

LIFEWAY FOODS INC  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

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- QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended: March 31, 2013

- TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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LIFEWAY FOODS, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Illinois  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

36-3442829  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

6431 West Oakton, Morton Grove, IL 60053  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(847) 967-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data file required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	Non-accelerated	Smaller reporting
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	filer <input type="checkbox"/>	company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

As of May 13, 2013, 16,346,017 shares of the registrant’s common stock, no par value, were outstanding.

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## PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition  
March 31, 2013 and 2012 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2012

	2013	(Unaudited) March 31,	2012	December 31, 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,739,957	\$	1,156,539	\$ 2,286,226
Investments	2,062,343		1,723,836	1,869,888
Certificates of deposits in financial institutions	250,000		300,000	450,000
Inventories	7,080,899		5,205,457	5,939,186
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts	11,915,981		8,484,371	8,723,737
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	92,827		39,880	97,138
Other receivables	5,165		155,937	8,825
Deferred income taxes	295,701		357,963	234,687
Refundable income taxes	84,828		---	84,828
Total current assets	\$ 24,527,701	\$	17,423,983	\$ 19,694,515
Property and equipment, net	14,917,260		15,031,364	14,986,776
Intangible assets				
Goodwill and other non-amortizable brand assets	14,068,091		14,068,091	14,068,091
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$4,020,598 and \$3,276,645 at March 31, 2013 and 2012 and \$3,842,756 At December 31, 2012, respectively	4,285,403		5,029,355	4,463,242
Total intangible assets	18,353,494		19,097,446	18,531,333
Other Assets				
Long-term accounts receivable net of current portion	294,000		276,050	294,000
Total assets	\$ 58,092,455	\$	51,828,843	\$ 53,506,624
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>				
Current liabilities				
	\$ 0	\$	333,446	\$ 0

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Checks written in excess of bank balances			
Current maturities of notes payable	543,591	789,933	542,981
Accounts payable	6,465,801	4,597,466	4,256,725
Accrued expenses	1,197,883	755,187	1,155,677
Accrued income taxes	462,593	279,402	254,311
Total current liabilities	8,669,868	6,755,434	6,209,694
Notes payable	4,820,160	5,363,750	4,955,945
Deferred income taxes	2,909,134	3,394,957	3,028,518
Total liabilities	16,399,162	15,514,141	14,194,157
Stockholders' equity			
Common stock, no par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 17,273,776 shares issued; 16,346,017 shares outstanding at March 31, 2013; 17,273,776 shares issued; 16,390,417 shares outstanding at March 31, 2012; 17,273,776 shares issued; 16,346,017 shares outstanding at December 31, 2012	6,509,267	6,509,267	6,509,267
Paid-in-capital	2,032,516	2,032,516	2,032,516
Treasury stock, at cost	(8,187,682 )	(7,783,580 )	(8,187,682 )
Retained earnings	41,270,416	35,526,285	38,904,777
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	68,776	30,214	53,591
Total stockholders' equity	41,693,293	36,314,702	39,312,469
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 58,092,455	\$ 51,828,843	\$ 53,506,626

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income  
March 31, 2013 and 2012 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2012

	2013	(Unaudited) Three Months Ended March 31, (as restated)	2012
Sales	\$ 27,590,622		\$ 21,545,896
Less: discounts and allowances	(3,203,591)		(2,148,699)
Net sales	24,387,031	24,387,031	19,397,197
Cost of goods sold		15,402,875	12,906,722
Depreciation expense		394,125	399,045
Total cost of goods sold		15,797,000	13,305,767
Gross profit		8,590,030	6,091,430
Selling expenses		2,813,572	2,721,973
General and administrative		1,868,100	1,308,222
Amortization expense		177,842	188,705
Total operating expenses		4,859,514	4,218,900
Income from operations		3,730,517	1,872,530
Other income (expense):			
Interest and dividend income		15,009	11,573
Rental income		3,269	3,000
Interest expense		(36,299)	(50,186)
Gain (loss) on sale of investments, net		64,335	17,985
Other Expense		0	0
Total other income (expense)		46,314	17,628
Income before provision for income taxes		3,776,831	1,854,902
Provision for income taxes		1,411,192	759,913
Net income	\$	2,365,639	\$ 1,094,989
Basic and diluted earnings per common share		.14	.07
Weighted average number of shares outstanding		16,346,017	16,397,998
<b>COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>			
Net income	\$	2,365,639	\$ 1,094,989
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: Unrealized gains on			

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investments (net of tax)	51,535	29,000
Less reclassification adjustment for (gains)		
losses included in net income (net of taxes)	(36,349)	10,162
Comprehensive income	\$ 2,380,824	\$ 1,134,151

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LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity  
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (Unaudited)  
and For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Common Stock, No Par Value		# of Shares of Treasury Stock	Common Stock	Paid In Capital	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated	
	20,000,000 Shares Authorized							Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax	
	# of Shares Issued	# of Shares Outstanding							
Balances at December 31, 2011	17,273,776	16,409,317	864,459	\$6,509,267	\$2,032,516	\$(7,606,974)	\$34,431,296	\$(8,948)	\$35,000,000
Redemption of stock	0	(63,300)	63,300	0	0	(580,708)	0	0	(580,708)
Other comprehensive income (loss): Unrealized gains on securities, net of taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62,539	62,539
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,619,798	0	5,619,798
Dividends (\$ .07) per share	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,146,317)	0	(1,146,317)
Balances at December 31, 2012	17,273,776	16,346,017	927,759	\$6,509,267	\$2,032,516	\$(8,187,682)	\$38,904,777	\$53,591	\$39,000,000
Balances at January 1, 2012	17,273,776	16,409,317	864,459	\$6,509,267	\$2,032,516	\$(7,606,974)	\$34,431,296	\$(8,948)	\$35,000,000
Redemption of stock	0	(18,900)	18,900	0	0	(176,606)	0	0	(176,606)
Other comprehensive									

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income (loss):										
Unrealized gains on securities, net of taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39,162	39
Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,094,989	0	1,0
Dividends (\$0.07) per share	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balances at March 31, 2012	17,273,776	16,390,417	883,359	\$6,509,267	\$2,032,516	\$(7,783,580)	\$35,526,285	\$30,214	\$36	
Balances at January 1, 2013	17,273,776	16,346,017	927,759	\$6,509,267	\$2,032,516	\$(8,187,682)	\$38,904,777	\$53,591	\$39	
Redemption of stock	0			0	0		0	0	0	0
Other comprehensive income (loss):										
Unrealized gains on securities, net of taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,185	15
Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,365,639	0	2,3
Dividends (\$0.07) per share	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balances at March 31, 2013	17,273,776	16,346,017	\$927,759	\$6,509,267	\$2,032,516	\$(8,187,682)	\$41,270,416	\$68,776	\$41	

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 (Unaudited)

		(Unaudited) March 31,	
	2013		2012
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 2,365,639	\$	1,094,989
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	571,967		587,750
Loss (gain) on sale of investments, net	(64,335)		(17,985)
Deferred income taxes	(192,090)		(185,805)
Bad Debt Expense	51,819		6,384
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:			
Accounts receivable	(3,244,063)		(526,979)
Other receivables	3,660		68,267
Inventories	(1,141,713)		(250,982)
Refundable income taxes	0		41,316
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,311		39,750
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:			
Accounts payable	2,209,076		211,227
Accrued expenses	42,206		201,462
Income taxes payable	208,282		279,402
Net cash provided by operating activities	814,759		1,548,796
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of investments	(1,271,516)		(318,123)
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,170,271		404,028
Redemption of certificates of deposits	200,000		0
Purchases of property and equipment	(324,608)		(231,243)
Net cash used in investing activities	(225,853)		(145,338)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Checks written in excess of bank balances	0		(258,594)
Purchases of treasury stock	0		(176,606)
Repayment of notes payable	(135,175)		(926,869)
Net cash used in financing activities	(135,175)		(1,362,069)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	453,731		41,389
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2,286,226		1,115,150
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$ 2,739,957	\$	1,156,539



LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

March 31, 2013 and 2012

and December 31, 2012

Note 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS

Lifeway Foods, Inc. (the “Company” or “Lifeway”) commenced operations in February 1986 and incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois on May 19, 1986. The Company’s principal business activity is the production of dairy products. Specifically, the Company produces Kefir, a drinkable product which is similar to but distinct from yogurt, in several flavors sold under the name “Lifeway’s Kefir;” a plain farmer’s cheese sold under the name “Lifeway’s Farmer’s Cheese;” a fruit sugar-flavored product similar in consistency to cream cheese sold under the name of “Sweet Kiss;” and a dairy beverage, similar to Kefir, with increased protein and calcium, sold under the name “Basics Plus.” The Company also produces a vegetable-based seasoning under the name “Golden Zesta.” The Company currently distributes its products throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area and various cities on the East Coast through local food stores. In addition, products are sold throughout the United States and Ontario, Canada by distributors. The Company also distributes some of its products to Eastern Europe.

Note 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows:

Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by general accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. However, such information reflects all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments), which are, in the opinion of Management, necessary for fair statement of results for the interim periods.

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Helios Nutrition, Ltd., Pride of Main Street, L.L.C., Starfruit, L.L.C., Fresh Made, Inc. and Starfruit Franchisor, L.L.C. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates made in preparing the consolidated financial statements include the allowance for doubtful accounts, the valuation of investment securities, the valuation of goodwill, intangible assets, and deferred taxes.

Revenue Recognition

Sales of Company produced dairy products are recorded at the time of shipment and the following four criteria have been met: (i) The product has been shipped and the Company has no significant remaining obligations; (ii) Persuasive evidence of an agreement exists; (iii) The price to the buyer is fixed or determinable and (iv) Collection is probable. In addition, shipping costs invoiced to the customers are included in net sales and the related cost in cost of sales.

Discounts and allowances are reported as a reduction of gross sales unless the allowance is attributable to an identifiable benefit separable from the purchase of the product, the value of which can be reasonably estimated, which would be charged to the appropriate expense account.

Customer Concentration

Sales are predominately to companies in the retail food industry, located within the United States of America. Two major customers accounted for approximately 31 percent and 31 percent of gross sales for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. These customers accounted for approximately 36 percent, 30 percent, and 30 percent of accounts receivable as of March 31, 2013, March 31, 2012, and December 31, 2012, respectively.

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Note 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

Cash and cash equivalents

All highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

The Company maintains cash deposits at several institutions located in the greater Chicago, Illinois and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan areas.

Investments

All investment securities are classified as available-for-sale and are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale securities are reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Amortization, accretion, interest and dividends, realized gains and losses, and declines in value judged to be other-than-temporary on available-for-sale securities are recorded in other income. All of the Company's securities are subject to a periodic impairment evaluation. This evaluation depends on the specific facts and circumstances. Factors that we consider in determining whether an other-than-temporary decline in value has occurred include: the market value of the security in relation to its cost basis; the financial condition of the investee; and the intent and ability to retain the investment for a sufficient period of time to allow for possible recovery in the market value of the investment.

Accounts receivable

Credit terms are extended to customers in the normal course of business. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and generally requires no collateral. Balances expected to be paid beyond one year are classified as long-term.

Accounts receivable are recorded at invoice amounts, and reduced to their estimated net realizable value by recognition of an allowance for doubtful accounts and anticipated discounts. The Company's estimate of the allowances for doubtful accounts and anticipated discounts are based upon historical experience, its evaluation of the current status and contract terms of specific receivables, and unusual circumstances, if any. Accounts are considered past due if payment is not made on a timely basis in accordance with the Company's credit terms. Accounts considered uncollectible are charged against the allowance.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined by the first-in, first-out method.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at depreciated cost or fair value where depreciated cost is not recoverable. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is recognized in income for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to income as incurred; significant renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Property and equipment is being depreciated over the following useful lives:

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Category	Years
Buildings and improvements	31 and 39
Machinery and equipment	5 – 12
Office equipment	5 – 7
Vehicles	5

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## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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## Note 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

## Intangible assets acquired in business combinations

The Company accounts for intangible assets at historical cost. Intangible assets acquired in a business combination are recorded under the purchase method of accounting at their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. Goodwill represents the excess purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and other identifiable intangible assets acquired. Goodwill is not amortized, but is reviewed for impairment at least annually. Brand assets represent the fair value of brands acquired. Brand assets have an indefinite life and therefore are not amortized, rather are reviewed periodically for impairment. The Company amortizes other intangible assets over their estimated useful lives, as disclosed in the table below.

The Company reviews intangible assets and their related useful lives at least once per year to determine if any adverse conditions exist that would indicate the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. The Company conducts more frequent impairment assessments if certain conditions exist, including: a change in the competitive landscape, any internal decisions to pursue new or different strategies, a loss of a significant customer, or a significant change in the market place including changes in the prices paid for the Company's products or changes in the size of the market for the Company's products.

If the estimate of an intangible asset's remaining useful life is changed, the remaining carrying amount of the intangible asset is amortized prospectively over the revised remaining useful life.

Intangible assets are being amortized over the following useful lives:

Category	Years
Recipes	4
Customer lists and other customer related intangibles	7-10
Lease agreement	7
Trade names	15
Formula	10
Customer relationships	12

## Income taxes

Deferred income taxes are the result of temporary differences that arise from income and expense items reported for financial accounting and tax purposes in different periods. Deferred taxes are classified as current or non-current, depending on the classification of the assets and liabilities to which they relate. Deferred taxes arising from temporary differences that are not related to an asset or liability are classified as current or non-current depending on the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse.

The principal sources of temporary differences are different depreciation and amortization methods for financial statement and tax purposes, unrealized gains or losses related to investments, capitalization of indirect costs for tax purposes, purchase price adjustments, and the recognition of an allowance for doubtful accounts for financial statement purposes.

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The Company has analyzed filing positions in all of the federal and state jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as all open tax years in these jurisdictions. The only periods subject to examination for the Company's federal returns are the 2010 and 2011 tax years. The Company believes that its income tax filing positions and deductions would be sustained on audit and does not anticipate any adjustments that would result in a material change to its financial position. Therefore, no reserves for uncertain income tax positions have been recorded.

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## Note 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued

## Treasury stock

Treasury stock is recorded using the cost method.

## Advertising and promotional costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 total advertising expenses were \$606,398 and \$755,666, respectively.

## Earnings per common share

Earnings per common share were computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. For the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, diluted and basic earnings per share were the same, as the effect of dilutive securities options outstanding was not significant.

## Correction of Prior Year Amounts

Management has restated the unaudited statements of income and comprehensive income for interim period ending March 31, 2012. During the period ending March 31, 2012, amounts related to costs of production of inventory were not presented as part of cost of goods sold and were erroneously included as general and administrative operation expenses in our previously issued financial statements (see Note 14).

There was no impact on previously reported income, consolidated balance sheets or consolidated statement of cash flows.

## Note 3 – INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets, and the related accumulated amortization, consist of the following:

	March 31, 2013		March 31, 2012		December 31, 2012	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Recipes	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600	\$ 43,600
Customer lists and other customer related intangibles	4,504,200	2,137,640	4,504,200	1,666,438	4,504,200	2,025,736
Lease acquisition	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200	87,200
C u s t o m e r relationship	985,000	544,222	985,000	465,135	985,000	526,701
Trade names	2,248,000	915,936	2,248,000	766,068	2,248,000	878,469
Formula	438,000	292,000	438,000	248,200	438,000	281,050
	\$ 8,306,000	\$ 4,020,598	\$ 8,306,000	\$ 3,276,645	\$ 8,306,000	\$ 3,842,756

Amortization expense is expected to be approximately the following for the 12 months ending March 31:

2014	\$	711,367
2015		711,367
2016		711,367
2017		682,166
2018		667,567
Thereafter		801,568
	\$	4,285,402

Amortization expense during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$177,842 and \$188,705, respectively.

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LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
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## Note 4 – INVESTMENTS

The cost and fair value of investments classified as available for sale are as follows:

March 31, 2013	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Equities	\$ 769,743	\$ 126,498	\$ (8,861)	\$ 887,380
Preferred Securities	100,005	0	(405)	99,600
Corporate Bonds	1,070,867	13,355	(8,859)	1,075,363
Total	\$ 1,940,615	\$ 139,853	\$ (18,125)	\$ 2,062,343

  

March 31, 2012	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Equities	\$ 525,657	\$ 77,348	\$ (3,519)	\$ 599,486
Mutual Funds	56,840	959	(105)	57,694
Preferred Securities	189,452	10,950	(5,152)	195,250
Corporate Bonds	870,671	11,312	(10,577)	871,406
Total	\$ 1,642,620	\$ 100,569	\$ (19,353)	\$ 1,723,836

  

December 31, 2012	Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Equities	\$ 639,974	\$ 90,875	\$ (5,190)	\$ 725,659
Corporate Bonds	1,135,064	16,212	(7,047)	1,144,229
Total	\$ 1,775,038	\$ 107,087	\$ (12,237)	\$ 1,869,888

Proceeds from the sale of investments were \$1,170,271 and \$404,028 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Gross gains of \$66,218 and \$22,349 and gross losses of \$1,882 and \$4,364 were realized on these sales during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and fair value of the Company's investments with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, at March 31, 2013 and 2012 and at December 31, 2012:

March 31, 2013	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses

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Equities	\$ 138,409	\$ (6,916 )	\$ 33,371	\$ (1,945 )	\$ 171,780	\$ (8,861 )
Preferred						
Securities	99,600	(405 )	0	0	99,600	(405 )
Corporate Bonds	519,549	\$ (8,075 )	72,715	(784 )	592,264	(8,859 )
	\$ 757,558	\$ (15,396 )	\$ 106,086	\$ (2,729 )	\$ 863,644	\$ (18,125 )

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## Note 4 – INVESTMENTS - Continued

March 31, 2012	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Equities	\$ 20,346	\$ ( 1,535 )	\$ 3,184	\$ ( 1,984 )	\$ 23,530	\$ ( 3,519 )
Mutual Funds	0	0	3,073	( 105 )	3,073	( 105 )
Preferred Securities	0	0	59,300	( 5,152 )	59,300	( 5,152 )
Corporate Bonds	262,923	( 10,577 )	0	0	262,923	( 10,577 )
	\$ 283,269	\$ ( 12,112 )	\$ 65,557	\$ ( 7,241 )	\$ 348,826	\$ ( 19,353 )

December 31, 2012	Less Than 12 Months		12 Months or Greater		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
Equities	\$ 63,620	\$ ( 3,745 )	\$ 21,910	\$ ( 1,445 )	\$ 85,530	\$ ( 5,190 )
Corporate Bonds	301,229	( 2,721 )	193,930	( 4,326 )	495,159	( 7,047 )
	\$ 364,849	\$ ( 6,466 )	\$ 215,840	\$ ( 5,771 )	\$ 580,689	\$ ( 12,237 )

Equities, Mutual Funds, Preferred Securities, and Corporate Bonds - The Company's investments in equity securities, mutual funds, preferred securities, and corporate bonds consist of investments in common stock, preferred stock and debt securities of companies in various industries. As of March 31, 2013, there were ten equity securities, one option on equity securities, one preferred equity security, and eight corporate bond securities that had unrealized losses. The Company evaluated the near-term prospects of the issuer in relation to the severity and duration of the impairment. Based on that evaluation and the Company's ability and intent to hold these investments for a reasonable period of time sufficient for a forecasted recovery of fair value, the Company did not consider any material investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at March 31, 2013.

## Note 5 – INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following:

	2013	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2012
Finished goods	\$2,785,838	\$2,091,004	\$2,462,548
Production supplies	3,025,400	2,082,194	2,599,668
Raw materials	1,269,661	1,032,259	876,970
Total inventories	\$7,080,899	\$5,205,457	\$5,939,186

## Note 6 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	March 31,		December 31,
	2013	2012	2012
Land	\$1,178,160	\$1,178,160	\$1,178,160
Buildings and improvements	11,972,226	11,656,233	11,904,919
Machinery and equipment	15,865,429	14,777,420	15,185,204
Vehicles	1,350,608	1,347,228	1,346,078
Office equipment	429,013	404,905	411,773
Construction in process	167,775	111,039	612,468
	30,963,211	29,474,985	30,638,602
Less accumulated depreciation	16,045,951	14,443,621	15,651,826
Total property and equipment	\$14,917,260	\$15,031,364	\$14,986,776

Depreciation expense during the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$394,125 and \$399,045, respectively.

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## Note 7 – ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

	2013	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2012
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	\$477,559	\$490,137	\$356,280
Accrued property tax	225,308	250,342	302,573
Other	495,016	14,708	496,824
	\$1,197,883	\$755,187	\$1,155,677

## Note 8 – NOTES PAYABLE

Notes payable consist of the following:

	2013	March 31, 2012	December 31 2012
Note payable to Private Bank in monthly installments of \$42,222, plus variable interest rate, currently at 2.709%, with a balloon payment for the remaining balance. Collateralized by substantially all assets of the Company. In May 2013, the Company refinanced this note under similar terms which extended the maturity date to May 31, 2018.	\$5,238,889	\$5,745,556	\$5,365,556
Line of credit with Private Bank at variable interest rate, currently at 3.25%. The agreement has been extended with terms allowing borrowings up to \$2.0 million. Collateralized by substantially all assets of the Company. In May 2013, the Company refinanced this Line of Credit. The agreement has been extended with terms allowing borrowings up to \$5.0 million and matures on May 31, 2014.	0	250,000	0
Notes payable to Ford Credit Corp. payable in monthly installments of \$1,778.23 at 5.99%, due July 2015, secured by transportation equipment.	46,291	64,200	50,871
Note payable to Fletcher Jones of Chicago, Ltd LLC in monthly installments of \$1,768.57 at 6.653%, due May 24, 2017, secured by transportation equipment.	78,571	93,927	82,499
Total notes payable	5,363,751	6,153,683	5,498,926
Less current maturities	543,591	789,933	542,981

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Total long-term portion	\$4,820,160	\$5,363,750	\$4,955,945
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In accordance with the Private Bank agreements referenced above, the Company is subject to minimum fixed charged ratio and tangible net worth thresholds.

Maturities of notes payables are as follows:

Twelve Months Ended March 31,

2014	\$	543,591
2015		544,573
2016		532,585
2017		526,879
2018		510,569
Thereafter		2,705,554
Total	\$	5,363,751

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Note 9 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company leases four stores for its Starfruit subsidiary. Total expense for these leases was approximately \$59,205, \$58,264 and \$379,348 for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2012, respectively. The Company is also responsible for additional rent equal to real estate taxes and other operating expenses. Future annual minimum base rental payments for the leases as of March 31, 2013 are approximately as follows:

2014	\$	100,969
2015		44,469
2016		45,802
2017		47,176
2018		48,591
Thereafter		37,257
Total	\$	324,264

Note 10 – PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes consists of the following:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2013	2012
Current:		
Federal	\$ 1,176,711	\$ 633,372
State and local	426,571	312,346
Total current	1,603,282	945,718
Deferred	(192,090)	(185,805)
Provision for income taxes	\$ 1,411,192	\$ 759,913

A reconciliation of the provision for income taxes and the income tax computed at the statutory rate is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2013		2012	
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
Federal income tax expense computed at the statutory rate	\$ 1,284,123	34.0%	\$ 630,667	34.0%
State and local tax expense, net	281,160	7.4%	215,169	11.6%

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U.S. domestic manufacturers' deduction & other permanent differences	(154,091)	(4.0)%	(52,493)	(2.8)%
Change in tax estimate	0	0.0%	(33,430)	(1.8)%
Provision for income taxes	\$ 1,411,192	37.4%	\$ 759,913	41.0%

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## Note 10 – PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES - Continued

Amounts for deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

	2013	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2012
Non-current deferred tax assets (liabilities) arising from:			
Temporary differences -			
Accumulated depreciation and amortization from purchase accounting adjustments	\$(3,017,346	)	\$( 3,562,647
Capital loss carry-forwards	108,212		167,690
Total non-current net deferred tax liabilities	(2,909,134	)	( 3,394,957
Current deferred tax assets arising from:			
Unrealized losses (gain) on investments	(52,952	)	( 35,329
Inventory	316,028		232,324
Allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts	32,625		4,350
Allowance for promotions	0		65,249
Capital loss carry-back	0		91,369
Total current deferred tax assets	295,701		357,963
Net deferred tax liability	\$(2,613,433	)	\$( 3,036,994

## Note 11 – SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash paid for interest and income taxes are as follows:

		For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2013		2012
Interest	\$	36,326	\$ 64,172
Income taxes	\$	1,395,093	\$ 625,055

## Note 12 – STOCK AWARD AND STOCK OPTION PLANS

The Company has a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with a Consulting Service Compensation Plan covering up to 1,200,000 of the Company's common stock shares. Pursuant to such Plan, the Company may issue common stock or options to purchase common stock to certain consultants, service providers, and employees of the Company. The option price, number of shares, grant date, and vesting terms are determined at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors.

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As of December 31, 2012 and at March 31, 2013 and 2012, there were no stock options outstanding or exercisable. There were approximately 940,000 shares available for issuance under the Plan at March 31, 2013.

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Note 13 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1. Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2. Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of March 31, 2013 and 2012.

The majority of the Company's short-term investments are classified within Level 1 or Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The Company's valuation of its Level 1 investments, which include mutual funds, is based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical securities. The Company's valuation of its Level 2 investments, which include certificates of deposits, is based on other observable inputs, specifically a valuation model which utilized vendor pricing for similar securities.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Company believes the valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.



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## Note 13 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Company's financial assets at fair value as of March 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2012. Assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement:

	Assets and Liabilities at Fair Value as of March 31, 2013			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash	\$ 2,739,957	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,739,957
Certificate of Deposits	0	237,175	0	237,175
Stocks	887,380	0	0	887,380
Preferred Securities	99,600	0	0	99,600
Corporate Bonds	0	1,075,363	0	1,075,363
Notes Payable	0	5,363,751	0	5,363,751

	Assets and Liabilities at Fair Value as of March 31, 2012			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash	\$ 1,156,540	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 823,093
Mutual Funds:	0	0	0	0
Equity Income	57,694	0	0	57,694
Bonds	0	0	0	0
Certificate of Deposits	0	280,482	0	280,482
Stocks	599,486	0	0	599,486
Preferred Stock	195,250	0	0	195,250
Corporate Bonds	0	871,406	0	871,406
Notes Payable	0	6,153,683	0	6,153,683

	Assets and Liabilities as Fair Value as of December 31, 2012			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Cash	\$2,286,226	\$0	\$0	\$2,286,226
Certificate of Deposits	0	439,982	0	439,982
Stocks	725,670	0	0	725,670
Corporate Bonds	0	1,144,229	0	1,144,229
Notes Payable	0	5,498,926	0	5,498,926

The Company's financial assets and liabilities also include accounts receivable, other receivables and, accounts payable for which carrying value approximates fair value. All such assets are valued using level 2 inputs.

## Note 14 – RESTATEMENT OF 2012 QUARTERLY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The consolidated statements of income for the year-to-date period ended March 31, 2012, that were previously included in our Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-Q filed in 2012, were restated as a result of erroneous presentation of production activity within general and administrative operating expenses.

These restatements result in increases in cost of goods sold and corresponding decreases in general and administrative operating expenses. These restatements had no impact on our previously reported net income, condensed consolidated balance sheets or consolidated statements of cash flows.

As detailed in the table below, these restatements impact the following consolidated statement of income line items:

	(Unaudited)		
	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2012		
	As		
	Previously		
	Reported	Adjustment	As Restated
Income			
Statement			
Net Sales	\$ 19,397,197	\$ —	\$ 19,397,197
COGS	\$ 12,637,386	\$ 668,381	\$ 13,305,767
Gross			
Profit	\$ 6,759,811	\$ (668,381)	\$ 6,091,430
Operating			
Expenses	\$ 4,887,281	\$ (668,381)	\$ 4,218,900
Income			
from			
Operations	\$ 1,872,530	\$ —	\$ 1,872,530

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Note 15 – LITIGATION

The Company is named a party to lawsuits in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, the resolution of these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Note 16 – RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRS." This pronouncement was issued to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that the fair value measurement and disclosure requirements are similar between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). ASU 2011-04 changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements particularly for level 3 fair value measurements. ASU 2011-04 became effective for the Company on January 1, 2012. Management adopted this statement effective January 1, 2012.

Note 17 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On May 15, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to acquire the Golden Guernsey dairy plant in Waukesha, WI. The acquisition will increase the production capacity of Lifeway by approximately 170,000 square feet. The purchase price is approximately \$7.4 million and the acquisition is expected to close on June 10, 2013.

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

Comparison of Quarter Ended March 31, 2013 to Quarter Ended March 31, 2012

The following analysis should be read in conjunction with the unaudited financial statements of the Company and related notes included elsewhere in this quarterly report and the audited financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis contained in our Form 10-K, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

Results of Operations

Total consolidated gross sales increased by \$6,044,725 (approximately 28%) to \$27,590,621 during the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 from \$21,545,896 during the same three-month period in 2012. This increase is primarily attributable to increased sales and awareness of the Company's flagship line, Kefir, as well as ProBugs® Organic Kefir for kids and BioKefir™.

Total consolidated net sales increased by \$4,989,833 (approximately 26%) to \$24,387,030 during the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 from \$19,397,197 during the same three-month period in 2012. Net sales are recorded as gross sales less promotional activities such as slotting fees paid, couponing, spoilage and promotional allowances as well as early payment terms given to customers. The total allowance for promotions and discounts during the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 was \$3,203,591 or 12% of gross sales, compared to the total allowance for promotions and discounts during the three-month period ended March 31, 2012 of \$2,148,699 or 10% of gross sales.

Cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales, excluding depreciation expense, were approximately 63% during the first quarter of 2013, compared to approximately 67% during the same period in 2012. The decrease was primarily attributable to the decreased cost of conventional milk, the Company's largest raw material. The total cost of milk was approximately 5% lower during the first quarter 2013 when compared to the same period in 2012.

Operating expenses as a percentage of net sales were approximately 20% during the first quarter of 2013, compared to approximately 22% during the same period in 2012. This was primarily attributable to an increase in selling related expenses, which increased by \$91,599, (approximately 3%) to \$2,813,572 during the first quarter of 2013, from \$2,721,973 during the same period in 2012.

The company reported income from operations of \$3,730,517 during the first quarter of 2013, an improvement of \$1,857,986 from \$1,872,530 during the same period in 2012.

Provision for income tax was \$1,411,192, or a 37% effective rate for the first quarter of 2013 compared to a provision for income tax of 759,913, or a 41% effective tax rate during the same period in 2012. Income taxes are discussed in Note 10 to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Total net income was \$2,365,638 or \$0.14 per diluted share for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 compared to \$1,094,989 or \$0.07 per diluted share in the same period in 2012.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Sources and Uses of Cash

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$814,758 during the three-months ended March 31, 2013 compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$1,548,796 in the same period in 2012. This decrease is primarily attributable to the increase of \$1,997,849 in accounts payable in the first quarter of 2013 as compared to the prior year

first quarter.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$225,853 during the three-months ended March 31, 2013 compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$145,338 in the same period in 2012. This decrease is primarily due to a increase in purchases of investments of \$953,393 in the first quarter of 2013.

The Company had a net increase of cash and cash equivalents of \$1,583,418 during the three month period ended March 31, 2013 compared to the same period in 2012 and an increase of \$453,730 as compared to the December 31, 2012 cash and cash equivalent balance. The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$2,739,956 as of March 31, 2013 compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$1,156,539 as of March 31, 2012.

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## Assets and Liabilities

Total assets were \$58,092,455 as of March 31, 2013, which is an increase of \$6,263,612 when compared to March 31, 2012. This is primarily due to accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts of \$11,915,981 as of March 31, 2013, which is an increase of \$ 3,431,610 when compared to March 31, 2012.

Total current liabilities were \$8,669,868 as of March 31, 2013, which is an increase of \$1,914,434 when compared to March 31, 2012. This is primarily due to a \$1,868,335 increase in accounts payable.

Notes payable decreased by \$543,590 as of March 31, 2013, when compared to March 31, 2012. The balance of the notes payable as of March 31, 2013 was \$4,820,160.

Total stockholder's equity was \$41,693,293 as of March 31, 2013, which is an increase of \$5,378,591 when compared to March 31, 2012. This is primarily due the increase in retained earnings of \$5,744,131 when compared to March 31, 2012.

We previously held significant portions of our assets in investment securities. All of our marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale on our balance sheet. All of these securities are stated thereon at market value as of the end of the applicable period. Gains and losses on the portfolio are determined by the specific identification method.

We anticipate being able to fund the Company's foreseeable liquidity requirements internally. We continue to explore potential acquisition opportunities in our industry in order to boost sales while leveraging our distribution system to consolidate and lower costs.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Not applicable.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure material information required to be disclosed in our reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required financial disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, we recognized that a control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")). Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective at the reasonable assurance level as of March 31, 2013 in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized

and reported within the time periods specified under the Exchange Act rules and forms due to the material weakness described below. As a result, we performed additional analysis and other post-closing procedures to ensure our consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, management believes the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q fairly present, in all material respects, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented.

#### Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as such term is identified in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, and effected by the Board of Directors, management, and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

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pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and dispositions of our assets;

provide reasonable assurance that our transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that our receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and our directors; and

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Internal control over financial reporting has inherent limitations which 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 because the level of compliance with related policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management has evaluated the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2013. In making the assessment, management used the framework in “Internal Control –Integrated Framework” promulgated by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, commonly referred to as the “COSO” criteria. Based on that assessment, our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of March 31, 2013 because a material weakness existed in our internal control over financial reporting related to the classification of certain costs and expenses. Specifically, the Company and its auditors determined during the audit of our financial statements that, in connection with the preparation of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, certain post-closing adjustments were required with respect to our classification of certain direct manufacturing costs from general and administrative to cost of goods sold, primarily consisting of utilities, wage related expenses and overhead.

As a result, we performed additional analysis and other post-closing procedures to ensure our consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, management believes the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q fairly present, in all material respects, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. This quarterly report on Form 10-Q does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting.

#### Remediation of Material Weakness

In light of the material weakness described above, we took steps to remediate our material weakness. Management enhanced the review process by improving real time general ledger monitoring and wage detail in the financial statement functionality of our accounting software, allowing for improved internal review of the source information which goes in to the completion of the financial statements. More specifically, management has focused on improving specific coding of direct expenses as compared to general and administrative expenses.

Management is committed to continuous improvement of the Company's internal control processes. Under the direction of the Audit Committee, management will continue to review and make changes it deems necessary to the overall design of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, including implementing further improvements in policies and procedures and taking additional measures to address any control deficiencies.

#### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Except as discussed above there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the first quarter of 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Lifeway is not party to any material pending legal proceedings. Lifeway is from time to time engaged in litigation matters arising in the ordinary course of business none of which presently is expected to have a material adverse effect on its business results or operations.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

Not applicable.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

## PURCHASES OF THE COMPANY'S SECURITIES

Period	(a) Total Numbers of Shares (or Units) Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
October 1 to October 31, 2012	0	\$0	0	146,200
November 1 to November 30, 2012	0	\$0	0	146,200
December 1 to December 31, 2012	0	\$0	0	146,200
Total	0	\$0	0	146,200

\* On January 20, 2011, the Company approved a share repurchase program for up to 250,000 shares with a plan expiration date of one year from the date of the first purchase. On February 6, 2012, the Company approved a new share repurchase program for up to 200,000 shares with a plan expiration date of one year from the date of the first purchase. Lifeway repurchased 63,300 shares of the Company's securities in 2012 pursuant to these programs at a total cost of \$580,708. As of the date of this filing these plans were both expired. A new share repurchase program has not been approved for 2013.

## ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

None.

## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

On May 14, 2013 the Company, The Private Bank and Trust Company (the "Bank"), Fresh Made, Inc. ("Fresh Made"), Helios Nutrition Limited ("Helios"), Pride of Main Street Dairy, LLC ("Pride") and Starfruit, LLC ("Starfruit" and together with Fresh Made, Helios and Pride, the "Subsidiaries") entered into a Seventh Modification (the "Seventh Modification") of that certain Loan and Security Agreement dated as of February 6, 2009 by and among the Company, the Bank, and the Subsidiaries, as amended by that certain First Modification to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of August 13, 2009, as amended by that certain Second Modification to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of November 12,

2009, as amended by that certain Third Modification to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of February 6, 2010, as amended by that certain Fourth Modification to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of April 20, 2011, as amended by that certain Fifth Modification to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of June 20, 2011, and as amended by that certain Sixth Modification to Loan and Security Agreement dated as of June 13, 2012 (as modified and amended, the "Loan Agreement"). Pursuant to the Seventh Modification, (i) the Revolving Loan Maturity Date is extended from May 31, 2013 to May 31, 2014, (ii) the Revolving Loan Commitment is increased to \$5,000,000 from \$3,000,000, (iii) the Term Loan Maturity Date is extended from February 6, 2014 to May 31, 2018.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC.

Date: May 15, 2013

By: /s/ Julie Smolyansky  
Julie Smolyansky  
Chief Executive Officer, President, and  
Director

Date: May 15, 2013

By: /s/ Edward P. Smolyansky  
Edward P. Smolyansky  
Chief Financial and Accounting Officer,  
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