. Such damage could materially affect our citrus and cattle operations and could result in a loss of operating revenues from those products for a multi-year period. We seek to minimize hurricane risk by the purchase of insurance contracts, but the majority of our crops remain uninsured. In addition to hurricanes, the occurrence of other natural disasters and climate conditions in Florida, such as tornadoes, floods, freezes, unusually heavy or prolonged rain, droughts and heat waves, could have a material adverse effect on our operations and our ability to realize income from our crops or cattle.

A significant and increasing portion of our revenues are derived from our citrus business and any adverse event affecting such business could disproportionately harm our business.

Our revenues from our citrus business were approximately 91.2%, 60.0% and 42.9%, of our operating revenues in fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. As a result of our recently announced acquisitions of three Florida citrus properties and the disposition of our sugarcane lands, the percentage of our operating revenues derived from our citrus business has increased significantly. These acquisitions resulted in our citrus division being one of the largest citrus producers in the United States and since we will not be as diversified as we have been previously, we will be more vulnerable to adverse events or market conditions affecting our citrus business which could have a significant impact on our overall business results.

We maintain a significant amount of indebtedness which could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows and may limit our operational and financing flexibility and negatively impact our business.

In fiscal year 2015, we initially obtained \$182,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of term loans and \$25,000,000 in revolving credit commitments from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and New England Life Insurance Company as well as \$70,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of revolving credit commitments from Rabo AgriFinance, Inc. which we used in part to finance our recent Orange-Co acquisition. Our new loan agreements, and

other debt instruments we may enter into in the future, may have negative consequences to us and could limit our business because we will use a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations to pay debt service costs which will reduce the funds available to us for corporate and general expenses and it may make us more vulnerable to economic downturns and adverse developments in our business. Our loan agreements require us to comply with various restrictive covenants and some contain financial covenants that require us to comply with specified financial ratios and tests. Our failure to meet these covenants could result in default under these loan agreements and would result in a cross-default under other loan agreements. In the event of a default and our inability to obtain a waiver of the default, all amounts outstanding under loan agreements could be declared immediately due and payable. Our new loan agreements also contain various covenants that limit our ability to engage in specified types of transactions. We expect that we will depend primarily upon our citrus operations to provide funds to pay our corporate and general expenses and to pay any amounts that may become due under any credit facilities and any other indebtedness we may incur and there are factors beyond our control that could negatively affect our citrus business revenue stream. Our ability to make these payments depends on our future performance, which will be affected by various financial, business, macroeconomic and other factors, many of which we cannot control.

If we are unable to successfully develop and execute our strategic growth initiatives, or if they do not adequately address the challenges or opportunities we face, our business, financial condition and prospects may be adversely affected.

Our success is dependent in part on our ability to identify, develop and execute appropriate strategic growth initiatives that will enable us to achieve sustainable growth in the long term. The implementation of our strategic initiatives is subject to both the risks affecting our business generally and the inherent risks associated with implementing new strategies. These strategic initiatives may not be successful in generating revenues or improving operating profit and, if they are, it may take longer than anticipated. As a result and depending on evolving conditions and opportunities, we may need to adjust our strategic initiatives and such changes could be substantial, including modifying or terminating one or more of such initiatives. Termination of such initiatives may require us to write down or write off the value of our investments in them. Transition and changes in our strategic initiatives may also create uncertainty in our employees, customers and partners that could adversely affect our business and revenues. In addition, we may incur higher than expected or unanticipated costs in implementing our strategic initiatives, attempting to attract revenue opportunities or changing our strategies. There is no assurance that the implementation of any strategic growth initiative will be successful, and we may not realize anticipated benefits at levels we project or at all, which would adversely affect our business, financial condition and prospects.

Our agricultural operations are subject to water use regulations restricting our access to water.

Our operations are dependent upon the availability of adequate surface and underground water. The availability of water is regulated by the state of Florida through water management districts which have jurisdiction over various geographic regions in which our lands are located. Currently, we have permits in place for the next 15 to 20 years for the use of underground and surface water which are adequate for our agricultural needs.

Surface water in Hendry County, where much of our agricultural land is located, comes from Lake Okeechobee via the Caloosahatchee River and a system of canals used to irrigate such land. The Army Corps of Engineers controls the level of Lake Okeechobee and ultimately determines the availability of surface water even though the use of water has been permitted by the state of Florida through the water management district. The Army Corps of Engineers decided in 2010 to lower the permissible level of Lake Okeechobee in response to concerns about the ability of the levee surrounding the lake to restrain rising waters which could result from hurricanes. Changes in availability of surface water use may result during times of drought, because of lower lake levels and could materially adversely affect our agricultural operations, financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Our recent acquisitions of three Florida citrus properties and the acquisition of additional agricultural assets and other businesses could pose risks.

We seek to opportunistically acquire new agricultural assets from time to time that we believe would complement our business. In fiscal year 2015, we acquired three Florida citrus properties, including Orange-Co and Silver Nip Citrus, that results in our citrus division being one of the largest citrus producers in the United States. While we expect that our acquisitions will successfully complement our business, we may fail to realize all of the anticipated benefits of these acquisitions which could reduce our anticipated results. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully identify suitable acquisition opportunities, negotiate appropriate acquisition terms, obtain any financing that may be needed to consummate such acquisitions or complete proposed acquisitions. Acquisitions by us could result in accounting changes, potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, increased debt and contingent liabilities, reduce the amount of cash available for dividends, debt service payments, integration issues and diversion of management's attention, any of which could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. We may be unable to successfully realize the financial, operational, and other benefits we anticipate from

our acquisitions and our failure to do so could adversely affect our business, results of operation and financial condition.

Dispositions of our assets may adversely affect our future results of operations.

We also routinely evaluate the benefits of disposing of certain of our assets which could include the exit from lines of business. For example, in November of 2014 we sold significant sugarcane assets and we are no longer involved in the sugarcane business. While such dispositions increase the amount of cash available to us, it could also result in a potential loss of significant operating revenues and income streams that we might not be able to replace, makes our business less diversified and could ultimately have a negative impact on our results of operations and cash flows.

If a transaction intended to qualify as a Section 1031 Exchange is later determined to be taxable, we may face adverse consequences, and if the laws applicable to such transactions are amended or repealed, we may not be able to dispose of properties on a tax deferred basis.

From time to time we dispose of properties in transactions that are intended to qualify as Section 1031 Exchanges. It is possible that the qualification of a transaction as a Section 1031 Exchange could be successfully challenged and determined to be currently taxable and we could also be required to pay interest and penalties. As a result, we may be required to borrow funds in order to pay additional property taxes, and the payment of such taxes could cause us to have less cash available. Moreover, it is possible that legislation could be enacted that could modify or repeal the laws with respect to Section 1031 Exchanges, which could make it more difficult or not possible for us to dispose of properties on a tax deferred basis.

We may undertake one or more significant corporate transactions that may not achieve their intended results, may adversely affect our financial condition and our results of operations or result in unforeseeable risks to our business.

We continuously evaluate the acquisition or disposition of operating businesses and assets and may in the future undertake one or more significant transactions. Any such acquisitive transaction could be material to our business and could take any number of forms, including mergers, joint ventures and the purchase of equity interests. The consideration for such acquisitive transactions may include, among other things, cash, common stock or equity interests in us or our subsidiaries, or a contribution of property or equipment to obtain equity interests, and in conjunction with a transaction we might incur additional indebtedness. We also routinely evaluate the benefits of disposing of certain of our assets. Such dispositions could take the form of asset sales, mergers or sales of equity interests.

These transactions may present significant risks such as insufficient assets to offset liabilities assumed, potential loss of significant operating revenues and income streams, increased or unexpected expenses, inadequate return of capital, regulatory or compliance issues, the triggering of certain financial covenants in our debt instruments (including accelerated repayment) and unidentified issues not discovered in due diligence. In addition, such transactions could distract management from current operations. As a result of the risks inherent in such transactions, we cannot guarantee that any such transaction will ultimately result in the realization of its anticipated benefits or that it will not have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations. If we were to complete such an acquisition, disposition, investment or other strategic transaction, we may require additional debt or equity financing that could result in a significant increase in our amount of debt and our debt service obligations or the number of outstanding shares of our common stock, thereby diluting holders of our common stock outstanding prior to such acquisition.

We are subject to the risk of product contamination and product liability claims.

The sale of agricultural products for human consumption involves the risk of injury to consumers. Such injuries may result from tampering by unauthorized third parties, product contamination or spoilage, including the presence of foreign objects, substances, chemicals, other agents, or residues introduced during the growing, storage, handling or transportation phases. While we are subject to governmental inspection and regulations and believe our facilities comply in all material respects with all applicable laws and regulations, we cannot be sure that our agricultural products will not cause a health-related illness in the future or that we will not be subject to claims or lawsuits relating to such matters. Even if a product liability claim is unsuccessful or is not fully pursued, the negative publicity surrounding any assertion that our products caused illness or injury could adversely affect our reputation with existing and potential customers and our corporate and brand image. Moreover, claims or liabilities of this sort might not be covered by our insurance or by any rights of indemnity or contribution that we may have against others. We maintain product liability insurance, however, we cannot be sure that we will not incur claims or liabilities for which we are not insured or that exceed the amount of our insurance coverage.

Changes in immigration laws could impact our ability to harvest our crops.

We engage third parties to provide personnel for our harvesting operations. The availability and number of such workers is subject to decrease if there are changes in the U.S. immigration laws. The scarcity of available personnel to harvest our agricultural products could cause harvesting costs to increase or could lead to the loss of product that is not timely harvested which could have a material adverse effect to our citrus grove business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Changes in demand for our agricultural products can affect demand and pricing of such products.

The general public's demand for particular food crops we grow and sell could reduce prices for some of our products. To the extent that consumer preferences evolve away from products we produce and we are unable to modify our products or develop products that satisfy new customer preferences, there could be a decrease in prices for our products. Even if market prices are unfavorable, produce items which are ready to be or have been harvested must be brought to market. Additionally, we have

significant investments in our citrus groves and cannot easily shift to alternative crops for this land. A decrease in the selling price received for our products due to the factors described above could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our citrus grove business is seasonal.

Our citrus groves produce the majority of our annual operating revenues and the citrus grove business is seasonal because it is tied to the growing and picking seasons. Historically, the second and third quarters of our fiscal year generally produce the majority of our annual revenues, and our working capital requirements are typically greater in the first and fourth quarters of our fiscal year coinciding with our planting cycles. Because of the seasonality of our business, results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved for the full fiscal year or in future quarters. If our operating revenues in the second and third quarters are lower than expected, it would have a disproportionately large adverse impact on our annual operating results.

We face significant competition in our agricultural operations.

We face significant competition in our agricultural operations both from domestic and foreign producers and do not have any branded products. Foreign growers generally have an equal or lower cost of production, less environmental regulation and in some instances, greater resources and market flexibility than us. Because foreign growers have greater flexibility as to when they enter the U.S. market, we cannot always predict the impact these competitors will have on our business and results of operations. The competition we face from foreign suppliers of orange juice is mitigated by a governmentally imposed tariff on orange imports. A change in the government's reduction in the orange juice tariff could adversely impact our results of operations.

Climate change, or legal, regulatory, or market measures to address climate change, may negatively affect our business and operations.

There is growing concern that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere may have an adverse impact on global temperatures, weather patterns, and the frequency and severity of extreme weather and natural disasters. In the event that such climate change has a negative effect on the productivity of our citrus groves, it could have an adverse impact on our business and results of operations. The increasing concern over climate change also may result in more regional, federal, and/or global legal and regulatory requirements to reduce or mitigate the effects of greenhouse gases. In the event that such regulation is enacted, we may experience significant increases in our costs of operations. In particular, increasing regulation of fuel emissions could substantially increase the distribution and supply chain costs associated with our products. As a result, climate change could negatively affect our business and operations.

We benefit from reduced real estate taxes due to the agricultural classification of a majority of our land. Changes in the classification or valuation methods employed by county property appraisers could cause significant changes in our real estate tax liabilities.

In the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we paid approximately \$4,054,000, \$2,291,000 and \$2,196,000 in real estate taxes, respectively. These taxes were based upon the agricultural use ("Green Belt") values determined by the county property appraiser in which counties we own land, of \$123,617,000, \$74,105,000 and \$69,687,000 for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which differs significantly from the fair values determined by the county property appraisers of \$652,891,000, \$518,112,000 and \$516,919,000. Changes in state law or county policy regarding the granting of agricultural classification or calculation of Green Belt values or average millage rates could significantly impact our results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

We manage our properties in an attempt to capture their highest and best use and customarily do not sell property until it no longer meets our total return profile.

The goal for our land management program is to manage and selectively improve our lands for their most profitable use. We continually evaluate our properties focusing on location, soil capabilities, subsurface composition, topography, transportation and availability of markets for our crops, the climatic characteristics of each of the tracts, long-term capital appreciation and operating income potential. While we are primarily engaged in agricultural activities, when land does not meet our total return profile, we may determine that the property is surplus to our activities and place the property for sale or exchange.

Liability for the use of pesticides, herbicides and other potentially hazardous substances could increase our costs.

Our agricultural business involves the use of herbicides, fertilizers and pesticides, some of which may be considered hazardous or toxic substances. We may be deemed liable and have to pay for the costs or damages associated with the improper application, accidental release or the use or misuse of such substances. Our insurance may not be adequate to cover such costs or damages, or may not continue to be available at a price or under terms that are satisfactory to us. In such cases, if we are required to pay significant costs or damages, it could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Compliance with applicable environmental laws may substantially increase our costs of doing business which could reduce our profits.

We are subject to various laws and regulations relating to the operation of our properties, which are administered by numerous federal, state and local governmental agencies. We face a potential for environmental liability by virtue of our ownership of real property. If hazardous substances (including herbicides and pesticides used by us or by any persons leasing our lands) are discovered emanating from any of our lands and the release of such substances presents a threat of harm to the public health or the environment, we may be held strictly liable for the cost of remediation of these hazardous substances. In addition, environmental laws that apply to a given site can vary greatly according to the site's location, its present and former uses, and other factors such as the presence of wetlands or endangered species on the site. Management monitors environmental legislation and requirements and makes every effort to remain in compliance with such regulations. Furthermore, we require lessees of our properties to comply with environmental regulations as a condition of leasing. We also purchase insurance for environmental liability when it is available; however, these insurance contracts may not be adequate to cover such costs or damages or may not continue to be available at prices and terms that would be satisfactory. It is possible that in some cases the cost of compliance with these environmental laws could exceed the value of a particular tract of land, make it unsuitable for use in what would otherwise be its highest and best use, and/or be significant enough that it would materially adversely affect us.

Our business may be adversely affected if we lose key employees.

We depend to a large extent on the services of certain key management personnel. These individuals have extensive experience and expertise in our business lines and segments in which they work. The loss of any of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on our businesses. We do not maintain key-man life insurance with respect to any of our employees. Our success will be dependent on our ability to continue to employ and retain skilled personnel in our business lines and segments.

Risks Related to our Common Stock

Our largest stockholder has effective control over the election of our Board of Directors and other matters.

734 Investors, LLC ("734 Investors") and its two controlling persons, Remy Trafelet and George Brokaw, together beneficially own approximately 57.7% of our outstanding common stock as of December 1, 2015. Accordingly, by virtue of its ownership percentage, 734 Investors is able to elect all of our directors and officers, and has the ability to exert significant influence over our business and may make decisions with which other stockholders may disagree, including, among other things, changes in our business plan, delaying, discouraging or preventing a change of control of our Company or a potential merger, consolidation, tender offer, takeover or other business combination.

Additionally, potential conflicts of interest could exist when we enter into related party transactions with 734 Investors such as the Silver Nip Citrus merger we entered into on February 28, 2015. The terms of the merger were negotiated and considered by a special committee comprised entirely of independent and disinterested members of our Board of Directors.

We are a "Controlled Company" under the NASDAQ Listing Rules and therefore are exempt from certain corporate governance requirements, which could reduce the influence of independent directors.

We are a "Controlled Company" under NASDAQ listing rules, because more than 50% of the voting power of our outstanding common stock is controlled by 734 Investors. As a consequence, we are exempt from certain NASDAQ requirements including the requirement that:

Our Board of Directors be composed of a majority of independent directors;

The compensation of our officers be determined by a majority of the independent directors or a compensation committee composed solely of independent directors; and

Nominations to the Board of Directors be made by a majority of the independent directors or a nominations committee composed solely of independent directors.

However, NASDAQ does require that our independent directors have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present. In addition, Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m) requires that a compensation committee of outside directors (within the meaning of Section 162(m)) approve stock option grants to executive officers in order for us to be able to claim deductions for the compensation expense attributable to such stock options. Notwithstanding the foregoing exemptions, we do have a majority of independent directors on our Board of Directors and we do have an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Governance Committee composed primarily of independent directors.

Although we currently comply with certain of the NASDAQ listing rules that do not apply to controlled companies, our compliance is voluntary, and there can be no assurance that we will continue to comply with these standards in the future. If in the future our Board of Directors elects to rely on the exemptions permitted by the NASDAQ listing standards and reduce the number or proportion of independent directors on our Board and its committees, the influence of independent directors would be reduced.

Sales of substantial amounts of our outstanding common stock by our largest stockholder could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our largest stockholder, 734 Investors, beneficially owns approximately 57.7% of our outstanding common stock as of December 1, 2015. Our common stock is thinly traded and our common stock prices can fluctuate significantly. As such, sales of substantial amounts of our common stock into the public market by 734 Investors or perceptions that significant sales could occur, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our common stock has low trading volume.

Although our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Market, it is thinly traded and our average daily trading volume is low compared to the number of shares of common stock we have outstanding. The low trading volume of our common stock can cause our stock price to fluctuate significantly as well as make it difficult for you to sell your common shares quickly. As a result of our stock being thinly traded and/or our low stock price, institutional investors might not be interested in owning our common stock.

We may not be able to continue to pay or maintain our cash dividends on our common stock and the failure to do so may negatively affect our share price.

We have historically paid regular quarterly dividends to the holders of our common stock which dividends were reduced beginning in the third fiscal quarter of 2014 in order to retain cash which increases our flexibility to reinvest in our business and pursue growth opportunities consistent with our mission. Our ability to pay cash dividends depends on, among other things, our cash flows from operations, our cash requirements, our financial condition, the degree to which we are/or become leveraged, contractual restrictions binding on us, provisions of applicable law and other factors that our Board of Directors may deem relevant. There can be no assurance that we will generate sufficient cash from continuing operations in the future, or have sufficient cash surplus or net profits to pay dividends on our common stock. Our dividend policy is based upon our directors' current assessment of our business and the environment in which we operate and that assessment could change based on business developments (which could, for example, increase our need for capital expenditures) or new growth opportunities. Our Board of Directors may, in its discretion, decrease the level of cash dividends or entirely discontinue the payment of cash dividends. The reduction or elimination of cash dividends may negatively affect the market price of our common stock.

There can be no assurance that we will continue to repurchase shares of our common stock.

In September 2015, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 50,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock from stockholders beginning September 17, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2016. Our share repurchase program does not obligate us to repurchase any specific number of shares and may be suspended from time to time or terminated at any time prior to its expiration. There can be no assurance that we will repurchase shares in the future in any particular amounts or at all. A reduction in, or elimination of, share repurchases could have a negative effect on our share price.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

As of September 30, 2015, we owned approximately 121,000 acres of land located in twelve counties in Florida. Acreage in each county and the primary classification with respect to the present use of these properties is shown in the following table:

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	Total	Hendry	Polk	Collier	DeSoto	Glade	esLee	e Alachı	ıaCharlott	eHarde	eHighland	dsMarti	n Osceola
Citrus Grove	S												
Citrus Groves	s46,781	5,168	6,808	7,291	21,177	_	_		2,503	574	1,223	674	1,363
Total Citrus Groves	46,781	5,168	6,808	7,291	21,177	_		_	2,503	574	1,223	674	1,363
Improved Farmland: Irrigated	1,825	1,825	_	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Ranch Land and Conservation	70,962	66,940	_	4,022	_	_			_	_	_	_	_
Commercial	2		_				2	_	_	—			
Mining	526					526							
Other	1,342	957				_	_	385			_		
Total	121,438	74,890	6,808	11,313	21,177	526	2	385	2,503	574	1,223	674	1,363

Approximately 60,776 acres of the properties listed are encumbered by credit agreements totaling approximately \$205,881,000 as of September 30, 2015. For a more detailed description of the credit agreements and collateral please see Note 5, "Debt" in the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.

We currently collect mining royalties on approximately 526 acres of land located in Glades County, Florida. These royalties do not represent a significant portion of our operating revenues or gross profits. We are seeking permits to develop an additional mine on approximately 850 acres in Hendry County to be used as a sand mine. Approximately 2,800 acres in Collier County may be suitable for a rock mine. We are not currently pursuing permits for the Collier County mine. The Hendry County parcel is currently classified as ranch land, while the Collier County parcel is classified as citrus.

## Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

On March 11, 2015, a putative stockholder class action lawsuit captioned Shiva Y. Stein v. Alico, Inc., et al., No. 15-CA-000645 (the "Stein lawsuit"), was filed in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial District in and for Lee County, Florida, against Alico, Inc. ("Alico"), its current and certain former directors, 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC d/b/a Silver Nip Citrus ("Silver Nip"), 734 Investors, LLC ("734 Investors"), 734 Agriculture, LLC ("734 Agriculture") and 734 Sub, LLC ("734 Sub") in connection with the acquisition of Silver Nip by Alico (the "Acquisition"). The complaint alleges that Alico's directors at the time of the Acquisition, 734 Investors and 734 Agriculture breached fiduciary duties to Alico stockholders in connection with the Acquisition and that Silver Nip and 734 Sub aided and abetted such breaches. The lawsuit seeks, among other things, monetary and equitable relief, costs, fees (including attorneys' fees) and expenses.

On May 6, 2015, a putative stockholder class action and derivative lawsuit captioned Ruth S. Dimon Trust v. George R. Brokaw, et al., No. 15-CA-001162 (the "Dimon lawsuit"), was filed in the Circuit Court of the Twentieth Judicial District in and for Lee County, Florida, against Alico, its current directors, Silver Nip, 734 Investors and 734 Agriculture in connection with the Acquisition of Silver Nip by Alico. The complaint alleges claims for breach of fiduciary duty, gross mismanagement, waste of corporate assets and tortious interference with contract against Alico's

directors, unjust enrichment against three of the directors and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against Silver Nip, 734 investors and 734 Agriculture. The lawsuit seeks, among other things, rescission of the Acquisition, an injunction prohibiting certain payments to Silver Nip stockholders, unspecified damages, disgorgement of profits, costs, fees (including attorneys' fees) and expenses.

On July 17, 2015, the plaintiffs in the Stein and Dimon lawsuits filed a stipulation and proposed order consolidating their cases for all purposes under the caption, In re Alico, Inc. Shareholder Litigation, Master File No. 15-CA-000645 (the "Consolidated")

Action") and seeking the appointment of a lead plaintiff and lead and liaison counsel. The court entered that proposed order on July 21, 2015.

On October 16, 2015, the lead plaintiff in the Consolidated Action reported to the court that the parties reached an agreement in principle to settle the Consolidated Action and other claims related to the Acquisition, and that they are in the process of formally documenting their agreements. That process is ongoing and the settlement remains subject to final documentation and court approval following notice to the relevant Alico shareholders. Once the parties have completed the settlement documentation, they will contact the court to schedule a hearing at which they will request the court to preliminarily approve the settlement and to set a final settlement hearing date.

From time to time, we may be involved in litigation relating to claims arising out of our operations in the normal course of business. There are no current legal proceedings to which we are a party to or of which any of our property is subject to that we believe will have a material adverse effect on our business financial position or results of operations.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure. Not Applicable

#### **PART II**

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Common Stock Prices

Our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol ALCO. The high and low sales prices of our common stock in each quarter in the fiscal years 2015 and 2014 are presented below:

	2015 Price		2014 Price		
	High	Low	High	Low	
Quarter Ended:					
December 31	\$51.83	\$34.67	\$39.15	\$38.10	
March 31	\$58.10	\$43.80	\$38.48	\$37.61	
June 30	\$52.74	\$44.52	\$37.68	\$37.15	
September 30	\$48.94	\$37.16	\$38.30	\$37.94	

#### Holders

On October 31, 2015, our stock transfer records indicate there were approximately 262 holders of record of our common stock. The number of registered holders includes banks and brokers who act as nominee, each of whom may represent more than one stockholder.

#### **Dividend Policy**

The declaration and amount of any actual cash dividend are in the sole discretion of our Board of Directors and are subject to numerous factors that ordinarily affect dividend policy, including the results of our operations and financial position, as well as general economic and business conditions.

The following table presents cash dividends per share of our common stock declared in fiscal years 2015, 2014, and 2013 and paid in fiscal years 2016, 2015 and 2014:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payment Date	Per Common Share
July 18, 2013	September 30, 2013	October 15, 2013	\$0.08
September 25, 2013	December 31, 2013	January 14, 2014	\$0.12
December 18, 2013	March 31, 2014	April 14, 2014	\$0.12
April 10, 2014	June 30, 2014	July 14, 2014	\$0.06
July 10, 2014	September 30, 2014	October 15, 2014	\$0.06
October 2, 2014	December 31, 2014	January 15, 2015	\$0.06
February 25, 2015	March 31, 2015	April 15, 2015	\$0.06
June 4, 2015	June 30, 2015	July 15, 2015	\$0.06
September 10, 2015	September 30, 2015	October 15, 2015	\$0.06

#### Stock Performance Graph

The graph below represents our common stock performance, comparing the value of \$100 invested on September 30, 2010 in our common stock, the S&P 500 Index, the S&P Agricultural Products Index and a Company-constructed peer group, which includes Forestar Group, Inc., Limoneira Company, The St. Joe Company, Tejon Ranch Co. and Texas Pacific Land Trust.

#### (Includes reinvestment of dividends)

#### **INDEXED RETURNS**

	Base					
	Period	Years Ending				
Company Name / Index	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15
Alico, Inc.	100	84.84	136.48	181.34	169.41	181.42
S&P 500 Index	100	101.15	131.69	157.17	188.18	187.02
S&P Agricultural Products Index	100	84.89	100.92	135.18	179.13	154.04
Peer Group	100	69.88	94.50	108.59	127.80	104.88

## **Equity Compensation Arrangements**

Effective January 27, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the 2015 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") which provides for up to 1,250,000 shares of the Company's common stock to be available for issuance to provide a long-term incentive plan for officers, employees, directors and/or consultants to directly link incentives to stockholders' value. The 2015 Plan was approved by stockholders in February 2015. The adoption of the 2015 Plan supersedes the 2013 Incentive Equity Plan (the "2013 Plan"), which had been in place since April 2013. The 2013 Plan provided for the issuance of up to 350,000 shares of the Company's common stock to Directors and Officers through March 2018.

The following table illustrates the common shares remaining available for future issuance under the 2015 Plan:

	Number of securities to	Weighted-average	Number of securities
	be issued upon exercise	exercise price of	remaining available for
	of outstanding options,	outstanding options,	future issuance under
	warrants and rights	warrants and rights	equity plans
Plan Category:			
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	-	-	1,237,500
Total	-	-	1,237,500

Recent Sale of Unregistered Securities None.

Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

In fiscal year 2015, our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 170,000 shares of the Company's common stock beginning March 26, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2016 (the "2015 Authorizations"). The stock repurchases under the 2015 Authorizations are made through open market transactions at times and in such amounts as our broker determined subject to the provisions of SEC Rule 10b-18.

We adopted Rule 10b5-1 share repurchase plan under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Plan") in connection with share repurchase authorizations. The Plan allows us to repurchase our shares of common stock at times when it otherwise might be prevented from doing so under insider trading laws or because of self-imposed trading blackout periods. Because repurchases under the Plan are subject to certain pricing parameters, there is no guarantee as to the exact number of common shares that will be repurchased under the Plan or that there will be any repurchases pursuant to the Plan. Subject to applicable regulations, we may elect to amend or cancel the Plan at our discretion.

Through September 30, 2015, we had purchased 91,554 common shares and had available to purchase an additional 78,446 common shares in accordance with the fiscal year 2015 Authorizations.

The following table describes our purchases of our common stock during the fourth quarter of 2015 for the 2015 Authorizations.

D.	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plan or Program	Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan or Program
Date:				
July 2015	_		_	
August 2015	24,128	\$41.57	24,128	125,872
September 2015	47,426	\$41.76	47,426	78,446

We do not anticipate that any purchases under our Board of Directors' authorizations will be made from any officer, director or control person.

We purchased zero, 9,907, 10,093 and 71,554 shares of common stock in the open market during the first, second, third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 2015, respectively, at a weighted average price of \$43.83 per common share.

#### Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The following tables present selected historical consolidated and combined financial information as of and for each of the fiscal years in the five-year period ended September 30, 2015. The Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 include combined financial statement balances with Silver Nip Citrus, as result of our common control acquisition in February 2015.

The selected historical financial data presented below should be reviewed in conjunction with our Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes thereto, included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(in thousands, except per share amounts)	September 30,							
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011			
Selected Statement of Operations Information	n:							
Operating revenues	\$153,119	\$103,983	\$101,661	\$127,187	\$98,592			
Income from operations	\$19,059	\$9,914	\$11,935	\$23,742	\$15,237			
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$15,764	\$9,033	\$19,646	\$18,489	\$7,097			
Basic earnings per common share	\$1.96	\$1.23	\$2.69	\$2.51	\$0.96			
Diluted earnings per common share	\$1.96	\$1.23	\$2.67	\$2.51	\$0.96			
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.36	\$0.20	\$0.12			
Selected Balance Sheet Information:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,360	\$31,020	\$24,583	\$13,328	\$1,336			
Property and equipment, net	\$381,667	\$126,833	\$131,071	\$122,834	\$128,780			
Total assets	\$460,580	\$257,580	\$198,840	\$185,083	\$180,035			
Current portion of long-term debt	\$4,511	\$3,196	\$2,000	\$3,267	\$3,279			
Long-term debt, net of current portion	\$201,370	\$61,604	\$34,000	\$36,633	\$53,879			
Total Alico, Inc. equity	\$172,792	\$161,851	\$142,736	\$127,846	\$110,662			
Noncontrolling interest	\$4,807	<b>\$</b> —	\$—	<b>\$</b> —	\$			

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, we utilized cash to reduce our outstanding debt by \$18,510,000 resulting in a reduction in total assets and long-term obligations.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, we utilized cash from operating and investing activities to reduce our outstanding debt by approximately \$17,258,000, resulting in a reduction in long-term debt obligations. Net income includes a gain on sale of real estate of approximately \$9,113,000 on the sale of land and impairment charges of \$1,918,000 on assets held for sale.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, net income includes the gain on sale of assets of approximately \$20,300,000 related to the closing of the Conservation Easement in fiscal 2013.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, net income includes the gain on sale of assets of approximately \$4,820,000 related to the Polk County land sale and property and equipment sold to USSC and gain on settlement of contingent consideration of \$6,000,000.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, net income includes the gain on sale of assets of approximately \$16,517,000 related to the sale of real estate, approximately \$8,373,000 of interest expense, \$1,051,000 loss on extinguishment of debt related to the refinancing of our debt obligations, \$1,145,000 gain on bargain purchase related

to acquisition of citrus business and impairment charges of approximately \$541,000 on assets held for sale.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements and related Notes thereto.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Information

We provide forward-looking information in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, particularly in this Management's Discussion and Analysis and Results of Operations, pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Any statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements that express our intentions, beliefs, expectations, strategies, predictions or any other statements relating to our future activities or other future events or conditions. These statements are based on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our business based, in part, on assumptions made by our management. Factors which may cause future outcomes to differ materially from those foreseen in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: changes in laws, regulation and rules; weather conditions that affect production, transportation, storage, demand, import and export of fresh product and their by-products, increased pressure from disease, insects and other pests; disruption of water supplies or changes in water allocations; pricing and supply of raw materials and products; market responses to industry volume pressures; pricing and supply of energy; changes in interest rates; availability of financing for land development activities and other growth opportunities; onetime events; acquisitions and divestitures including our ability to achieve the anticipated results of the Orange-Co acquisition and Silver Nip Citrus merger; seasonality; labor disruptions; inability to pay debt obligations; inability to engage in certain transactions due to restrictive covenants in debt instruments; government restrictions on land use; changes in agricultural land values; changes in dividends; and market and pricing risks due to concentrated ownership of stock. These assumptions are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements due to numerous factors, including those Risks Factors included in Part I, Item 1A and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Introduction

Alico, Inc. ("Alico"), together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company", "we", "us" or "our"), is a holding company with assets and related operations in agriculture, land management and natural resources. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, the Company acquired three Florida citrus properties for total consideration of approximately \$363,000,000. These acquisitions make Alico one of the largest citrus producers in the United States, with total 2014-2015 production of approximately 10,500,000 boxes. We are a Florida agribusiness and land management company, backed by a legacy of achievement and innovation in citrus, cattle and resource conservation. We own approximately 121,000 acres of land in twelve Florida counties which includes approximately 90,000 acres of mineral rights. Our principal lines of business are citrus groves, cattle ranching and conservation, and related support operations. Our mission is to create value for our customers and stockholders by managing existing lands to their optimal current income and total returns, opportunistically acquiring new agricultural assets and producing high quality agricultural products while exercising responsible environmental stewardship.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is intended to help provide an understanding of our results of operations, financial condition and changes in financial condition for the periods presented. This MD&A is organized as follows:

• Business Overview. This section provides a general description of our business, as well as other matters that we believe are important in understanding our results of operations and financial condition.

Consolidated and Combined Results of Operations. This section provides an analysis of our results of operations for the three fiscal years ended September 30, 2015. Our discussion is presented on a consolidated and combined basis and includes discussion on future trends by segment.

Liquidity and Capital Resources. This section provides an analysis of our cash flows for the three fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 and our outstanding debt, commitments and cash resources as of September 30, 2015. Critical Accounting Policies. This section identifies those accounting policies that we consider important to our results of operations and financial condition, require significant judgment and involve significant management estimates. Our significant accounting policies, including those considered to be critical accounting policies, are summarized in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.

#### **Business Overview**

#### **Business Description**

We generate operating revenues primarily from the sale of our citrus products. We operate as five business segments and substantially all of our operating revenues are generated in the United States. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, we generated operating revenues of \$153,119,000, income from operations of \$19,059,000, net income of \$15,733,000 and cash provided by operations of \$33,866,000.

#### **Business Segments**

We operate five business segments related to our various land holdings, as follows:

Citrus Groves include activities related to planting, owning, cultivating and/or managing citrus groves in order to produce fruit for sale to fresh and processed citrus markets.

Agricultural Supply Chain Management includes activities related to the purchase and resale of fruit, as well as, to value-added services which include contracting for the harvesting, marketing and hauling of citrus.

Improved Farmland includes activities related to owning and/or leasing improved farmland. Improved farmland is acreage that has been converted, or is permitted to be converted, from native pasture and which may have various improvements including irrigation, drainage and roads. As a result of the disposition of our sugarcane land, we are no longer involved in sugarcane and, as of November 21, 2014, the Improved Farmland segment was no longer material to our business.

Ranch and Conservation includes activities related to cattle grazing, sod, native plant and animal sales, leasing, management and/or conservation of unimproved native pasture land.

Other Operations include activities related to a citrus nursery, rock mining royalties, oil exploration and other insignificant lines of business.

Fiscal Year Highlights and Recent Developments

Orange-Co Acquisition

On December 2, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of certain citrus and related assets of Orange-Co, LP ("Orange-Co") pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, which we refer to as the Orange-Co Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2014 and 51% of the ownership interests of Citree Holdings 1, LLC ("Citree"). The assets the Company purchased include approximately 21,000 acres of citrus groves in DeSoto and Charlotte Counties, Florida, which comprise one of the largest contiguous citrus grove properties in the state of Florida. Total assets acquired were approximately \$277,792,000, net of \$2,060,000 in cash acquired and \$4,838,000 in fair value attributable to the noncontrolling interest in Citree, including: (1) \$147,500,000 in initial cash consideration funded from the proceeds of the sugarcane disposition and new term debt; (2) up to \$7,500,000 in additional cash consideration to be released from escrow in equal parts, subject to certain limitations, on December 1, 2015 and June 1, 2016; (3) the refinancing of Orange-Co's outstanding debt including approximately \$92,290,000 in term loan debt and a working capital facility of approximately \$27,857,000; and (4) the assumption of certain other liabilities totaling \$4,705,000. On December 1, 2014, Alico deposited an irrevocable standby letter of credit issued by Rabo Agrifinance, Inc. ("Rabo") in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000 into an escrow account to fund the additional cash consideration (see Note 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements).

# Sugarcane Land Disposition

On November 21, 2014, the Company completed the sale of approximately 36,000 acres of land used for sugarcane production and land leasing in Hendry County, Florida to Global Ag Properties, LLC ("Global") for \$97,913,921 in cash. We had previously leased approximately 30,600 of these acres to United States Sugar Corporation (the "USSC Lease") on May 19, 2014. The USSC Lease was assigned to Global in conjunction with the land sale.

Net cash proceeds from the sugarcane land sale of \$97,126,000 were deposited with a Qualified Intermediary in anticipation of the Orange-Co asset acquisition in a tax deferred like-kind exchange pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and Dispositions" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements).

The sales price is subject to post-closing adjustments over a ten (10) year period. The Company realized a gain of \$42,753,000 on the sale. Initially, \$29,140,000 of the gain was deferred due to the Company's continuing involvement in the property pursuant to a post-closing agreement and the potential price adjustments. The deferral represents the Company's estimate of the maximum exposure to loss as a result of the continuing involvement. The deferred gain balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$29,122,000. A net gain of \$13,613,000 was recognized in the first quarter of fiscal year 2015.

In May 2015, the Company made a payment of \$1,347,000 to Global pursuant to the sales contract. The USSC Lease is tied to the market price of sugar, and this payment is required annually, in advance, to supplement the rent paid by USSC in the event that the sugar prices are below certain thresholds. Approximately \$843,000 of this payment is included in prepaid expenses and other current assets in the Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2015 and the Company has recognized \$607,000 in interest expense and \$17,300 of the deferred gain for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

As a result of the disposition of our sugarcane land, we are no longer involved in sugarcane and, as of November 21, 2014, the Improved Farmland segment was no longer material to our business.

Our sugarcane land was classified as "assets held for sale" in our Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2014. The sugarcane operation has not been classified as a discontinued operation due to the Company's continuing involvement pursuant to the post-closing agreement described above.

Common Control Acquisition between the Company and 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC

Effective February 28, 2015, the Company completed the merger (the "Merger") with 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC ("Silver Nip Citrus") pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with 734 Sub, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), Silver Nip Citrus and, solely with respect to certain sections thereof, the equity holders of Silver Nip Citrus. The ownership of Silver Nip Citrus was held by 734 Agriculture, 74.89%, Mr. Clay Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, 5% and an entity controlled by Mr. Clay Wilson owned, 20.11%.

On November 19, 2013, 734 Agriculture and its affiliates, including 734 Investors, acquired approximately 51% of the Company's common stock. 734 Agriculture is the sole managing member of 734 Investors. By virtue of their ownership percentage, 734 Agriculture is able to elect all of the Directors and, consequently, control Alico.

734 Agriculture has control over both Silver Nip Citrus and the Company and therefore the Merger was treated as a common control acquisition.

At closing of the Merger, Merger Sub merged with and into Silver Nip Citrus, with Silver Nip Citrus and its affiliates surviving the Merger as wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at closing, the Company issued 923,257 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, to the holders of membership interests in Silver Nip Citrus. Silver Nip Citrus' outstanding net indebtedness at the closing of the Merger was approximately \$40,278,000 and other liabilities totaled \$6,952,000. The Company acquired assets with a book value of \$65,739,000 and total net assets of \$18,470,000. The common shares issued were recorded at the carrying amount of the net assets transferred. In September 2015, the former holders of membership interests in Silver Nip

Citrus received an additional 115,782 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement. The additional consideration was based on the value of the proceeds received by the Company from the sale of citrus fruit harvested on Silver Nip Citrus' citrus groves following the conclusion of the 2014-2015 citrus harvest season.

## Water Storage Contract Approval

In December 2012, the South Florida Water Management District ("SFWMD") issued a solicitation request for projects to be considered for the Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services Program. In March 2013, the Company submitted its response proposing a dispersed water management project on a portion of its ranch land.

On December 11, 2014, the SFWMD approved a contract with the Company. The contract term is eleven years and allows up to one year for implementation (design, permitting, construction and construction completion certification) and ten years of operation whereby the Company will provide water retention services. Payment for these services includes an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 of reimbursement for implementation. In addition, it provides for an annual fixed payment of \$12,000,000 for operations

and maintenance costs as long as the project is in compliance with the contract and subject to annual SFWMD Governing Board (the "Board") approval of funding. The contract specifies that the Board has to approve the payments annually, and there can be no assurance that it will approve the annual fixed payments.

During the 2015 legislative session, the Governor of Florida vetoed the legislatively approved budget for dispersed water management projects. Although SFWMD did not receive the state funds for the project payments for the next fiscal year (October 2015 through September 2016), SFWMD has amended the Contract with the Company to extend the duration for funding beyond the 2016 legislative session. This provided the District with options to continue with the project.

As discussed above, the Dispersed Water Management Program Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services Contract between the Company and SFWMD provides that funding of the contract is subject to the SFWMD receiving funds for the project from the Florida Legislature and the SFWMD Governing Board budget appropriation.

The SFWMD budget process allows for amending the budget at any Governing Board meeting, which could allow for some funding in fiscal year 2016. However, if no funds are provided in 2016 and accommodation is not reached to delay work on the project until funds are available, the District would be within its rights under the contract to terminate.

#### Consolidated and Combined Results of Operations

The following discussion provides an analysis of our results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

The table below provides a summary of our results of operations for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands)	Fiscal Yea September		Change			Fiscal Yea		Change			
	2015	2014	\$	%		2014	2013	\$		%	
Operating revenues:											
Citrus Groves	\$139,700	\$62,372	\$77,328	124.0	%	\$62,372	\$43,689	\$18,683		42.8	%
Agricultural Supply Chain Management	6,439	12,376	(5,937)	(48.0	)%	12,376	28,412	(16,036	)	(56.4	)%
Improved Farmland	901	20,429	(19,528)	(95.6	)%	20,429	21,917	(1,488	)	(6.8	)%
Ranch and Conservation	5,394	8,172	(2,778)	(34.0	)%	8,172	6,755	1,417		21.0	%
Other Operations	685	634	51	8.0	%	634	888	(254	)	(28.6	)%
Total operating revenues	153,119	103,983	49,136	47.3	%	103,983	101,661	2,322		2.3	%
Gross profit (loss):											
Citrus Groves	35,619	19,801	15,818	79.9	%	19,801	12,156	7,645		62.9	%
Agricultural Supply Chain Management	246	59	187	316.9	%	59	463	(404	)	(87.3	)%
Improved Farmland	(188)	(927)	739	(79.7	)%	(927)	5,715	(6,642	)	(116.2	)%
Ranch and Conservation	586	2,049	(1,463)	(71.4	)%	2,049	2,957	(908	)	(30.7	)%
Other Operations	(310)	260	(570)	(219.2	)%	260	383	(123	)	(32.1	)%
Total gross profit	35,953	21,242	14,711	69.3	%	21,242	21,674	(432	)	(2.0	)%
General and administrative expenses	16,894	11,328	5,566	49.1	%	11,328	9,739	1,589		16.3	%
Income from operations	19,059	9,914	9,145	92.2	%	9,914	11,935	(2,021	)	(16.9	)%
Other income, net	7,579	9,008	(1,429 )	(15.9	)%	9,008	19,740	(10,732	)	(54.4	)%

Income before income tax provision	26,638	18,922	7,716	40.8	%	18,922	31,675	(12,753 )	(40.3	)%
Provision for income taxes	(10,905)	(9,889)	(1,016)	10.3	%	(9,889)	(12,029)	2,140	(17.8	)%
Net income	15,733	9,033	6,700	74.2	%	9,033	19,646	(10,613)	(54.0	)%
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	31	_	31	NM		_	_	_	NM	
Net income attributable to Alico, Inc. common stockholders N/M - Not meaningful	\$15,764	\$9,033	\$6,731	74.5	%	\$9,033	\$19,646	\$(10,613)	(54.0	)%
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The following table presents our operating revenues, by segment, as a percentage of total operating revenues for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands)	Fiscal Year Ended							
	Septemb	per 30,						
	2015	2014	2013					
Operating revenues:								
Citrus Groves	91.2	% 60.0	% 43.0	%				
Agricultural Supply Chain Management	4.2	% 11.9	% 27.9	%				
Improved Farmland	0.6	% 19.6	% 21.6	%				
Ranch and Conservation	3.5	% 7.9	% 6.6	%				
Other Operations	0.5	% 0.6	% 0.9	%				
Total operating revenues	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%				

The following discussion provides an analysis of our business segments:

Citrus Groves

The table below presents key operating measures for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands, except per box and per pound solids data)

	Fiscal Yea September 2015		Change Unit	%		Fiscal Year September 2014		Change Unit	%	
Revenue From:	2013	2014	Omt	70		2014	2013	Oiiit	70	
Early and Mid-Season	\$51,926	\$25,273	\$26,653	105.5	%	\$25,273	\$17,923	\$7,350	41.0	%
Valencias	76,624	34,095	42,529	124.7	%	34,095	23,216	10,879	46.9	%
Fresh Fruit	6,116	2,343	3,773	161.0	%	2,343	2,451	· ·	(4.4	)%
Other	5,034	661	4,373	661.6	%	661	99	562	567.7	%
Total	\$139,700	\$62,372	\$77,328	124.0	%	\$62,372	\$43,689	\$18,683	42.8	%
Boxes Harvested:	+ ,	+,	+ ,= = =		,-	+ ==,= . =	+ 10,000	+,		, -
Early and Mid-Season	4,445	2,003	2,442	121.9	%	2,003	1,900	103	5.4	%
Valencias	5,569	2,143	3,426	159.9		2,143	1,967	176	8.9	%
Total Processed	10,014	4,146	5,868	141.5		4,146	3,867	279	7.2	%
Fresh Fruit	466	213	253	118.8	%	•	251		(15.1	)%
Total	10,480	4,359	6,121	140.4	%	4,359	4,118	241	5.9	%
Pound Solids Produced:			•			·	•			
Early and Mid-Season	26,139	12,321	13,818	112.1	%	12,321	11,612	709	6.1	%
Valencias	36,083	14,237	21,846	153.4	%	14,237	13,134	1,103	8.4	%
Total	62,222	26,558	35,664	134.3	%	26,558	24,746	1,812	7.3	%
Pound Solids per Box:										
Early and Mid-Season	5.88	6.15	(0.27)	(4.4	)%	6.15	6.11	\$0.04	0.7	%
Valencias	6.48	6.64	(0.16)	(2.4	)%	6.64	6.68	\$(0.04)	(0.6)	)%
Price per Pound Solids:										
Early and Mid-Season	\$1.99	\$2.05	\$(0.06)	(2.9	)%	\$2.05	\$1.54	\$0.51	33.1	%
Valencias	\$2.12	\$2.39	\$(0.27)	(11.3	)%	\$2.39	\$1.77	\$0.62	35.0	%
Price per Box:										
Fresh Fruit	\$13.12	\$11.00	\$2.12	19.3	%	\$11.00	\$9.76	\$1.24	12.7	%
Operating Expenses:										
Cost of Sales	\$73,521	\$30,106	\$43,415	144.2	%	\$30,106	\$19,803	\$10,303	52.0	%

Harvesting and Hauling	26,124	12,463	13,661	109.6	% 12,463	11,473	990	8.6	%
Other	4,436	2	4,434	NM	2	257	(255)	(99.2	)%
Total	\$104.081	\$42.571	\$61.510	144.5	% \$42.571	\$31.533	\$11,038	35.0	%

NM - Not Meaningful

Our citrus groves produce the majority of our annual operating revenues and the citrus grove business is seasonal because it is tied to the growing and picking seasons. Historically, the second and third quarters of our fiscal year produce the majority of our annual revenues, and our working capital requirements are typically greater in the first and fourth quarters of our fiscal year coinciding with our planting cycles.

We sell our Early and Mid-Season and Valencia oranges to processors that convert the majority of the citrus crop into orange juice. They generally buy their citrus on a pound solids basis, which is the measure of the soluble solids (sugars and acids) contained in one box of fruit. Fresh Fruit is generally sold to packing houses that purchase their citrus on a per box basis. Our operating expenses consist primarily of cost of sales and harvesting and hauling costs. Cost of sales represents the cost of maintaining our citrus groves for the preceding calendar year and does not vary in relation to production. Harvesting and hauling costs represent the costs of bringing citrus product to processors and varies based upon the number of boxes produced.

The increase in citrus grove revenues and gross profit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, as compared to fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, was primarily due to the acquisition of Orange-Co in December 2014. Orange-Co related revenues and gross profit were approximately \$72,600,000 and \$17,900,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. Orange-Co revenues represented 52.0% of total citrus grove revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

Orange-Co related boxes harvested and pound solids produced were approximately 5,300,000 and 33,300,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, which represented 50.6% and 53.6% of our total boxes harvested and pound solids produced for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015. We included the financial results of Orange-Co in the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements from the date of acquisition.

The increases in boxes harvested and pound solids produced in fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, were a result of the Orange-Co acquisition as well as Silver Nip Citrus' acquisition of the TRB grove and the acquisition of Crossing Grove (see Note 3, "Acquisitions and Dispositions" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements). Excluding these acquisitions, total boxes harvested declined by 4.0%, as compared to fiscal year 2014. Pound solids per box also declined by 4.4% and 2.4% for the Early and Mid-Season and Valencia oranges, respectively. These declines were believed to be mainly driven by growing season fluctuations in production which may have been attributable to various factors, including changes in weather impacting bloom, horticultural practices and the effects of diseases and pests, including Citrus Greening. The industry and the Company both experienced higher than normal premature fruit drop in certain areas of our groves and smaller sized fruit. Our 2014/2015 crop, including all acquisitions, significantly outpaced the statewide performance on a boxes harvested basis with an increase of approximately 5% over fiscal year 2014.

The USDA, in its November 10, 2015 Citrus Crop Forecast for the 2015/2016 harvest season, indicated that the Florida orange crop will decrease from 96,800,000 boxes for the 2014/2015 crop year to 74,000,000 boxes for the 2015/2016 crop year, a decrease of 23.6%. The 2014-2015 Florida orange crop declined by approximately 8,000,000 boxes or approximately 8% compared to the 2013/2014 crop.

We estimate our 2016 processed boxes to be relatively flat compared to our fiscal year 2015 processed boxes, on a per acre basis. For fiscal year 2016, we expect that the forecasted 23.6% decrease in the size of the statewide crop could cause the price per pound solids for fiscal year 2016 to remain at or above the price for fiscal year 2015. We expect that our operating expenses for fiscal year 2016 will remain in-line with fiscal year 2015 on a per acre basis.

The increase in Citrus Groves gross profit for fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013 related primarily to increased prices and revenue, offset by an increase of 2.2% in growing costs for the 2013/2014 harvesting season crop

to \$20,233,000 from \$19,803,000. Per box harvest and hauling costs remained consistent with fiscal year 2013.

#### Pro-Forma Results for Citrus Groves

The unaudited pro forma financial information below for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 gives effect to the acquisition of Orange-Co as if the acquisition had occurred on October 1, 2013. The pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations if the acquisitions had been effective as of this date.

(in thousands, except pound solids per box)

	Fiscal Year Ended								
	September 3	30,							
	2015	2014	Change		% Change				
		(unaudited)							
Citrus Boxes Harvested:									
Early and Mid-Season	4,445	4,631	(186	)	(4.0	)%			
Valencias	5,569	5,031	538		10.7	%			
Fresh Fruit	466	308	158		51.3	%			
	10,480	9,970	510		5.1	%			
Pound Solids Produced:									
Early and Mid-Season	26,139	28,508	(2,369	)	(8.3	)%			
Valencias	36,083	33,754	2,329		6.9	%			
	62,222	62,262	(40	)	(0.1	)%			
Pound Solids Per Box:									
Early and Mid-Season	5.88	6.16	(0.28)	)	(4.5	)%			
Valencias	6.48	6.71	(0.23)	)	(3.4	)%			
Combined	6.21	6.44	(0.23	)	(3.6	)%			

Citrus box and pound solids production fluctuates each growing season, and these fluctuations may be attributable to various factors, including changes in weather, horticultural practices and the effects of diseases and pests, including Citrus Greening.

# Agricultural Supply Chain Management

The table below presents key operating measures for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands, except per box and per pound solids data)

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, Change			Fiscal Year Ended September 30, Change						
	2015	2014	Unit	%		2014	2013	Unit	%	
Purchase and Resale of										
Fruit:										
Revenue	\$5,172	\$10,096	\$(4,924)	(48.8	)%	\$10,096	\$22,858	\$(12,762)	(55.8	)%
Boxes Sold	442	836	(394)	(47.1	)%	836	2,377	(1,541)	(64.8	)%
Pound Solids Sold	2,663	5,195	(2,532)	(48.7	)%	5,195	14,839	(9,644)	(65.0	)%
Pound Solids per Box	6.02	6.21	(0.19)	(3.1	)%	6.21	6.24	(0.03)	(0.5)	)%
Price per Pound Solids	\$1.94	\$1.94	<b>\$</b> —	_	%	\$1.94	\$1.54	\$0.40	26.0	%
Value Added Services:										
Revenue	\$1,238	\$1,891	\$(653)	(34.5	)%	\$1,891	\$3,592	\$(1,701)	(47.4	)%
Value Added Boxes	537	652	(115)	(17.6	)%	652	2,761	(2,109)	(76.4	)%
Other Revenue	\$29	\$389	\$(360)	(92.5	)%	\$389	\$1,962	\$(1,573)	(80.2	)%

For fiscal year 2015 compared to fiscal year 2014, the declines in Purchase and Resale of Fruit revenues, boxes sold and pound solids sold, as well as the declines in Value Added Services revenues and boxes, are all primarily driven by management's decision to reduce the number of external boxes handled by Alico Fruit Company to focus on our

in fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively. This decision was made in the second quarter of fiscal year 2014. The decline in Alico Fruit Company gross profit relates primarily to the changes in revenues outlined above.

For fiscal year 2016, we would expect revenues and gross profit for Agricultural Supply Chain Management to remain relatively consistent with fiscal year 2015.

For fiscal year 2014 versus fiscal year 2013, the declines in Purchase and Resale of Fruit revenue, boxes sold and pound solids sold, as well as the declines in Value Added Services revenue and boxes, are all being primarily driven by a management decision to reduce the number of external boxes handled by Alico Fruit Company in fiscal year 2014 and to a lesser extent declines in Florida citrus production. The decline in Alico Fruit Company gross profit relates primarily to the changes in revenue outlined above.

Improved Farmland

The table below presents key operating measures for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands, except per net standard ton and per acre data)

	Fiscal Year Ended					Fiscal Year Ended					
	Septemb	er 30,	Change			Septembe	er 30,	Change			
	2015	2014	Unit	%		2014	2013	\$	%		
Revenue From:											
Sale of Sugarcane	\$	\$17,428	\$(17,428)	(100.0)	)%	\$17,428	\$20,125	\$(2,697)	(13.4	)%	
Molasses Bonus		817	(817)	(100.0)	)%	817	800	17	2.1	%	
USSC Lease	503	1,389	(886)	(63.8	)%	1,389	_	1,389	NM		
Other Leases	398	795	(397)	(49.9	)%	795	992	(197)	(19.9	)%	
Total	\$901	\$20,429	\$(19,528)	(95.6	)%	\$20,429	\$21,917	\$(1,488)	(6.8	)%	
Net Standard Tons Sold		590	\$(590)	(100.0)	)%	590	546	\$44	8.1	%	
Price Per Net Standard											
Ton:											
Sale of Sugarcane	\$	\$29.54	\$(29.54)	(100.0)	)%	\$29.54	\$36.86	\$(7.32)	(19.9	)%	
Molasses	\$	\$1.38	\$(1.38)	(100.0)	)%	\$1.38	\$1.47	\$(0.09)	(6.1	)%	
Net Standard Tons/Acre		35.20	(35.20)	(100.0)	)%	35.20	41.14	(5.94)	(14.4	)%	
Operating Expenses:											
Cost of Sales	<b>\$</b> —	\$14,368	\$(14,368)	(100.0)	)%	\$14,368	\$11,580	\$2,788	24.1	%	
Harvesting and Hauling		3,759	(3,759)	(100.0)	)%	3,759	4,298	(539)	(12.5	)%	
Land Leasing Expenses	614	3,229	(2,615)	(81.0	)%	3,229	324	2,905	NM		
Guarantee Payment to Global	475	_	475	NM		_	_	_			
Total	\$1,089	\$21,356	\$(20,267)	(94.9	)%	\$21,356	\$16,202	\$5,154	31.8	%	
NM - Not Meaningful				•	•	•					

NM - Not Meaningful

On May 19, 2014, the Company entered into a triple net agricultural lease with its sole sugarcane customer, USSC, on 19,181 acres of land planted or plantable to sugar in Hendry County, Florida. As a result of the lease, the Company was no longer directly engaged in sugarcane farming. The annual base rent under the USSC Lease was approximately \$3,548,000.

On November 21, 2014, the Company completed the sale of approximately 36,000 acres of land used for sugarcane production and land leasing to Global for \$97,913,921 in cash. The USSC Lease was assigned to Global in conjunction with the land sale.

The sales price is subject to post-closing adjustments over a ten (10)-year period. The Company realized a gain of \$42,753,000 on the sale. Initially, \$29,140,000 of the gain was deferred due to the Company's continuing involvement

in the property pursuant to a post-closing agreement and the potential price adjustments. The deferral represents the Company's estimate of the

maximum exposure to loss as a result of the continuing involvement. The USSC Lease is tied to the market price of sugar, and a guarantee payment is required annually, in advance, to supplement the rent paid by USSC in the event that the sugar prices are below certain thresholds. In fiscal year 2015, the sugar prices did not rise above the threshold and the Company paid approximately \$475,000 to Global.

As a result of the disposition of our sugarcane land, we are no longer involved in sugarcane and, as of November 1, 2014, the Improved Farmland segment is no longer material to our business.

For fiscal year 2014, the amount of acres used to produce sugarcane increased to 16,728 from 13,272 in fiscal year 2013. The increase in net standard tons sold is related to the increased acreage in production for fiscal year 2014 versus fiscal year 2013. The increase in production for fiscal year 2014 versus fiscal year 2013 is more than offset by the 19.9% decrease in price per net standard ton that has resulted from changes in market conditions. Our Operating Expenses consist primarily of Cost of Sales and Harvesting and Hauling. Cost of Sales represents the cost of maintaining our sugarcane land for the preceding calendar year and does not vary in relation to production. Harvesting and Hauling represents the cost of bringing sugarcane product to our processor and varies based upon the number of net standard tons produced.

The decrease in gross profit for fiscal year 2014 versus fiscal year 2013 is related primarily to the 19.9% decrease in price per standard ton discussed above, partially offset by a 1.6% decrease in growing costs per acre and a 19.1% decrease in harvest and hauling costs per net standard ton versus fiscal year 2013 which relates primarily to the elimination of long-haul charges related to the transportation of sugarcane via truck.

Additionally, the gross profit of the Improved Farmland segment was negatively impacted by a charge of approximately \$2,300,000 in May 2014 recorded as an operating expense related to the reimbursement to the Company, at less than book value, for certain of our costs to develop and plant sugarcane, cultivate and care take sugarcane and purchase certain rolling stock used in our sugarcane operation. The charge relates to the triple net agricultural lease entered into with USSC.

#### Ranch and Conservation

The table below presents key operating measures for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013: (in thousands, except per pound data)

	Fiscal Ye	ear Ended			Fiscal Ye	ear Ended			
	Septemb	er 30,	Change		Septemb	er 30,	Change		
	2015	2014	Unit	%	2014	2013	Unit	%	
Revenue From:									
Sale of Calves	\$3,805	\$5,735	\$(1,930)	(33.7)%	6 \$5,735	\$4,797	\$938	19.6	%
Sale of Culls	511	1,118	(607)	(54.3)%	6 1,118	560	558	99.6	%
Land Leasing	851	981	(130)	(13.3)%	6 981	983	(2)	(0.2)	)%
Other	227	338	(111 ) (	(32.8)%	6 338	415	(77)	(18.6	)%
Total	\$5,394	\$8,172	\$(2,778)	(34.0)%	6 \$8,172	\$6,755	\$1,417	21.0	%
Pounds Sold:									
Calves	1,550	2,964	(1,414 ) (	(47.7)%	6 2,964	3,229	(265)	(8.2	)%
Culls	446	1,181	(735)	(62.2)%	6 1,181	680	501	73.7	%
Price Per Pound:									
Calves	\$2.45	\$1.93	\$0.52	26.9 %	\$1.93	\$1.49	\$0.44	29.5	%
Culls	\$1.15	\$0.95	\$0.20	21.1 %	\$0.95	\$0.82	\$0.13	15.9	%
Operating Expenses:									
Cost of Calves Sold	\$2,248	\$3,569	\$(1,321)	(37.0)%	\$3,569	\$3,274	\$295	9.0	%
Cost of Culls Sold	220	456	(236)	(51.8)%	6 456	280	176	62.9	%
Land Leasing Expenses	214	274	(60)	(21.9)%	6 274	239	35	14.6	%

Other	2,126	1,824			1,824		1,819	NM	
Total NM - Not Meaningful	\$4,808	\$6,123	\$(1,315) (2	1.5 )%	\$6,123	\$3,798	\$2,325	61.2	%
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#### Ranch

The decrease in revenues from the sale of calves in fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, is primarily due to the decrease in pounds sold, partially offset by an increase in price per pound. The decrease in revenues from the sale of culls in fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, results from a decrease in pounds sold, partially offset by an increase in price per pound. The decrease in gross profit for fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, relates primarily to the decrease in pounds sold of beef, as the price per pound sold for calves and culls is consistent between fiscal year 2015 and 2014. The decrease in pounds sold during fiscal year 2015 relates primarily to the timing of calf sales and expansion of the breeding herd. Approximately 1,000 calves are expected to be sold in fiscal year 2016 and approximately 1,000 calves from fiscal 2015 will be retained to expand the breeding herd.

The increase in revenues from the sale of calves in fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013, results primarily from the increase in price per pound, partially offset by a slight decrease in pounds sold. The increase in cull revenues for fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013, results from an increase in pounds sold and an increase in price per pound. The increase in gross profit for fiscal year 2014 as compared to fiscal year 2013, relates primarily to the increased price per pound of beef.

For fiscal year 2016, we expect to have a breeding herd of approximately 9,300 cows which includes retaining an additional 1,400 calves to further expand the breeding herd. We expect that the price per pound of beef sold will be greater than fiscal year 2014 but less than fiscal year 2015. We expect operating expenses for fiscal year 2016 to remain relatively consistent.

#### Conservation

In December 2012, SFWMD issued a solicitation request for projects to be considered for the Northern Everglades Payment for Environmental Services Program. In March 2013, the Company submitted its response proposing a dispersed water management project on a portion of its ranch land.

On December 11, 2014, the SFWMD approved a contract with the Company. The contract term is eleven years and allows up to one year for implementation (design, permitting, construction and construction completion certification) and ten years of operation whereby the Company will provide water retention services. Payment for these services includes an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 of reimbursement for implementation. In addition, it provides for an annual fixed payment of \$12,000,000 for operations and maintenance costs as long as the project is in compliance with the contract and subject to annual Board approval of funding. The contract specifies that the Board has to approve the payments annually, and there can be no assurance that it will approve the annual fixed payments. Operating expenses were approximately \$2,112,000 and \$1,793,000 for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# Other Operations

Other Operations, consisting primarily of leasing revenues, was \$685,000, \$634,00 and \$888,000 for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively and gross profit (loss) of (\$310,000), \$260,000 and \$383,000 for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### General and Administrative

The increase of \$5,566,000 in general and administrative expenses for the fiscal 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, relates primarily to professional and legal costs associated with the acquisitions, dispositions and mergers, as described in the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements, which totaled approximately \$6,485,000 and \$2,639,000 for the fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively. The costs included approximately

\$4,402,000 in transaction and other real estate closing costs, approximately \$1,000,000 related to a consulting and non-competition agreement with the former CEO and approximately \$893,000 related to other consulting costs for the fiscal year 2015. Excluding the transaction-related costs noted, the overall general and administrative increase relates to the significantly expanded size of the Company from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015.

General and administrative expenses for fiscal year 2014 included the general and administrative costs of Silver Nip Citrus totaling approximately \$887,000 due to the fact we retrospectively recast our financial statements to combine the operating results of the Company and Silver Nip Citrus from the date common control began, November 19, 2013. In addition, general and administrative expenses for fiscal years 2014 and 2013 included approximately \$2,639,000 and \$1,816,000, respectively, of professional and legal costs associated with the change in control transaction.

#### Other Income, net

Other income, net decreased by approximately \$1,429,000 in fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, due to approximately \$11,700,000 in increased gains on sale of real estate, offset by approximately \$6,448,000 in increased interest expense primarily due to the refinanced term loan debt from the Orange-Co acquisition and a \$6,000,000 gain on settlement of contingent consideration arrangement in fiscal year 2014.

Other income, net decreased by approximately \$10,732,000 in fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013, due primarily to the gain recognized on the Conservation Easement of approximately \$20,300,000 in fiscal year 2013. Provision for Income Taxes

For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the provision for income taxes was approximately \$10,905,000, \$9,889,000 and \$12,029,000, respectively, and the related effective income tax rates were 40.9%, 52.2% and 37.9%, respectively.

During fiscal year 2015, the Company revised effective tax rates to reflect the impact of claiming certain deductions on amended federal and state income tax returns filed for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2011 through September 30, 2013. Other changes to the effective tax rates relate primarily to the nondeductible nature of political contributions and lobbying expenses. In addition, there were limitations on certain deductions related to the vesting of the long-term incentive grants for fiscal year 2014, and non-deductible transaction costs related to the Silver Nip Citrus merger for fiscal year 2015.

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") is currently auditing the Company's tax returns for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company utilizes Adjusted EBITDA among other measures, to evaluate the performance of its business. Due to significant depreciable assets associated with the nature of our operations and, to a lesser extent, interest costs associated with our capital structure, management believes that Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Earnings per Diluted Common Share, Adjusted Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Free Cash Flow per Diluted Common Share are important measures to evaluate our results of operations between periods on a more comparable basis and to help investors analyze underlying trends in our business, evaluate the performance of our business both on an absolute basis and relative to our peers and the broader market, provides useful information to both management and investors by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our core operating results and operational strength of our business and helps investors evaluate our ability to service our debt. Tax impacts are computed based on the effective rate for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015. Such measurements are not prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") and should not be construed as an alternative to reported results determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The non-U.S. GAAP information provided is unique to the Company and may not be consistent with methodologies used by other companies. Adjusted Free Cash Flow is defined as cash provided by (used in) operations less capital expenditures adjusted for non-recurring transactions. The Company uses Adjusted Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Free Cash Flow per Diluted Common Share to evaluate its business and this measure is considered an important indicator of the Company's liquidity, including its ability to reduce net debt, make strategic investments and pay dividends to common stockholders. An analysis of Adjusted Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Free Cash Flow per Common Share is provided below. Net income attributable to common stockholders is reconciled to Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Earnings per Diluted Common Share, as follows:

# Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands)

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	Fiscal Year E 2015	Ended September 30 2014	2013	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$15,764	\$9,033	\$19,646	
Interest expense	8,373	1,925	1,257	
Provision for income taxes	10,905	9,889	12,029	
Depreciation and amortization	14,637	8,946	9,675	
EBITDA	49,679	29,793	42,607	
Asset impairment	541	_	_	
Transaction costs	5,592	2,639	1,816	
Acquired citrus inventory fair value adjustments	8,051		_	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	1,051	_	_	
Gain on bargain purchase	(1,145	) —		
Gain on settlement of contingent consideration	_	(6,000	) —	
Write-off of certain inventory and plant cane costs	_	2,309	_	
Payments on consulting agreements	893		_	
Gains on sale of real estate	(16,517	) (4,821	) (20,299	)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$48,145	\$23,920	\$24,124	
Adjusted Earnings per Common Share (in thousands)				
	Fiscal Year E	Ended September 30	),	
	2015	2014	2013	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$15,764	\$9,033	\$19,646	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	1,051	_	_	
Asset impairment	541			
Transaction costs  Gain on settlement of contingent consideration	5,592	2,639	1,816	
Gain on settlement of contingent consideration Acquired citrus inventory fair value adjustments	<del></del>	(6,000	<i>,</i> —	
Gain on bargain purchase	(1,145	_	_	
Payments on consulting agreements	893	_	_	
Write-off of certain inventory and plant cane	0,0	• • • •		
costs		2,309		
Gains on sale of real estate	(16,517	) (4,821	) (20,299	)
Tax impact	628	3,066	7,024	
Adjusted net income	\$14,858	\$6,226	\$8,187	
Diluted common shares	8,061	7,354	7,357	
Adjusted Earnings per Diluted Common Share				

Free Cash Flow (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
	2015	2014	2013		
Cash provided by operating activities	\$33,866	\$27,991	\$13,426		
Adjustments for non-recurring items:					
Transaction costs	5,592	2,639	1,816		
Payment on consulting agreements	893	_			
Transaction related tax savings	(10,277	) —	_		
Capital expenditures	(11,948	) (13,243	) (18,924	)	
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$18,126	\$17,387	\$(3,682	)	
Diluted common shares	8,061	7,354	7,357		
Adjusted Free Cash Flow per Diluted Common	\$2.25	\$2.36	\$(0.50	)	
Share	ψ 2.23	φ2.30	Φ(0.30	)	

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

A comparative balance sheet summary is presented in the following table:

(in thousands)	September 30,					
	2015	2014	Change			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,360	\$31,020	\$(23,660	)		
Total current assets	\$70,680	\$125,712	\$(55,032	)		
Total current liabilities	\$23,633	\$20,670	\$2,963			
Working capital	\$47,047	\$105,042	\$(57,995	)		
Total assets	\$460,580	\$257,580	\$203,000			
Debt obligations	\$205,881	\$64,800	\$141,081			
Current ratio	2.99 to 1	6.08 to 1				

Our business has historically generated positive net cash flows from operations. Sources of cash primarily include cash flows from operations, amounts available under our credit facilities and access to capital markets. Our access to additional borrowings under our revolving lines of credit is subject to the satisfaction of customary borrowing conditions. As a public company, we may have access to other sources of capital. However, our access to, and the availability of, financing on acceptable terms in the future will be affected by many factors, including (i) our financial condition, prospects and credit rating, (ii) the liquidity of the overall capital markets and (iii) the state of the economy. There can be no assurance that we will continue to have access to the capital markets on acceptable terms or at all. The principal uses of cash that affect our liquidity position include the following: operating expenses including employee costs, the cost of maintaining our citrus groves, harvesting and hauling of our citrus products, capital expenditures, income tax payments, acquisitions, dividends, and debt service costs including interest and principal payments on our term loans and other credit facilities. In addition to the acquisitions and dispositions disclosed elsewhere, we have evaluated and expect to continue to evaluate possible acquisitions and dispositions of certain businesses. Such transactions may be material and may involve cash, the issuance of other securities or the assumption of indebtedness.

We believe that a combination of our cash-on-hand, cash generated from operations and availability under our lines of credit will provide us with sufficient liquidity to service the principal and interest payments on our indebtedness, satisfy our working capital requirements and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months and over the long term. We have a \$70,000,000 working capital line of credit of which \$52,500,000 is available for our general use as of September 30, 2015 and a \$25,000,000 revolving line of credit all of which is available for our general use as of September 30, 2015 (see Note 5 "Debt" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements). If the Company pursues significant growth opportunities in the future, it could have a material adverse impact on our cash

balances, and we may need to finance such activities by drawing down monies under our lines of credit or obtaining additional debt or equity financing. There can be no assurance that additional financing will be

available to us when needed or, if available, that it can be obtained on commercially reasonable terms. Any liability to obtain additional financing could impact our ability to pursue different growth opportunities.

Our level of debt could have important consequences on our business, including, but not limited to, increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions, limiting the availability of our cash flow to fund future investments, capital expenditures, working capital, business activities and other general corporate requirements and limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate.

#### Cash Management Impacts

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$23,660,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, as compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014; increased \$6,437,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 as compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013; and increased \$11,255,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 as compared to the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012. The components of these changes are discussed below.

#### Consolidated and Combined Statements of Cash Flows

The following table details the items contributing to the Consolidated and Combined Statement of Cash Flows for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,			% Change			
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs 201	14	2014 vs 20	13
Net cash flows provided by operating activities Net cash flows provided by (used in) in investing activities	\$33,866	\$27,991	\$13,426	21.0	%	108.5	%
	(188,399)	(8,808)	6,671	2,039.0	%	(232.0	)%
Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	130,873	(12,746)	(8,842 )	(1,126.8	)%	(44.2	)%
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$(23,660)	\$6,437	\$11,255	(467.6	)%	(42.8	)%

# Cash Flows from Operating Activities

The increase in net cash provided by operating activities for fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, was primarily due to (i) \$6,700,000 increase in net income, and (ii) approximately \$7,193,000 increase in non-cash expenses, including approximately a \$7,040,000 increase in deferred income taxes. The increase in non-cash expenses is net of an approximately \$12,768,000 increase in gain on sale of assets which was substantially due to the recognition of approximately \$13,700,000 of gain associated with the Sugarcane land sale in fiscal year 2015 as discussed in Fiscal Year Highlights and Recent Developments.

The increase in net cash provided by operating activities for fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013, was primarily due to (i) approximately \$8,638,000 increase in changes in operating assets and liabilities due to the elimination of sugarcane inventory, increase in income tax payable and increases in other liabilities and (ii) approximately a \$16,500,000 decrease in the net gain on the sale of property and equipment related to a non-recurring sale of the Conservation easement in fiscal year 2013 offset by the closing of the Polk County sale in fiscal year 2014. The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was offset by (i) approximately \$10,600,000 decrease in net income (ii) approximately \$6,000,000 gain on settlement of contingent consideration arrangement in fiscal year 2014 and (iii) approximately \$3,751,000 decrease in deferred income taxes.

Due to the seasonal nature of our business, working capital requirements are typically greater in the first and fourth quarters of our fiscal year. Cash flows from operating activities typically improve in our second and third fiscal quarters as we harvest our citrus crops.

# Cash Flows from Investing Activities

The increase in net cash used in investing activities for fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, was primarily due to (i) the acquisition of Orange-Co for approximately \$265,600,000 in December 2014 (see Note 3 "Acquisitions and Dispositions" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements) and (ii) Silver Nip Citrus' acquisition of a 1,500 citrus grove in Charlotte County, Florida for approximately \$17,130,000. The increase in net cash flows used by investing activities was offset by proceeds from the sale of our sugarcane land of approximately \$97,200,000 from a tax deferred like-kind exchange pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 and \$8,163,000 of proceeds from other dispositions.

The increase in net cash used in investing activities for fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013, was primarily due to (i) the acquisition of a Citrus business for approximately \$16,517,000, (ii) approximately \$9,902,000 decrease in proceeds for sale of assets related to the Conservation Easement land sale in 2013, offset by the Polk County land sale and property and equipment sold to USSC in fiscal year 2014. The increase in net cash flows used by investing activities was offset by (i) approximately \$5,681,000 decrease in capital expenditures due to a decrease in the number of cows and bulls purchased to augment our breeding herd, a decrease in purchases of rolling stock, equipment and other assets as well as improvement to farmland related to the completion of the sugarcane expansion in fiscal year 2013, partially offset by capital expenditures related to the building of our citrus tree nursery in fiscal year 2014, and (ii) approximately \$2,635,000 increase in return on investment in Magnolia primarily due to the reinstatement of cash distributions by Magnolia after its conversion of a large portion of its tax certificate portfolio to tax deeds and (iii) approximately \$2,700,000 cash acquired in the common control transaction.

#### Cash Flows from Financing Activities

The increase in net cash provided by financing activities for fiscal year 2015, as compared to fiscal year 2014, was primarily due to (i) net proceeds from the Company's restructured long-term debt on December 3, 2014, in connection with the Orange-Co acquisition (see Note 5 "Debt" to the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements). The restructured credit facilities included \$125,000,000 in fixed interest rate term loans and \$57,500,000 in variable interest rate term loans. The proceeds of the new credit facilities were partially offset by the repayment of an existing \$34,000,000 variable interest rate term loan. The increase in net cash provided by financing activities was also partially offset by approximately \$17,800,000 of principal payments on term loans outstanding in fiscal year 2015.

The increase in net cash used in financing activities for fiscal year 2014, as compared to fiscal year 2013, was primarily due to (i) approximately \$1,600,000 increase in net payments on revolving line of credit and (ii) approximately \$1,950,000 increase in purchase of treasury stock for fiscal year 2014 and (iii) approximately \$1,300,000 increase in dividends paid. The increase in net cash used in financing activities was offset by approximately \$1,410,000 decrease in principal payments on notes payable in fiscal year 2014.

## Contractual Obligations and Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have various contractual obligations which are recorded as liabilities in our Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets. The following table presents our significant contractual obligations and commercial commitments on an undiscounted basis as of September 30, 2015 and the future periods in which such obligations are expected to be settled in cash.

(in thousands)	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	<1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5+ Years
Long-Term Debt	\$205,881	\$4,511	\$19,043	\$21,863	\$160,464
Interest on Long-Term Debt	72,805	7,494	14,180	12,614	38,517
Retirement Benefits	13,334	367	712	380	11,875
Consulting/Non-Compete Agreement	700	600	100		
Operating Leases	1,637	667	964	6	_
Capital Leases	865	277	588	_	_
Tree Purchase Commitments	300	300	_	_	_
Total	\$295,522	\$14,216	\$35,587	\$34,863	\$210,856

**Purchase Commitments** 

Alico, through its wholly owned subsidiary Alico Fruit Company, enters into contracts for the purchase of citrus fruit during the normal course of its business. The remaining obligations under these purchase agreements were approximately \$4,048,000 as of September 30, 2015 for delivery in fiscal year 2016. All of these obligations are covered by sales agreements. Alico's management currently believes that all committed purchase volume will be sold at cost or higher.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in those financial statements and accompanying notes. Management considers an accounting policy to be critical if it is important to our financial condition and results of operations and if it requires significant judgment and estimates on the part of management in its application. We consider policies relating to the following matters to be critical accounting policies:

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenues from agricultural crops are recognized at the time the crop is harvested and delivered to the customer. The Company recognizes revenues from cattle sales at the time the cattle are delivered. Management reviews the reasonableness of the revenue accruals quarterly based on buyers' and processors' advances to growers, cash and futures markets and experience in the industry. Adjustments are made throughout the fiscal year to these estimates as more current relevant information regarding the specific markets become available. Differences between the estimates and the final realization of revenues can be significant and can be either positive or negative. During the periods presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, no material adjustments were made to the reported revenues from our crops.

Alico Fruit Company ("AFC") operations primarily consist of providing supply chain management services to Alico, as well as to other citrus growers in the state of Florida. AFC also purchases and resells citrus fruit; in these transactions, AFC (i) acts as a principal; (ii) takes title to the products; and (iii) has the risks and rewards of ownership, including the risk of loss for collection, delivery or returns. Therefore, AFC recognizes revenues based on the gross amounts due from customers for its marketing activities. Supply chain management service revenues are recognized when the services are performed.

#### Inventory

We capitalize the cost of growing crops into inventory until the time of harvest. Once a given crop is harvested, the related inventoried costs are recognized as cost of sales to provide an appropriate matching of costs incurred with the related revenues recognized. We record inventory at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Management regularly assesses estimated inventory valuations based on current and forecasted usage of the related commodity, observable prices, estimated completion costs and other relevant factors that may affect the net realizable value.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Major improvements are capitalized while maintenance and repairs are expensed in the period the cost is incurred. Costs related to the development of citrus groves, through planting of trees, are capitalized. Such costs include land clearing, excavation and construction of ditches, dikes, roads and reservoirs among other costs. After the planting, caretaking costs or pre-productive maintenance costs are capitalized for four years. After four years, a grove is considered to have reached maturity and the accumulated costs are depreciated over 25 years, except for land clearing and excavation, which are considered costs of land and not depreciated.

The breeding herd consists of purchased animals and replacement breeding animals raised on our ranch. Purchased animals are stated at the cost of acquisition. The cost of animals raised on the ranch is based on the accumulated cost of developing such animals for productive use. Breeding animals are depreciated over 6-7 years.

#### **Income Taxes**

In preparing our Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements, significant judgment is required to estimate our income taxes. Our estimates are based on our interpretations of federal and state laws. Deferred income taxes are recognized for the income tax effect of temporary differences between financial statement carrying amounts and the income tax basis of assets and liabilities. We regularly review our deferred tax assets to determine whether future taxable income will be sufficient to realize the benefits of these assets. A valuation allowance is provided for deferred income tax assets for which it is deemed, more likely than not, that future taxable income will not be sufficient to realize the related income tax benefits from these assets. The amount of the net deferred income tax asset that is considered realizable could be adjusted if estimates of future taxable income are adjusted. We apply a "more likely than not" threshold to the recognition and non-recognition of tax positions. A change in judgment related

to prior years' tax positions is recognized in the quarter of such change. Adjustments to temporary differences, permanent differences or uncertain tax positions could materially impact our financial position, cash flows and results of operations.

#### **Business Combinations**

The Company accounts for its business acquisitions under the acquisition method of accounting as indicated under the Financial Accounting Standards Board - Accounting Standards Codification<sup>TM</sup> ("FASB ASC") No. 805, "Business Combinations", which requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize the fair value of all assets acquired, liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and establishes the acquisition date as the fair value measurement point. Accordingly, the Company recognizes assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations, including contingent assets and liabilities and noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, based on fair value estimates as of the date of acquisition. In accordance with FASB ASC No. 805, the Company recognizes and measures goodwill, if any, as of the acquisition date, as the excess of the fair value of the consideration paid over the fair value of the identified net assets acquired.

When we acquire a business from an entity under common control, whereby the companies are ultimately controlled by the same party or parties both before and after the transaction, it is treated similar to the pooling of interests method of accounting, whereby the assets and liabilities are recorded at the transferring entity's historical cost instead of reflecting the fair market value of assets and liabilities.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We evaluate property, cattle, equipment and other long-lived assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances (triggering events) indicate that the carrying value of assets contained in our financial statements may not be recoverable. Depending on the asset under review, we use varying methods to determine fair value, such as discounting expected future cash flows, determining resale values by market or applying a capitalization rate to net operating income using prevailing rates for a given market. Unfavorable changes in economic conditions and net operating income for a specific property will change our estimates. If an impairment loss is recognized, the adjusted carrying amount of the asset becomes its cost basis. For a depreciable long-lived asset, the new cost basis will be depreciated or amortized over the remaining useful life of that asset. As of September 30, 2015, long-lived assets included property and equipment and intangible assets.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts in the balance sheets for operating accounts receivable, mortgages and notes receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value because of the immediate or short term maturity of these items. When stated interest rates are below market, we discount mortgage notes receivable to reflect their estimated fair value. We carry our investments at fair value. The carrying amounts reported for our long-term debt approximates fair value as our borrowings with commercial lenders are at interest rates that vary with market conditions and fixed rates that approximate market rates for comparable loans.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are categorized into one of three different levels depending on the assumptions (i.e., inputs) used in the valuation. Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input significant to the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy is defined as follows:

Level 1- Valuations are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2- Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices in markets that are not active for which significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3- Valuations are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability at the measurement date.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market Risk - Market risk represents the potential loss resulting from adverse changes in the value of financial instruments, either derivative or non-derivative, caused by fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, and equity security prices. The Company handles market risks in accordance with its established policies; however, Alico does not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The Company does consider, on occasion, the need to enter into financial instruments to manage and reduce the impact of changes in interest rates; however, the Company entered into no such instruments during the three-year period ended September 30, 2015. The Company held various financial instruments as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, consisting of financial assets and liabilities reported in the Company's Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets and off-balance sheet exposures resulting from letters of credit issued for the benefit of Alico.

Interest Rate Risk - The Company is subject to interest rate risk from the utilization of financial instruments, such as term debt and other borrowings. The fair market value of long-term, fixed interest rate debt is subject to interest rate risk. The Company's primary long-term obligations are fixed rate debt and are subject to fair value risk. A one percentage-point increase in prevailing interest rates would increase interest expense on our variable rate debt obligations by \$600,531 before income taxes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

Foreign-Exchange Rate Risk - The Company currently has no exposure to foreign-exchange rate risk because all of its financial transactions are denominated in U.S. dollars.

Commodity Price Risk - The Company has no financial instruments subject to commodity price risk.

Equity Security Price Risk - None of the Company's financial instruments have potential exposure to equity security price risk.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm To the Board of Directors and Stockholders Alico, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated and combined balance sheets of Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations and comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended September 30, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated and combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended September 30, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013, and our report dated December 10, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ RSM US LLP Orlando, Florida December 10, 2015

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm To the Board of Directors and Stockholders Alico, Inc.

We have audited Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013. Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries' management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (a) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (b) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (c) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated and combined balance sheets of Alico, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated and combined statements of operations and comprehensive income, changes in equity, and cash flows for each of the three fiscal years in the period ended September 30, 2015, and our report dated December 10, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion.

/s/ RSM US LLP Orlando, Florida December 10, 2015

# ALICO, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(donars in thousands, except share and per share amounts)		
	September 30,	
	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
	¢7.260	¢21.020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,360	\$31,020
Accounts receivable, net	4,252	8,441
Inventories	55,142	25,469
Income tax receivable	2,088	
Assets held for sale		59,513
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,838	1,269
Total current assets	70,680	125,712
Total current assets	70,000	123,712
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Property and equipment, net	381,667	126,833
Goodwill	2,246	_
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization	2,985	1,143
Other non current assets	3,002	3,892
Total assets	\$460,580	\$257,580
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
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Accounts payable	\$4,022	\$2,053
Accrued liabilities	13,682	4,227
Long-term debt, current portion	4,511	3,196
Income taxes payable		4,572
Deferred tax liability, current portion	151	3,135
Obligations under capital leases, current portion	277	259
Other current liabilities	990	3,228
Total current liabilities	23,633	20,670
Total current madmittes	23,033	20,070
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Long-term debt	201,370	58,444
Lines of credit		3,160
Deferred tax liability	24,134	8,760
Deferred gain on sale	29,122	—
Deferred retirement obligations	4,134	3,856
Obligations under capital leases	588	839
Total liabilities	282,981	95,729
1 our monutes	202,701	75,727
Commitments and contingencies (Note 18)		
Communicates and contingencies (Note 10)		
E-miles.		
Equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	_	_
Common stock, \$1.00 par value, 15,000,000 shares authorized; 8,416,145 and		
7,377,106 shares issued and 8,325,580 and 7,361,340 shares outstanding at	8,416	7,377
September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, respectively		
Additional paid in capital	21,289	3,742
Members' equity		16,414
Moniocis equity		10,717

Treasury stock, at cost, 90,565 and 15,766 shares held at September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, respectively	(3,962	) (650	)
Retained earnings	147,049	134,968	
Total Alico Inc. equity	172,792	161,851	
Noncontrolling interest	4,807	_	
Total equity	177,599	161,851	
Total liabilities and equity	\$460,580	\$257,580	
See accompanying notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.			
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ALICO, INC. CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	an incusumus, except per share amounts)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
		2015		2014	2013	
	Operating revenues:					
	Citrus Groves	\$139,700		\$62,372	\$43,689	
4	Agricultural Supply Chain Management	6,439		12,376	28,412	
	Improved Farmland	901		20,429	21,917	
	Ranch and Conservation	5,394		8,172	6,755	
(	Other Operations	685		634	888	
,	Γotal operating revenues	153,119		103,983	101,661	
	Operating expenses:					
(	Citrus Groves	104,081		42,571	31,533	
4	Agricultural Supply Chain Management	6,193		12,317	27,949	
]	Improved Farmland	1,089		21,356	16,202	
]	Ranch and Conservation	4,808		6,123	3,798	
(	Other Operations	995		374	505	
,	Γotal operating expenses	117,166		82,741	79,987	
(	Gross profit	35,953		21,242	21,674	
(	General and administrative expenses	16,894		11,328	9,739	
]	Income from operations	19,059		9,914	11,935	
	Other income (expense):					
]	Investment and interest income, net	59		131	704	
]	Interest expense	(8,373	)	(1,925)	(1,257	)
(	Gain on sale of real estate	16,517		4,821	20,299	
(	Gain on settlement of contingent consideration arrangement			6,000	_	
]	Loss on extinguishment of debt	(1,051	)			
(	Gain on bargain purchase	1,145				
]	Impairment on asset held for sale	(541	)			
(	Other expense, net	(177	)	(19)	(6	)
,	Γotal other income, net	7,579		9,008	19,740	
	Income before income taxes	26,638		18,922	31,675	
]	Provision for income taxes	10,905		9,889	12,029	
	Net income	15,733		9,033	19,646	
]	Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	31		_	_	
	Net income attributable to Alico, Inc. common stockholders	\$15,764		\$9,033	\$19,646	
	Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	_		_	_	
(	Comprehensive income attributable to Alico, Inc. common stockholders	\$15,764		\$9,033	\$19,646	
	Per share information attributable to Alico, Inc. common stockholders:					
	Earnings per common share:					
]	Basic	\$1.96		\$1.23	\$2.69	

Diluted Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:	\$1.96	\$1.23	\$2.67
Basic	8,056	7,336	7,313
Diluted	8,061	7,354	7,357
Cash dividends declared per common share See accompanying notes to consolidated and combined financial stat	\$0.24 ements.	\$0.24	\$0.36
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ALICO, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (in thousands)

		on Stock Amount	Additional Paid In Capital	Treasur Stock	•	Retained Earnings		rsTotal Alico, Inc. Equity	Noncontrollin Interest	gTotal Equity	
Balance at September 30, 2012	7,377	\$7,377	\$9,053	\$(543	)	\$111,659	\$ <i>—</i>	\$127,546	\$ —	\$127,546	
Net income		_	_	_		19,646	_	19,646		19,646	
Dividends	_	_	_	_		(2,626 )	_	(2,626 )	_	(2,626	)
Treasury stock purchases Stock-based compensation:	_	_	_	(2,894	)	_	_	(2,894 )	_	(2,894	)
Directors			392	591				983		983	
Executives Balance at	_	_	51	30		_	_	81	_	81	
September 30, 2013	7,377	7,377	9,496	(2,816	)	128,679		142,736	_	142,736	
Net income						8,050	983	9,033	_	9,033	
Dividends		_	_	_		(1,761)	(605)	(2,366)	_	(2,366	)
Treasury stock			_	(4,844	)	_	_	(4,844 )	_	(4,844	)
purchases Members' equity as of common				(1,011	,			(1,011 )		(1,011	,
control	_	_	_	_		_	15,631	15,631	_	15,631	
November 19,											
2013 Stock-based											
compensation:											
Directors			(26)	1,087			_	1,061	_	1,061	
Executives			(5,728)	5,923		_	_	195		195	
Members' equity	_	_				_	405	405	_	405	
Balance at											
September 30, 2014	7,377	7,377	3,742	(650	)	134,968	16,414	161,851	_	161,851	
Net income (loss	)—					14,017	1,747	15,764	(31)	15,733	
Dividends			_	_		(1,936 )	_	(1,936 )		(1,936	)
Treasury stock			_	(4,013	)	_	_	(4,013)	_	(4,013	)
purchases				(4,013	,			(4,013		(4,013	,
Acquisition of citrus businesses Stock-based	1,039	1,039	17,431	_		_	(18,47))	_	4,838	4,838	
compensation:											
Directors			61	701		_	_	762	_	762	
Executives	_	_	55				_	55		55	
Members' equity		_	_	_		_	309	309	_	309	
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Balance at

September 30, 8,416 \$8,416 \$21,289 \$(3,962) \$147,049 \$— \$172,792 \$4,807 \$177,599 2015

See accompanying notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.

# ALICO, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
	2015	2014	2013		
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$15,733	\$9,033	\$19,646		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by					
operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization	14,637	8,946	9,675		
Gain on sale of assets	(17,139	) (4,371	) (20,894	)	
Gain on settlement of contingent consideration arrangement		(6,000	) —		
Deferred income taxes	12,351	5,311	9,062		
Gain on bargain purchase	(1,145	) —	_		
Stock-based compensation	1,126	1,661	923		
Loss on extinguishment of debt	1,051	_	_		
Asset impairment	541		_		
Other non-cash gains and losses	1,183	(135	) (78	)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable	5,468	(3,276	) (1,195	)	
Inventories	9,708	13,666	(2,113	)	
Income tax receivable	(2,088	) —	_		
Other assets	(30	) 621	_		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,029	(7,935	) (3,727	)	
Income tax payable	(4,572	) 3,401	2,014		
Other liabilities	(4,987	7,069	113		
Net cash provided by operating activities	33,866	27,991	13,426		
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Acquisition of citrus businesses, net of cash acquired	(282,717	) (16,517	) —		
Purchases of property and equipment	(11,948	) (13,243	) (18,924	)	
Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment	105,363	14,479	24,381		
Return on investment in Magnolia Fund	675	3,814	1,179		
Cash received in common control acquisition		2,669			
Other	228	(10	) 35		
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(188,399	) (8,808	) 6,671		
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from term loans	195,500	_	_		
Repayments on revolving line of credit	(84,333	) (1,600	) (5,661	)	
Borrowings on revolving line of credit	81,173	_	5,661		
Repayment of term loan	(34,000	) —	_		
Principal payments on term loans	(17,759	) —	_		
Treasury stock purchases	(4,013	) (4,844	) (2,894	)	
Financing costs	(3,583	) —	_		
Dividends paid	(1,879	) (3,386	) (2,048	)	
Capital lease payments	(233	) (426	) —		
Principal payments on notes payable		(2,490	) (3,900	)	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	130,873	(12,746	) (8,842	)	

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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	(23,660 31,020	6,437 24,583	11,255 13,328
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$7,360	\$31,020	\$24,583
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest, net of amount capitalized	\$6,273	\$1,697	\$1,048
Cash paid for income taxes	\$5,213	\$1,177	\$952
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:			
Escrow deposit in other assets applied to capital expenditures	\$250	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —
Property and equipment purchased with capital leases	\$37	\$1,400	<b>\$</b> —
Equipment purchased with long-term debt	<b>\$</b> —	\$108	\$—

See accompanying notes to consolidated and combined financial statements.

ALICO, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 Note 1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation

Alico, Inc. ("Alico"), together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company", "we", "us" or our"), is a Florida agribusiness and land management company. We own approximately 121,000 acres of land throughout Florida inclusive of approximately 90,000 acres of mineral rights. We manage our land based upon its primary usage and review its performance based upon two primary classifications - Citrus Groves and Ranch and Conservation. Our principal lines of business are citrus groves and related support operations. In addition, we operate an Agricultural Supply Chain Management business that is not tied directly to our land holdings and Other Operations that include a citrus nursery, a leasing mine and oil extraction rights to third parties. We present our financial results based upon our five business segments (Citrus Groves, Improved Farmland, Ranch and Conservation, Agricultural Supply Chain Management and Other Operations). As a result of the disposition of our sugarcane land, we are no longer involved in sugarcane and the Improved Farmland segment is no longer material to our business.

Common Control Acquisition between the Company and 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC

Effective February 28, 2015, the Company completed the merger ("Merger") with 734 Citrus Holdings, LLC ("Silver Nip Citrus") pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with 734 Sub, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), Silver Nip Citrus and, solely with respect to certain sections thereof, the equity holders of Silver Nip Citrus. The ownership of Silver Nip Citrus was held by 734 Agriculture, 74.89%, Mr. Clay Wilson, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, 5% and an entity controlled by Mr. Clay Wilson owned 20.11%. Silver Nip Citrus entities include 734 Harvest, LLC, 734 Co-op Groves, LLC, 734 LMC Groves, LLC and 734 BLP Groves, LLC.

On November 19, 2013, 734 Agriculture and its affiliates, including 734 Investors, acquired approximately 51% of the Company's common stock. 734 Agriculture is the sole managing member of 734 Investors. By virtue of their ownership percentage, 734 Agriculture is able to elect all of the Directors and, consequently, control Alico.

734 Agriculture had control over both Silver Nip Citrus and the Company, and therefore the Merger was treated as a common control acquisition.

At closing of the Merger, Merger Sub merged with and into Silver Nip Citrus, with Silver Nip Citrus and its affiliates surviving the Merger as wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at closing, the Company issued 923,257 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, to the holders of membership interests in Silver Nip Citrus. Silver Nip Citrus' outstanding net indebtedness at the closing of the Merger was approximately \$40,278,000 and other liabilities totaled \$6,952,000. The Company acquired assets with a book value of \$65,739,000 and total net assets of \$18,470,000. The shares of common stock issued were recorded at the carrying amount of the net assets transferred. The closing price of the Company's common stock on February 27, 2015 was \$45.67.

In September 2015, the former holders of membership interests (the "Members") in Silver Nip Citrus received an additional 115,782 shares of the Company's common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement. The additional purchase consideration was based on the value of the proceeds received to date by the Company from the sale of citrus fruit harvested on Silver Nip Citrus's citrus groves following the conclusion of the 2014-2015 citrus harvest season. The Members will receive additional Company common shares based on any additional proceeds received by the Company subsequent to September 2015 related to the 2014-2015 harvest season.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Company has prepared the accompanying financial statements on a consolidated and combined basis. These accompanying Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements, which are referred to herein as the "Financial Statements", have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). In the opinion of management, the accompanying Financial Statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's results as of and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013. All intercompany transactions and account balances between the consolidated and combined businesses have been eliminated.

#### **Combined Financial Statements**

As the Company and Silver Nip Citrus were under common control at the time of the Merger, we are required under U.S. GAAP to account for this common control acquisition in a manner similar to the pooling of interests method of accounting. Under this method of accounting, our Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 reflect Silver Nip Citrus' historical carryover basis in the assets and liabilities instead of reflecting the fair market value of the assets and liabilities. We have also retrospectively recast our financial statements to combine the operating results of the Company and Silver Nip Citrus from the date common control began, November 19, 2013.

Silver Nip Citrus' fiscal year end is June 30. The Company's financial condition as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 includes the financial condition of Silver Nip Citrus as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the Company's results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 include the Silver Nip Citrus' results of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The Company's results of operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 includes Silver Nip Citrus' results of operations from November 19, 2013 (the initial date of common control) through June 30, 2014.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The Financial Statements include the accounts of Alico, Inc. and the accounts of all the subsidiaries in which a controlling interest is held by the Company. The Financial Statements represent the Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets, Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income, Statements of Changes in Equity and Statements of Cash Flows of Alico, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Under U.S. GAAP, consolidation is generally required for investments of more than 50% of the outstanding voting stock of an investee, except when control is not held by the majority owner. The Company's subsidiaries include: Alico Land Development, Inc., Alico-Agri, Ltd., Alico Plant World, LLC, Alico Fruit Company, LLC (formerly "Bowen Brothers Fruit Company, LLC"), Alico Citrus Nursery, LLC, Alico Chemical Sales, LLC, 734 Citrus Holdings LLC and Citree Holdings 1, LLC. The Company considers the criteria established under the Financial Accounting Standards Board - Accounting Standards Codification<sup>TM</sup> ("FASB ASC") 810, "Consolidations" in its consolidation process. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the accompanying Financial Statements, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses and cash flows during the periods presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates based upon future events. The Company evaluates estimates on an ongoing basis. The estimates are based on current and expected economic conditions, historical experience, the experience and judgment of the Company's management and various other specific assumptions that the Company believes to be reasonable. The Company evaluates its assumptions and estimates on an ongoing basis and may employ outside experts to assist in the Company's evaluations.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, the Company recognized a \$6,000,000 gain on settlement of contingent consideration arrangement, recorded in other income, net, in the accompanying Consolidated and Combined Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. The contingent consideration arrangement relates to a Silver Nip Citrus asset purchase agreement. In fiscal year 2014, the Company estimated that no portion of the liability was expected to be earned or paid out in the future, resulting in the gain on settlement in fiscal year 2014.

# Noncontrolling Interest in Consolidated Affiliate

The Financial Statements include all assets and liabilities of the less-than-100%-owned affiliate the Company controls, Citree Holdings I, LLC ("Citree"). Accordingly, the Company has recorded a noncontrolling interest in the equity of such entity. Citree had a net loss of approximately \$64,000 for the year ended September 30, 2015, of which 51% is attributable to Alico.

#### Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified in the accompanying Financial Statements for consistent presentation to the current period. These reclassifications had no impact on working capital, net income, equity or cash flows as previously reported.

The Company manages its land based upon its primary usage and reviews its performance based upon two primary classifications – Citrus Groves and Ranch and Conservation. In addition, it operates an Agricultural Supply Chain Management

business that is not tied directly to its land holdings and Other Operations that include leasing mines and oil extraction rights to third parties. The Company presents its financial results and the related discussions based upon these five segments (Citrus Groves, Improved Farmland, Ranch and Conservation, Agricultural Supply Chain Management and Other Operations). In the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013, the Company changed its internal operations to align with the way it manages its business operations. As a result, the Company has realigned its financial reporting segments to match its internal operations.

References to U.S. GAAP in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are to the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), Accounting Standards CodificationTM, (the "Codification" or "ASC").

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Business Combinations**

The Company accounts for its business acquisitions under the acquisition method of accounting as indicated in FASB ASC No. 805, "Business Combinations", which requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize the fair value of all assets acquired, liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, and establishes the acquisition date as the fair value measurement point. Accordingly, the Company recognizes assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations, including contingent assets and liabilities and noncontrolling interest in the acquiree, based on fair value estimates as of the date of acquisition. In accordance with FASB ASC No. 805, the Company recognizes and measures goodwill, if any, as of the acquisition date, as the excess of the fair value of the consideration paid over the fair value of the identified net assets acquired.

When we acquire a business from an entity under common control, whereby the companies are ultimately controlled by the same party or parties both before and after the transaction, it is treated similar to the pooling of interests method of accounting. The assets and liabilities are recorded at the transferring entity's historical cost instead of reflecting the fair value of assets and liabilities.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenues from agricultural crops are recognized at the time the crop is harvested and delivered to the customer. Receivables from crops sold are recorded for the estimated proceeds to be received from the customer on a quarterly basis, management reviews the reasonableness of the revenues accrued based on buyers' and processors' advances to growers, cash and futures markets and experience in the industry. Adjustments are made throughout the year to these estimates as more current relevant information regarding the specific markets becomes available. Differences between the estimates and the final realization of revenues can be significant and can be either an increase or decrease to reported revenues. During the periods presented in this report, no material adjustments were made to the reported revenues of the Company's crops.

Alico recognizes revenues from cattle sales at the time the cattle are delivered.

Alico Fruit Company, LLC ("AFC") operations primarily consist of providing supply chain management services to Alico, as well as to other citrus growers and processors in the state of Florida. AFC also purchases and resells citrus fruit; in these transactions, AFC (i) acts as a principal; (ii) takes title to the products; and (iii) has the risks and rewards of ownership, including the risk of loss for collection, delivery or returns. Therefore, AFC recognizes revenues based on the gross amounts due from customers for its marketing activities. Supply chain management services revenues are recognized when the services are performed.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers cash in banks and highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At various times throughout the fiscal year, and as of September 30, 2015, some accounts held at financial institutions were in excess of the federally insured limit of \$250,000. The Company has not experienced any losses on these accounts and believes credit risk to be minimal.

#### Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable from customers are generated from revenues based on the sale of citrus, cattle, leasing and other transactions. The Company grants credit in the course of its operations to third party customers. The Company performs periodic credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and generally does not require collateral. The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated uncollectible amounts based on the aging of accounts receivable. The

estimate, evaluated monthly by the Company, is based on historical collection experience, current macroeconomic climate and market conditions and a review of the current status each customer's account. Changes in the financial viability of significant customers and worsening of economic conditions may require changes to its estimate of the recoverability of the receivables. Such changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which these changes become known. The allowance for doubtful accounts is charged to general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. As of September 30, 2015 and 2014, allowances for doubtful accounts were approximately \$8,300 and \$26,000, respectively.

The following table presents accounts receivable, net for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, and 2014:

(in thousands)	September 30	),	
	2015	2014	
Accounts receivable	\$4,260	\$8,467	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(8	) (26	)
Accounts receivable, net	\$4,252	\$8,441	

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate their fair values due to the short term and immediate nature of these financial instruments. The carrying amounts of our debt approximate fair value due to the transactions are with commercial lenders at interest rates that vary with market conditions and fixed rates that approximate market rates for obligations with similar terms and maturities (see Note 12, "Fair Value Measurements").

#### Concentrations

Revenues and accounts receivable from the Company's major customers as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 and for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, are as follows:

(in thousands)	Accounts	Receivable	Revenue			% of To	otal Revenu	ie	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013	
USSC	\$—	\$2,962	<b>\$</b> —	\$19,633	\$21,056		% 18.9	% 20.7	%
Florida Orange	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —	\$23,826	\$15,689		% 22.9	% 15.4	%
Marketers, Inc.	Φ—	<b>\$</b> —	<b>5</b> —	\$23,620	\$13,009	_	% ZZ.9	% 13.4	70
Citrosuco North	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —	\$3,870	\$804	\$11,092	2.5	% 0.8	% 10.9	%
America, Inc.	ψ—	φ—	\$3,670	φ00 <del>4</del>	\$11,092	2.3	// U.G	/0 10.9	70
Louis Dreyfus	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —	\$22,460	\$24,135	\$26,246	14.7	% 23.2	% 25.8	%
Cutrale Citrus Juice	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —	\$23,556	\$3,984	\$6,300	15.4	% 3.8	% 6.2	%
Minute Maid	\$—	<b>\$</b> —	\$57,484	\$—	\$—	37.5	% —	% —	%
Tropicana	\$1,019	\$4,042	\$21,925	\$16,433	<b>\$</b> —	14.3	% 15.8	% —	%

The citrus industry is subject to various factors over which growers have limited or no control, including weather conditions, disease, pestilence, water supply and market price fluctuations. Market prices are highly sensitive to aggregate domestic and foreign crop sizes, as well as factors including, but not limited to, weather and competition from foreign countries.

#### Real Estate

In recognizing revenues from land sales, the Company applies specific revenue recognition criteria, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, to determine when land sales revenues can be recorded. For example, in order to fully recognize a gain resulting from a real estate transaction, the sale must be consummated with a sufficient down payment of at least 20% to 25% of the sales price depending upon the type and timeframe for development of the property sold and any receivable from the sale cannot be subject to future subordination. In addition, the seller cannot retain any material continuing involvement in the property sold. When these

criteria are not met, the Company recognizes a gain proportionate to collections utilizing either the installment method or deposit method as appropriate.

#### **Inventories**

The costs of growing crops, including but not limited to labor, fertilization, fuel, crop nutrition and irrigation, are capitalized into inventory throughout the respective crop year. Such costs are expensed when the crops are harvested and are recorded in citrus groves management and improved farmland management operating expenses in the Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. The cost for unharvested citrus crops is based on accumulated production costs incurred during the period from January 1 through the balance sheet date. The cost of the beef cattle inventory is based on the accumulated cost of developing such animals for sale from July 1 through the balance sheet date (see Note 6, "Inventories").

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment which includes amounts under capitalized leases, are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization. Major improvements are capitalized while expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Costs related to the development of citrus groves through planting of trees are capitalized. Such costs include land clearing, excavation and construction of ditches, dikes, roads, and reservoirs, among other costs. After the planting, caretaking costs or pre-productive maintenance costs are capitalized for four years. After four years, a grove is considered to have reached maturity and the accumulated costs are depreciated over 25 years, except for land clearing and excavation, which are considered costs of land and not depreciated.

The breeding herd consists of purchased animals and animals raised on the Company's ranches. Purchased animals are stated at the cost of acquisition. The cost of animals raised on the ranch is based on the accumulated cost of developing such animals for productive use.

Real estate costs incurred for the acquisition, development and construction of real estate projects are capitalized.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets, with the exception of leasehold improvements and assets acquired through capital leases, which are depreciated over their estimated useful lives if the lease transfers ownership or contains a bargain purchase option, otherwise the term of the lease.

The estimated useful lives for property and equipment are primarily as follows:

Citrus trees25 yearsEquipment and other facilities3-20 yearsBuildings and improvements40 yearsBreeding herd6-7 years

Changes in circumstances, such as technological advances or changes to our business model or capital strategy could result in the actual useful lives differing from the original estimates. In those cases where we determine that the useful life of property and equipment should be shortened, we would depreciate the asset over its revised estimated remaining useful life, thereby increasing depreciation expense (see Note 7, "Property and Equipment, Net").

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company reviews its long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company records impairment losses on long-lived assets used in operations, other than goodwill, when events and circumstances indicate that the assets might be impaired and the estimated cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) to be generated by those assets over the remaining lives of the assets are less than the carrying amounts of those assets. The net carrying values of assets not recoverable are reduced to their fair values. Our cash flow estimates are based on historical results adjusted to reflect our best estimates of future market conditions and operating conditions. As of September 30, 2015 and 2014, long-lived assets were comprised of property and equipment. The Company recorded an impairment loss of approximately \$541,000 on property classified as assets held for sale as of September 30, 2015 (see Note 7, "Property and Equipment, Net").

#### Other Non-Current Assets

Other non-current assets primarily include investments owned in agricultural cooperatives, cash surrender value on life insurance and equity investment in affiliate (Magnolia). Investments in stock related to agricultural cooperatives are carried at cost. The Company utilized a cooperative to harvest its sugarcane. The cooperatives require members to acquire stock ownership as a condition for the use of its services. Due to the Company's cessation from it sugarcane operations, the Company expects the return of the stock value in fiscal year 2016.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company complies with the asset and liability method of accounting for deferred income taxes. The provision for income taxes includes income taxes currently payable and those deferred as a result of temporary differences between the financial statements and the income tax basis of assets and liabilities. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted income tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect of a change in income tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in income or loss in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount of future tax benefit when it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Projected future taxable income and ongoing tax planning strategies are considered and evaluated when assessing the need for a valuation allowance. Any increase or decrease in a valuation allowance could have a material adverse or beneficial impact on the Company's income tax provision and net income or loss in the period the determination is made. As of September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company did not record a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets. The Company recognizes interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense.

The Company recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Recognized income tax positions are measured at the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized. Changes in recognition or measurement are reflected in the period in which a change in judgment occurs. The Company records interest related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense.

#### Earnings per Share

Basic earnings per share for our common stock is calculated by dividing net income attributable to Alico common stockholders by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share is similarly calculated, except that the calculation includes the dilutive effect of the assumed issuance of shares of common stock issuable under equity-based compensation plans in accordance with the treasury stock method, or any other type of securities convertible into common stock, except where the inclusion of such common shares would have an anti-dilutive effect.

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic to diluted weighted average common shares outstanding for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

(in thousands)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,				
	2015	2014	2013		
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding - Basic	8,056	7,336	7,313		
Unvested Restricted Stock Awards	5	18	44		
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding - Diluted	8,061	7,354	7,357		

There were no employee stock options granted for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Non-vested restricted shares of common stock entitle the holder to receive non-forfeitable dividends upon issuance and are included in the calculation of diluted earnings per common share. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, there were no anti-dilutive equity awards or convertible securities that were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per common share.

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation is measured based on the fair value of the equity award at the grant date and is typically expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Upon the vesting of restricted stock, the Company issues common stock from shares held in treasury. The Company measures the cost of employee services on the grant date fair value of the equity award.

The cost is recognized over the period during which the employee is required to provide services in exchange for the equity award (usually the vesting period).

Effective January 27, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors adopted the 2015 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") which provides for up to an additional 1,250,000 common shares available for issuance to provide a long-term incentive plan for officers, employees, directors and/or consultants to directly link incentives to stockholder value. The 2015 Plan was approved by the Company's stockholders in February 2015.

The adoption of the 2015 Plan supersedes the 2013 Incentive Equity Plan ("2013 Plan"), which had been in place since April 2013. In fiscal year 2015, the Company awarded 12,500 restricted shares of the Company's common stock ("Restricted Stock") to two senior executives under the 2015 Plan at a weighted average fair value of \$49.49 per common share, vesting over a five year period.

The 2013 Plan was approved by the Company's stockholders in February 2013. Under the terms of the 2013 Plan, 350,000 shares of the Company's common stock were to be awarded to recipients in the form of restricted stock units or stock options. Common shares issued pursuant to awards under the 2013 Plan, if any, were outstanding shares of common stock which have been repurchased by the Company.

The Company's incentive equity plans provide for grants to executives in various forms including restricted shares of the Company's common stock. Awards are discretionary and are determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Awards vest based upon service conditions. Non-vested restricted shares generally vest over requisite service periods of one to six years from the date of grant.

Total stock-based compensation expense for the three years ended September 30, 2015 in other operations and general and administrative expense was as follows:

(in thousands)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Stock compensation expense:			
Executives	\$55	\$195	\$81
Board of Directors	762	1,061	842
Members	309	405	
Total stock compensation expense	\$1,126	\$1,661	\$923

Stock-based compensation expense is recognized in operating expenses and general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

All shares of restricted common stock awarded under the Long-Term Incentive Program, awarded by the Company in May 2011, vested automatically upon the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Company by 734 Investors, LLC in November 2013. As a result, the Company issued 152,403 shares of treasury stock in January 2014, before withholdings for income taxes. The Company recognized \$195,000 of stock-based compensation related to the acceleration of vesting of the restricted stock during fiscal year 2014. In December 2013, the Company determined that it would repurchase half of the gross shares awarded to Named Executive Officers other than the CEO, totaling 58,610 common shares immediately upon their issuance for the purpose of retaining treasury shares for future issuance.

There were no employee stock options granted in fiscal years 2015, 2014 or 2013, respectively.

Equity Method Investments and Variable Interest Entities

The Company evaluates the method of accounting for investments in which it does not hold an equity interest of at least 50% based on the amount of control it exercises over the operations of the investee, exposure to losses in excess of its investment, the ability to significantly influence the investee and whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of the investee. Investments not qualifying for consolidation are accounted for under the equity method whereby the ongoing investment in the entity, consisting of its initial investment adjusted for distributions, gains and losses of the entity are classified as a single line in the balance sheet and as a non-operating item in the income statement.

In May 2010, the Company invested \$12,150,000 to obtain a 39% limited partner equity interest in Magnolia TC 2, LLC ("Magnolia"), a Florida limited liability company whose primary business activity is acquiring tax certificates issued by various counties in the state of Florida on properties which have property tax delinquencies. Revenues are recognized by Magnolia when the interest obligation under the tax certificates it holds becomes a fixed amount. In order to redeem a tax certificate in Florida, a minimum of 5% of the face amount of the certificate (delinquent taxes) must be paid to the certificate holder regardless of the amount of time the certificate has been outstanding. Expenses include an acquisition fee of 1%, interest expense, a monthly management fee and other administrative costs. The investment in Magnolia is accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting, whereby the Company records its 39% interest in the reported income or loss of the fund each quarter and is included in other non-current assets in the Consolidated and Combined Balance Sheets. Based on the September 30, 2015 unaudited internal financial statements of Magnolia, the Company recognized net investment income of approximately \$57,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. The Company recognized net investment income of approximately \$163,000 and \$658,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Net investment income is included in Interest and investment, net in the Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Magnolia made certain distributions during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013; the Company's share of those distributions was approximately \$675,000, \$3,814,000 and \$1,179,000, respectively.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements Include:

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beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, "Business Combinations" (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments ("ASU 2015-16"). ASU 2105-16 requires that (i) an acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined, (ii) the acquirer record, in the same period's financial statements, the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income effects, if any, as a result of the change to the provisional amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date, and (iii) an entity to present separately on the face of the income statement or disclose in the notes the portion of the amount recorded in current-period earnings by line item that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. The amendments in this Update apply to all entities that have reported provisional amounts for items in a business combination for which the accounting is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in

which the combination occurs and during the measurement period have an adjustment to provisional amounts recognized. The amendments in this guidance are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The amendments in this guidance are not expected to have a significant impact on our Financial Statements upon adoption.

ASU No. 2015-15, "Interest—Imputation of Interest" Effective (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements.

ASU No. 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective upon issuance

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, "Interest—Imputation of Interest" (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements ("ASU 2015-15). In ASU 2015 -15, the SEC adds guidance to Subtopic 835-30 pursuant to the SEC Staff Announcement at the June 18, 2015 Emerging Issues Task Force meeting about the presentation and subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs associated with line-of-credit arrangements. In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, "Interest—Imputation of Interest" (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, which requires entities to present debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. According to the SEC, the guidance in ASU 2015-03 does not address presentation or subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements. Given the absence of authoritative guidance within ASU 2015-03 for debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements, the SEC staff would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. The guidance in ASU 2015-03 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The guidance in ASU 2015-15 is effective upon issuance. The guidance in ASU 2015-15 and ASU 2015-03 are not expected to have a significant impact on our Financial Statements upon adoption. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date ("ASU 2015-14"). ASU 2015-14 effectively defers the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), by one year for all entities. In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09 with an effective date for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period for public business entities, certain not-for-profit entities, and certain employee benefit

Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") No. 2015-11 "Inventory" (Topic 330): Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory.

Fiscal years beginning after 'December 15, 2016 and for interim periods therein.

plans. The effective date for all other entities was for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. ASU 2015-14 is effective upon issuance. ASU 2015-14 is not expected to have a significant impact on our Financial Statements. In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, "Inventory" (Topic 330): Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory ("ASU 2015-11"). ASU 2015-11 simplifies the measurement of inventory by requiring certain inventory to be subsequently measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The amendments in this guidance are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016 and for interim periods therein and are not expected to have a significant impact on our Financial Statements upon adoption.

ASU No. 2015-03, "Interest - Imputation of Interest December (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of 15, 2015, Debt Issuance Costs. periods

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ASU No. 2015-04, "Compensation - Retirement Benefits" (Topic 715): Practical Expedient for the Measurement Date of an Employer's Defined Benefit Obligation and Plan Assets.

Interim and fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2015.

ASU No. 2015-02, "Consolidation" (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Process.

Annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, "Interest - Imputation of Interest" (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs ("ASU 2015-.03"). ASU 2015-03 changes the presentation of debt issuance costs from an asset to a direct deduction from the related liability. This guidance, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years, may be early adopted for financial statements that have not been previously issued and its provisions are to be retrospectively applied as a change in accounting principle. Upon adoption, this guidance is expected to decrease Other Assets, which includes our deferred financing costs on our debt obligations, and comparably decrease Long-term debt on our Balance Sheets. This guidance is not expected to have any impact on our results of operations or cash

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-04, "Compensation - Retirement Benefits" (Topic 715). ASU 2015-04 will allow employers with fiscal year ends that do not coincide with a calendar month end to make an accounting policy election to measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations as of the end of the month closest to their fiscal year ends (i.e., on an alternative measurement date). An employer that makes this election must consistently apply the practical expedient from year to year and to all of its defined benefit plans. ASU 2015-04 will be effective for interim and fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2015; prospective application is required and early adoption is permitted. The Company's fiscal year end is September 30 and the Company has a defined retirement plan. This guidance is not expected to have any impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, "Consolidation" (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Process ("ASU 2015-02") . ASU 2015-02 amends the consolidation analysis for limited partnerships and other variable interest entities ("VIEs"). This guidance, which is effective for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015, is not expected to have a significant impact on our Financial Statements upon adoption.

ASU No. 2015-01, Income Statement -"Extraordinary and Unusual Items" (Subtopic 225-20): Simplifying the Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items.

Fiscal years, and interim periods fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015.

In January 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-01, Income Statement - "Extraordinary and Unusual Items" (Subtopic 225-20): Simplifying the Income Statement Presentation by Eliminating the Concept of Extraordinary Items ("ASU 2015-.01"). ASU 2015-.01 eliminates from GAAP the concept within those of extraordinary items. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2015. The guidance may be applied prospectively or retrospectively and early adoption is permitted provided that the guidance is applied from the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. This guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our financial statements upon adoption.

ASU No. 2014-15, "Presentation of Financial years, Statements - Going Concern" (Subtopic 205-40): beginning Disclosure of Uncertainty about an Entity's Ability on or after to Continue as a Going Concern. December

Fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted.

ASU No. 2014-12, "Compensation - Stock Compensation" (Topic 718): Accounting for Share-based Payments.

Annual and interim periods within the annual period beginning after December 15, 2015.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, "Presentation of Financial Statements -Going Concern" (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainty about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern ("ASU 2014-15"). ASU 2014-15 provides guidance that establishes management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and setting rules for how this information should be disclosed in the financial statements. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning on or after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. We will adopt this guidance on January 1, 2017 and do not expect it to have a material impact on our Financial Statements upon adoption.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, "Compensation - Stock Compensation" (Topic 718): Accounting for Share-based Payments ("ASU 2014-12"). ASU 2014-12 provides guidance that impacts the accounting for share-based performance awards. This guidance requires that a performance target that affects vesting that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. As such, the performance target should not be reflected in estimating the grant-date fair value of the award. This guidance is effective for annual and interim periods within the annual period beginning after December 15, 2015. We do not currently have share-based payment awards that fall within the scope of this guidance and therefore do not anticipate an impact on our Financial Statements upon adoption.

Note 3. Acquisitions and Dispositions

Acquisition of Orange-Co

On December 2, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of certain citrus and related assets of Orange-Co, LP ("Orange-Co") pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement, which we refer to as the Orange-Co Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2014 and 51% of the ownership interests of Citree. The assets the Company purchased include approximately 20,263 acres of citrus groves in DeSoto and Charlotte Counties, Florida, which comprise one of the largest contiguous citrus grove properties in the state of Florida. Total assets acquired were approximately \$277,792,000, net of \$2,060,000 in cash acquired and approximately \$4,838,000 in fair value attributable to noncontrolling interest in Citree, including: (i)\$147,500,000 in initial cash consideration funded from the proceeds of the sugarcane disposition and new term loan debt; (ii) up to \$7,500,000 in additional cash consideration to be released from escrow in equal parts, subject to certain limitations, on December 1, 2015 and June 1, 2016; (iii) the refinancing

of Orange-Co's outstanding debt including approximately \$92,290,000 in term loan debt and a working capital facility of approximately \$27,857,000 and (iv) the assumption of certain other liabilities totaling \$4,705,000. On December 1, 2014, Alico deposited an irrevocable standby letter of credit issued by Rabo Agrifinance, Inc. in the aggregate amount of \$7,500,000 into an escrow account to fund the additional cash consideration. The standby letter of credit will expire on December 1, 2015, and at this time the Company will deposit a new standby letter of credit for \$3,750,000 to fund the remaining cash consideration.

The Company acquired Orange-Co to transform our citrus business and meaningfully enhance the Company's position in the citrus industry. The Company has included the financial results of Orange-Co in the Financial Statements from the date of acquisition. These results include approximately \$72,600,000 in revenue and \$17,900,000 in gross profit.

This acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting. Accordingly, the Company recognized amounts for identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed at their estimated acquisition date fair values, while transaction and integration costs associated with the acquisition were expensed as incurred. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of assets acquired, net of liabilities assumed, and noncontrolling interests is recognized as goodwill. All goodwill recognized will be deductible for income tax purposes.

On the acquisition date, the initial accounting for the business combination was not complete and the total assets acquired and liabilities assumed were based on preliminary information and were subject to adjustment as new information was obtained. As a result of refinements to the preliminary purchase price allocation, an adjustment to the fair value of total assets acquired resulted in an increase of approximately \$1,000,000 during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, the Company incurred approximately \$3,078,000 in professional and legal costs in connection with the Orange-Co acquisition. These costs are included in general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated and Combined Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

The following table summarizes the final allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition, based on their estimated fair values:

# Asset acquisition (in thousands)

	Amount	
Assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$888	
Other current assets	845	
Inventories	35,562	
Property and equipment		
Citrus Trees	164,123	
Land	63,395	
Equipment and other facilities	13,431	
Goodwill	2,246	
Other assets	2,140	
Total assets, net of cash acquired	\$282,630	
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$4,205	
Debt	500	
Contingent consideration	7,500	
Total liabilities assumed	\$12,205	
Assets acquired less liabilities assumed	\$270,425	
Less: fair value attributable to noncontrolling interest	(4,838	)
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Total purchase consideration	\$265,587	
Cash proceeds from sugarcane disposition	\$97,126	
Working capital line of credit	27,857	
Term loans	140,604	
Total purchase consideration	\$265,587	

The unaudited pro-forma information below for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 gives effect to this acquisition as if the acquisitions had occurred on October 1, 2013. The pro-forma financial information is not

necessarily indicative of the results of operations if the acquisition had been effective as of this date.