

**LANDEC** | Smart Polymers to Fuel Innovation™



2012 Landec® Annual Report

**Focused on the Core**



Landec is focused on growing its core value-added produce and biomedical businesses. Landec leverages its materials science expertise and proprietary polymer technologies to deliver sustainable competitive advantages within the markets it serves.

#### **Focused on the Core**

In FY2012, Landec invested \$5.3mm in capital equipment and \$5.8mm in R&D to develop and commercialize new products and processes in its core operating businesses. Landec also invested \$67mm in a strategic acquisition to strengthen its position in the value-added produce industry by adding critical new capabilities, distribution channels, customers and products. Landec's foundation in materials science drives its innovative product solutions to continuously deliver sustainable differentiation and growth in its core markets.



#### **Value-Added Produce**

Landec's wholly-owned subsidiary, Apio, Inc., utilizes Landec's BreatheWay® packaging technology to extend the shelf life of produce and has become the leader in fresh-cut, specialty packaged vegetables. In FY2012, Apio™ achieved \$279mm in revenues, representing 18% year-over-year growth, and generated \$19.8mm in pretax income, representing 102% year-over-year growth. This growth was enhanced by two strategic investments. In February 2011, Apio made an equity investment in its strategic licensing partner, Windset Farms®, which yielded a pretax return of 46% during FY2012. In April 2012, Apio acquired GreenLine Holding Company, the number one processor and marketer of value-added, fresh-cut green beans in North America. This past year, Apio also focused attention on developing several new products. Its recently commercialized Beneforté® Broccoli has enjoyed significant growth, while several additional new products are currently being test marketed in retail and club stores.



#### **Biomedical Materials**

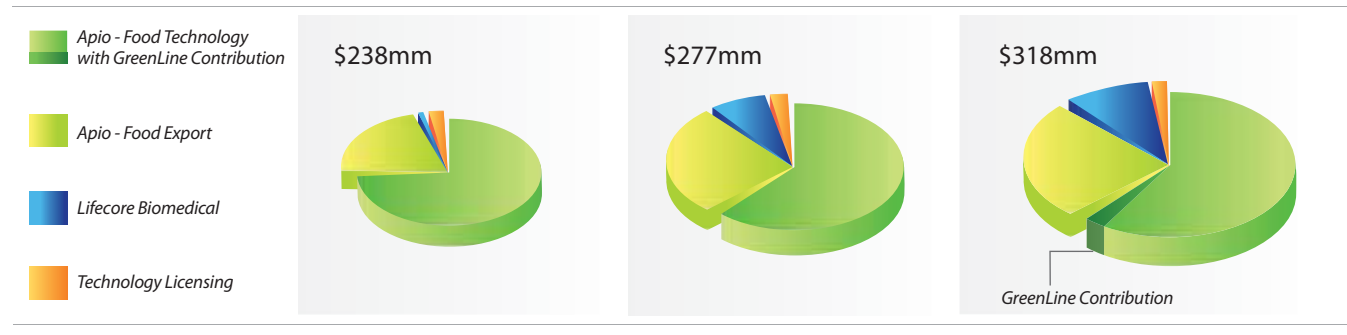
Landec's wholly-owned subsidiary, Lifecore Biomedical, LLC, is a premium provider of fermented hyaluronan (HA) and other biomaterials with a leadership position in ophthalmology. Since being acquired by Landec in April 2010, Lifecore® continues to generate attractive margins and good growth prospects. Leveraging its proprietary manufacturing capability, strong regulatory know-how and long-term customer relationships, Lifecore continues to grow its business with existing customers and acquire new customers as it meets the increasing and challenging ophthalmic and orthopedic needs of an aging population.

# FY2012 Financial Overview

## Focused on Growing the Core Businesses

Fiscal Year	2010	2011	2012	2-year CAGR
Revenue	\$238mm	\$277mm	\$318mm	16%
EPS	\$0.29 <sup>(i)</sup>	\$0.33 <sup>(ii)</sup>	\$0.49	30%
Cash from Operations	\$7.5mm	\$14.5mm	\$22.2mm	72%

## Revenue Growth and Diversification within Core Business Areas



FY2012	
Total Assets	\$278mm
R&D Investment	\$9.6mm <sup>(iii)</sup>
Employees	532
U.S. Patents Issued	40
U.S. Patents Pending	17

For FY2012, Landec increased revenues 15% to \$318mm from \$277mm in FY2011. The \$41mm increase was primarily due to consolidated growth at Apio, with a \$32mm increase in its value-added Food Technology business, \$9mm of which was generated by GreenLine during the five week period Apio owned GreenLine during FY2012. Apio's Food Export business realized a \$10mm increase in revenues while Lifecore revenues increased \$2mm. In FY2012, Landec's Technology Licensing revenues declined as a result of the termination of the Monsanto Licensing Agreement.

Landec's net income continues to grow as a result of an increase in revenues and a shift in product mix to higher gross margin products. In FY2012, Apio's pretax income further benefited from a \$5.8mm increase in the fair

market value of its Windset Farms investment, \$1.1mm in dividends on its Windset Farms investment and a \$1.6mm contribution to pretax income from GreenLine. In FY2012, Lifecore continued its valuable contribution to net income by generating 52% gross margins while exceeding earnings expectations.

For FY2012, Landec achieved strong growth in EPS and cash from operations, with EPS increasing 48% to \$0.49 and cash from operations increasing 53% to \$22.2mm.



In FY2013, Landec is focused on growing its core businesses through three primary growth drivers: (1) introducing innovative food products under Apio's Eat Smart® and GreenLine® brands, (2) completing the GreenLine integration by capitalizing on nationwide processing and distribution synergies and new cross-selling opportunities, and (3) adding new products and customers at Lifecore.

- (i) Before \$3.7mm non-recurring expenses associated with the acquisition of Lifecore Biomedical and an impairment charge for our investment in Aesthetic Sciences Corporation
- (ii) Before a \$4.8mm non-recurring expense associated with the goodwill impairment of Landec Ag
- (iii) Landec Corporation invested \$9.6mm in R&D, of which \$5.8mm was invested within Landec core operating businesses and the balance at corporate

# Landec Acquires GreenLine Foods



## Apio Adds Value-Added Green Beans

On April 23, 2012, Landec, through its Apio subsidiary, acquired GreenLine Holding Company from The Riverside Company, a global private equity firm. With this acquisition, Apio is now the leading processor and marketer of value-added, fresh-cut green beans in North America. Apio now offers its customers the best of fresh-cut vegetables: the GreenLine brand of value-added green bean products and the Eat Smart brand of value-added bag and tray vegetables.



Under the agreement with Riverside, Apio acquired all of the outstanding equity interests of GreenLine for \$62.9mm in cash with no assumed debt. The agreement also includes future earn-out potential

for Riverside of up to \$7.0mm based on GreenLine achieving certain financial targets during calendar year 2012. In conjunction with the acquisition, Apio obtained \$31.8mm in term financing with an average term of 10 years and an average annual interest rate of slightly over 4.0%. Apio also entered into a five-year, \$25.0mm working capital line, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2%. Both the term financing and the working capital line are being financed by GE Capital.

For the fiscal year ending May 27, 2012, Landec recorded non-recurring acquisition-related expenses of \$2.0mm. For the five weeks from the close of the acquisition to the fiscal year end, GreenLine contributed \$1.6mm in operating income, partially offsetting the acquisition-related expenses. In fiscal year 2013, GreenLine is projected to contribute significantly to revenue and income growth and boost margins in Apio's value-added produce business.

# The New Apio



## Leader in Fresh-cut Specialty Packaged Produce

Acquisition Benefit	Benefit Description
<b>1. One Company Two Great Brands</b>	Apio is now able to offer its customers the best of fresh-cut vegetables: the GreenLine brand of value-added green bean products and the Eat Smart brand of value-added bag and tray vegetables. Both brands will now have access to Landec's packaging technologies to extend shelf life and improve quality.
<b>2. Nationwide Processing Capabilities</b>	GreenLine's primary production and distribution facilities are located in Bowling Green, OH and Hanover, PA. Additional facilities are located in: Vero Beach, FL; Pico Rivera, CA; Chester, NY; and Rock Hill, SC. The addition of GreenLine's significant footprint on the East Coast is a strong complement to Apio's western U.S. base of operations in Guadalupe, CA and will enable next day delivery to Midwest and East Coast grocery locations.
<b>3. Year-Round Sourcing</b>	Apio is well prepared to support the growing consumer demand for value-added green beans with long-standing grower relationships and reliable year-round sourcing capabilities that provide a compelling competitive advantage.
<b>4. Nationwide Distribution Capabilities</b>	With the acquisition of GreenLine, Apio has added a fleet of over 50 leased trucks, providing the capability of delivering products to customer distribution centers throughout North America.
<b>5. Retail Sales Synergies</b>	Eat Smart and/or GreenLine products are in over 80% of U.S. retail grocery stores. Both product lines, as well as future innovations, will be offered to all customers with streamlined order processing and distribution.
<b>6. Channel Synergies</b>	Eat Smart and GreenLine brands have synergistic channels of distribution outside of retail grocery chains, where cross-selling opportunities may exist. GreenLine has shown significant penetration into the foodservice channel, while Eat Smart products have a long history of growth in club stores.
<b>7. Operational Synergies</b>	Operational synergies also exist, allowing reduced operational costs while enabling Apio to improve its service to customers.

## Apio Products are now in over 80% of Retail Grocery Stores





### Apio Highlights

For FY2012, Apio's double digit growth clearly reflects the shift in Landec's strategy to focus investment dollars and operational resources within its core businesses.

In April 2011, Apio invested in Windset Farms, a hydroponic greenhouse grower of high quality produce, a business that is not susceptible to the typical downside growing risks from unpredictable adverse weather conditions. From Apio's 20% ownership investment in Windset, Apio receives a 7.5% annual dividend and a 20% share of the increase in fair market value, which combined contributed \$7.0mm to pretax income in FY2012.



To further invest in expanding the value-added produce business, Apio acquired GreenLine Foods on April 23, 2012. This acquisition strengthened Apio's overall competitive position in the value-added produce industry through the addition of synergistic distribution and processing capabilities, product offerings, channels of distribution and customers.

Overall, Apio FY2012 revenues were \$279mm, an increase of 18% over FY2011 revenues of \$237mm. This increase was driven by a \$23mm increase in Apio's non-GreenLine value-added business, which was a result of selling new products to existing customers, adding new distribution and category growth. An additional \$9mm of growth came from GreenLine revenues for the five weeks owned

## Apio FY2012 Highlights

### FY2012

Revenue	\$279mm
Pretax Income	\$19.8mm
YOY Revenue Growth	18%
YOY Pretax Income Growth	102%
Pretax Return on Windset Investment	46%

by Landec and \$10mm was a result of growth in Apio's export business. Apio's FY2012 operating income grew 102% from \$9.8mm to \$19.8mm, primarily from Apio's Windset investment, acquisition of GreenLine and growth in Apio's value-added and export businesses.

Apio now owns and sells the two leading fresh-cut brands: Eat Smart and GreenLine. With five processing sites and seven distribution centers throughout the U.S., Apio can offer additional new product and delivery options for its customers. Apio's branded and private label products use nearly 100 million Landec proprietary BreatheWay packages each year, ensuring that high quality produce with extended shelf life is delivered to grocery retailers and club stores throughout North America.

During FY2013, Apio will remain focused on integrating GreenLine, assisting Windset in doubling its California greenhouse growing capacity and growing its existing value-added produce business by launching new products and adding new distribution.

### Beneforté®

*Beneforté is a naturally better broccoli. A result of over 10 years of cross-pollination and selection, Beneforté broccoli naturally contains 2-3 times the phytonutrient glucoraphanin per serving.*





# LIFECORE

BIOMEDICAL

## Lifecore Highlights

Lifecore Biomedical is a premium supplier of hyaluronan (HA) and other biomaterials for use in medical applications. For FY2012, Lifecore had revenues of \$34.3mm and operating income of \$8.8mm compared to \$32.5mm and \$8.1mm for FY2011. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2009, four months prior to being acquired by Landec, Lifecore revenues were \$20.3mm and operating income was \$423,000. Lifecore grew revenues and net income during FY2012 while realizing a 52% gross margin and a 26% operating margin.

Lifecore develops and manufactures products composed of the biopolymer hyaluronan (also known as hyaluronic acid, sodium hyaluronate, or hyaluronate). Hyaluronan compounds are important lubricating, connective, and shock-absorbing components of both soft and bone tissues. Lifecore's hyaluronan and other products can be used in an ever-growing range of applications from ophthalmic surgery and osteoarthritis treatments to cosmetic skin procedures and medical device coatings.

Lifecore is dedicated to the development of technically advanced hyaluronan-based products that offer

## Lifecore FY2012 Highlights

### FY2012

Revenue	\$34.3mm
Pretax Income	\$7.7mm
Gross margin	52%
Operating margin	26%
R&D investment	\$4.7mm

### Trusted Partner

*Lifecore estimates that its HA has been used in over 50 million patients globally including cataract surgeries which are projected to increase with an aging population.*

long-term compatibility with the human body. Since 1986, over 50 million patients worldwide have benefited from Lifecore's innovations in hyaluronan-based products. Lifecore's commitment to quality and service ensures that its products meet or exceed the highest standards set by the United States Food and Drug Administration, the European Community and other international agencies. Lifecore has earned ISO 13485 and CE certifications, international symbols of quality system assurance and compliance.



In the future, Lifecore will continue to benefit from Landec's strategy to focus on its core businesses. Lifecore will target growing revenues and earnings by double digits annually while maintaining its high operating margins. Lifecore will continue to leverage its long-term customer relationships and 112,000 square foot FDA registered pharmaceutical grade facility to develop new products and partner with new customers to achieve this growth.

# Shareholder Letter

*Fiscal year 2012 was a very good growth year for Landec. Revenues grew 15% to a record \$317.6 million, earnings per share grew 48%<sup>(i)</sup> to \$0.49 per share, cash flow from operations increased 53% to \$22.2 million and Landec finished the year with \$22 million in cash.*

## Dear Shareholders,

Fiscal year 2012 was a very good year for growth at Landec. Our results reflect the shift in our strategy to a focus on our two core businesses which are founded on our materials science technology and structured to allow more direct control of our own success. These businesses are: (1) the value-added produce food business where we see sustainable growth opportunities as consumers continue to seek healthy, convenient, fresh-cut produce food choices, and (2) the biomedical materials business where we recognize opportunities for using our polymer materials in high-margin, high-value biomedical materials applications.

During fiscal year 2012, Apio's fresh-cut specialty packaged vegetable business grew unit volume sales by 20%, more than double the fresh-cut produce category growth of 9%. Additionally, in April of this year, we acquired GreenLine, the leading processor and marketer of value-added, fresh-cut green beans in North America, and an excellent synergistic match with Apio. With GreenLine we now have strong East Coast and Midwest food processing and distribution capabilities for next day delivery and, with GreenLine and Apio combined, we now have fresh-cut packaged products in 80% of U.S. retail grocery stores. Our food business is also enjoying returns from our \$15 million minority investment in Windset Farms, recognizing \$7 million of pretax income during fiscal year 2012 from our portion of the increase in Windset's fair market value combined with a 7.5% annual dividend. We are bullish on the future of Windset's hydroponic

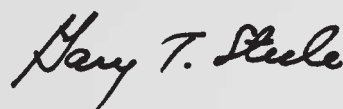
(no soil) greenhouse growing of produce which, during all twelve months of the year, delivers high yields of high quality produce using only 1/28th of the water needed for soil grown produce. Windset completed a three million square foot state-of-the-art hydroponic greenhouse facility in October 2011, just five miles from our Apio headquarters, in Santa Maria, California. We are very satisfied with our 20% ownership and strategic investment in Windset Farms.

Our Lifecore Biomedical materials business continues to expand its product offerings and customer base. Late in fiscal year 2012, two of Lifecore's key customers received FDA clearance for products using our premium hyaluronan materials. Lifecore is well positioned to achieve its aggressive growth objectives in the coming years.

We are focused on pursuing growth and advancing our leadership positions in our core businesses by capitalizing on our unique technology, strong distribution channels and customer relationships. Our intent is to drive revenue and net income growth while generating substantial free cash flow. This will allow us to consider potential future investments for our food and biomaterials businesses.

We look forward to another good year. Thank you for your continued interest in Landec.

Respectfully,



Gary T. Steele  
Chairman of the Board, CEO and President

(i) After excluding the \$4.8 million goodwill write-off in fiscal year 2011 of Landec Ag, our former seed coating subsidiary.



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2012 Proxy Statement  
and Form 10-K



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2012

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF LANDEC CORPORATION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Landec Corporation (the "Company") will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., local time, at Pacific Athletic Club, 200 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065 for the following purposes:

1. To amend Section 3.2 of the Bylaws of the Company to change the authorized number of directors of the Company to no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10);
2. To elect four directors to serve for a term expiring at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in the second year following the year of their election and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
3. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending May 26, 2013;
4. To approve a non-binding advisory proposal on executive compensation; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement or adjournment(s) thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on August 13, 2012, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. However, to assure your representation at the meeting, you are urged to mark, sign, and date and return the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible in the postage-prepaid envelope enclosed for that purpose or vote your shares by telephone or via the Internet.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Geoffrey P. Leonard

GEOFFREY P. LEONARD  
*Secretary*

Menlo Park, California  
August 30, 2012

### **IMPORTANT**

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PREPAID ENVELOPE OR VOTE YOUR SHARES BY TELEPHONE OR VIA THE INTERNET. IF A QUORUM IS NOT REACHED, THE COMPANY MAY HAVE THE ADDED EXPENSE OF RE-ISSUING THESE PROXY MATERIALS. IF YOU ATTEND THE MEETING AND SO DESIRE, YOU MAY WITHDRAW YOUR PROXY AND VOTE IN PERSON. THANK YOU FOR ACTING PROMPTLY.

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## PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2012

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### INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

#### *General*

The enclosed proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of Landec Corporation (“Landec” or the “Company”), a Delaware corporation, for use at the annual meeting of stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) to be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., local time, or at any postponement or adjournment(s) thereof, for the purposes set forth herein and in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held at Pacific Athletic Club, 200 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065. The telephone number at that location is (650) 593-4900.

The Company’s principal executive offices are located at 3603 Haven Avenue, Menlo Park, California 94025. The Company’s telephone number at that location is (650) 306-1650.

#### *Solicitation*

These proxy solicitation materials are to be mailed on or about September 14, 2012, to all stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting. The costs of soliciting these proxies will be borne by the Company. These costs will include the expenses of preparing and mailing proxy materials for the Annual Meeting and the reimbursement of brokerage firms and others for their expenses incurred in forwarding solicitation material regarding the Annual Meeting to beneficial owners of the Company’s Common Stock. The Company may conduct further solicitation personally, telephonically or by facsimile through its officers, directors and regular employees, none of whom will receive additional compensation for assisting with the solicitation.

#### **Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting To Be Held on October 11, 2012.**

**This Proxy Statement and the Company’s Annual Report to Stockholders are available at  
<http://landec.com/proxy>**

You may also find a copy of this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report (with exhibits) on the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov>. **We will, upon written request and without charge, send you additional copies of our Annual Report (without exhibits) and this Proxy Statement. To request additional copies, please send your request by mail to Gregory S. Skinner, Chief Financial Officer, Landec Corporation, 3603 Haven Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (telephone number: (650) 306-1650). Exhibits to the Annual Report may be obtained upon written request to Mr. Skinner and payment of the Company’s reasonable expenses in furnishing such exhibits.**

## Voting Procedure

### *You may vote by mail.*

To vote by mail, please sign your proxy card and return it in the enclosed, prepaid and addressed envelope. If you mark your voting instructions on the proxy card, your shares will be voted as you instruct.

### *You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting.*

We will pass out written ballots to anyone who wants to vote at the Annual Meeting. Holding shares in “street name” means your shares of stock are held in an account by your stockbroker, bank or other nominee, and the stock certificates and record ownership are not in your name. If your shares are held in “street name” and you wish to attend the Annual Meeting, you must notify your broker, bank or other nominee and obtain proper documentation to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting.

### *You may vote by telephone or electronically.*

You may submit your proxy by following the Vote by Phone instructions accompanying the proxy card. If you have Internet access, you may submit your proxy from any location in the world by following the Vote by Internet instructions accompanying the proxy card.

### *You may change your mind after you have returned your proxy card.*

If you change your mind after you return your proxy card or submit your proxy by telephone or Internet, you may revoke your proxy at any time before the polls close at the Annual Meeting. You may do this by:

- signing another proxy card with a later date, or
- voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

## Voting

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share.

Votes cast in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting will be tabulated by the Inspector of Elections. The Inspector of Elections will also determine whether or not a quorum is present. A majority of the shares entitled to vote, represented either in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Inspector of Elections will treat abstentions as shares that are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

*Proposal No. 1 – Amendment to Section 3.2 of the Bylaws of the Company.* This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares outstanding. Shares not voted, whether not present or by broker non-vote, abstention or otherwise, will have the same effect as a vote against this proposal.

*Proposal No. 2 – Election of directors:* Each director is elected by a majority of the votes cast with respect to such director. Any votes withheld for a particular director is effectively a vote against the director.

*Proposal No. 3 – Ratification of independent registered public accounting firm:* This proposal must be approved by a majority of the shares present and voted on the proposal. Shares present and not voted, whether by broker non-vote, abstention or otherwise, will have no effect on this vote.

*Proposal No. 4 – Advisory (non-binding) vote on executive compensation.* This advisory proposal will be approved if a majority of the shares present and voted on the proposal are voted in favor of the resolution. Shares present and not voted, whether by broker non-vote, abstention or otherwise, will have no effect on this advisory vote.

Any proxy which is returned using the form of proxy enclosed and which is not marked as to a particular item will be voted FOR the amendment to Section 3.2 of the Bylaws; FOR the election of the director nominees proposed by the Board of Directors; FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending May 26, 2013; FOR the advisory vote on executive compensation; and as the proxy holders deem advisable on other matters that may come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof, as the case may be, with respect to the item not marked. If a broker indicates on the enclosed proxy or its substitute that it does not have discretionary authority as to certain shares to vote on a particular matter ("**broker non-votes**"), those shares will be counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not be considered as voting with respect to that matter.

### **Record Date and Share Ownership**

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on August 13, 2012, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. As of August 13, 2012, 25,696,984 shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, were issued and outstanding.

### **Deadline for Receipt of Stockholder Proposals for the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2013**

If any stockholder desires to present a stockholder proposal at the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, such proposal must be received by the Secretary of the Company no later than May 10, 2013, in order that they may be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting.

Also, if a stockholder does not notify the Company on or before July 29, 2013 of a proposal for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, management intends to use its discretionary voting authority to vote on such proposal, even if the matter is not discussed in the proxy statement for the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### ***Householding of Proxy Materials***

Some companies, brokers, banks, and other nominee record holders participate in a practice commonly known as "householding," where a single copy of our Proxy Statement and Annual Report is sent to one address for the benefit of two or more stockholders sharing that address. Householding is permitted under rules adopted by the SEC as a means of satisfying the delivery requirements for proxy statements and annual reports, potentially resulting in extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies. We will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to you if you contact our Chief Financial Officer at the address listed above or call us at (650) 306-1650. If you are receiving multiple copies of our Proxy Statement and Annual Report at your household and wish to receive only one, please notify your bank, broker, or other nominee record holder, or contact our Chief Financial Officer at the address listed above.

**PROPOSAL NO. 1****TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF THE COMPANY**

Section 3.2 of the Bylaws of the Company currently provides that the authorized number of directors of the Company shall be no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9). The Board of Directors and the stockholders are authorized to fix the exact number within this range, and the number is currently fixed at eight (8). On July 19, 2012, the Board of Directors authorized an amendment to the Bylaws to expand the permitted range to no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10). Within the proposed new range, the Board of Directors would continue to have the authority to increase or decrease the number of directors.

Under the proposed amendment, the first two sentences of Section 3.2 of the Bylaws would be amended to read as follows:

“The authorized number of directors shall be no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10). Within this range, the authorized number of directors may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Any amendment to these Bylaws changing the authorized number of directors (except to fix the authorized number of directors within the range) may only be adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the voting stock of the Corporation entitled to vote.”

The Board of Directors believes the proposed increase is advisable in order to provide the Board of Directors with greater flexibility when evaluating potential candidates for the Board of Directors. The amendment would allow the Board of Directors to increase the size of the Board of Directors to ten (10) directors and to nominate for election or elect two additional qualified candidates to the Board of Directors without having to seek stockholder approval. The Board of Directors believes that allowing for future additions to the Board of Directors is in the best interests of the Company.

***Required Vote***

In order to amend the Bylaws to increase the authorized number of directors to no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10), an affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company's Common Stock entitled to vote must be obtained.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BYLAWS.**



## PROPOSAL NO. 2

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

#### Nominees

The Company's Bylaws currently provide for no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9) directors, with the exact number fixed at eight (8), and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides for the classification of the Board of Directors into two classes serving staggered terms. If the amendment to the Bylaws described in Proposal No. 1 is approved, the Bylaws will provide that the number of directors shall be no fewer than six (6) and no more than ten (10). Each Class 1 and Class 2 director is elected for a two-year term, with Class 1 directors elected in even numbered years (e.g., 2012) and the Class 2 directors elected in odd numbered years (e.g., 2013). Accordingly, at the Annual Meeting four (4) Class 1 directors will be elected.

The Board of Directors has nominated the persons named below to serve as Class 1 directors until the next even numbered year annual meeting during which their successors will be elected and qualified. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the Company's four (4) nominees named below, all of whom are presently directors of the Company. In the event that any nominee of the Company is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who shall be designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. In the event that additional persons are nominated for election as directors, the proxy holders intend to vote all proxies received by them in such a manner as will assure the election of as many of the nominees listed below as possible, and, in such event, the specific nominees to be voted for will be determined by the proxy holders. Assuming a quorum is present, the four (4) nominees for director receiving at least a majority of votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be elected.

#### *Nominees for Class 1 Directors*

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>	<u>Director Since</u>
Gary T. Steele	63	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company	1991
Frederick Frank	80	Vice Chairman, Peter J. Solomon Company	1999
Steven Goldby	72	Partner, Venrock	2008
Stephen E. Halprin	74	Retired General Partner of OSCCO Ventures	1988

Except as set forth below, each of the Class 1 directors has been engaged in the principal occupation set forth next to his name above during the past five years. There is no family relationship between any director or executive officer of the Company.

Gary T. Steele has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and a director since September 1991 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since January 1996. Mr. Steele has over 30 years of experience in the biotechnology, instrumentation and material science fields. From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Steele was President and Chief Executive Officer of Molecular Devices Corporation, a bioanalytical instrumentation company. From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Steele was Vice President, Product Development and Business Development at Genentech, Inc., a biomedical company focusing on pharmaceutical drug development. Mr. Steele has also worked with McKinsey & Company and Shell Oil Company. Mr. Steele received a B.S. from Georgia Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

Mr. Steele's significant knowledge and understanding of the Company and its businesses together with his extensive experience in the biotechnology field provide the Board of Directors with significant insight into the Company's businesses and operations.

Frederick Frank has served as director since December 1999. Mr. Frank is Vice Chairman of Peter J. Solomon Company (“*Solomon*”), an investment banking and advisory firm. Before joining Solomon, Mr. Frank was Vice Chairman of Lehman Brothers, Inc. (“*Lehman*”) and Barclays Capital. Before joining Lehman as a Partner in October 1969, Mr. Frank was co-director of research, as well as Vice President and Director of Smith Barney & Co. Incorporated. During his over 50 years on Wall Street, Mr. Frank has been involved in numerous financings and merger and acquisition transactions. He serves on the board of directors of PDL BioPharma, and was a director for the Institute for Systems Biology and Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc.. Mr. Frank is Chairman of the National Genetics Foundation and he serves on the Advisory Boards for Yale School of Organization and Management, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center of Biomedical Innovation and was formerly an Advisory Member of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the Harvard School of Public Health. He is a graduate of Yale University, received an M.B.A. from Stanford University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Mr. Frank has over 50 years of capital markets experience and has been involved in numerous financings, commercial transactions and mergers and acquisitions. As such, Mr. Frank provides the Board of Directors with extensive experience and knowledge with respect to transactions and financing in the public company context and corporate governance experience based on his experience as a director of public and non-public companies.

Steven Goldby has served as a director since December 2008. Mr. Goldby has been a Partner at Venrock, a venture capital firm, since 2007. Mr. Goldby was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Symyx Technologies, Inc. (“*Symyx*”) from 1998 to 2007; he became the Executive Chairman in 2008, and Chairman in 2009. Before joining Symyx, Mr. Goldby served as Chief Executive Officer for more than ten years at MDL Information Systems, Inc., the enterprise software company that pioneered scientific information management. Earlier, Mr. Goldby held various management positions at ALZA Corporation, including President of Alza Pharmaceuticals. Mr. Goldby received a B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Goldby’s extensive experience with biotechnology companies provides the Board of Directors with significant understanding of the technology issues facing the Company.

Stephen E. Halprin has served as a director since April 1988. From 1968 until his retirement in 2005, Mr. Halprin was a General Partner of OSCCO Ventures, a venture capital firm. Mr. Halprin received a B.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from Stanford University.

Through his work in the venture capital arena, Mr. Halprin has a great deal of familiarity with the issues that arise in the context of growing and developing a business. As such, he provides the Board of Directors with significant knowledge of financing and development of strategies for growth.

### ***Class 2 Directors***

Directors continuing in office until the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are:

<b><u>Name of Director</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Occupation</u></b>	<b><u>Director Since</u></b>
Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D.	55	Economist, University of Southern California	2004
Dean Hollis	52	Retired President and Chief Operating Officer, ConAgra Foods, Inc. Consumer Foods and International Division	2009
Robert Tobin	74	Retired Chief Executive Officer, Ahold, USA	2004
Nicholas Tompkins	57	Managing Member, NKT Commercial LLC, Chairman of the Board of Apio, Inc.	2003

Except as set forth below, each of the Class 2 directors has been engaged in the principal occupation set forth next to his name above during the past five years.

Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D. has served as a director since September 2004. Dr. Bristow has academic appointments with the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California (“USC”) and with the Henry Samueli School of Engineering at the University of California, Los Angeles (“UCLA”). He teaches engineering economics at UCLA where he has been an economist since 1995. In August 2006, he began teaching finance at USC. His research focuses on corporate governance, corporate finance and entrepreneurship. Dr. Bristow is an advisor to a number of private and public organizations. Previously, he was with Eli Lilly & Company, a leading life science firm, for ten years. He held management positions in the pharmaceutical, medical device and diagnostics divisions and in corporate finance. He holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University, an M.B.A. from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in Financial Economics from UCLA.

With his academic background and knowledge of corporate governance and finance, Dr. Bristow provides the Board of Directors with a thoughtful perspective on economic issues facing the Company. In addition, with his experience in the life sciences industry, Dr. Bristow provides a deep understanding of the technology issues facing the Company’s biotechnology business.

Dean Hollis has served as a director since July 2009. Mr. Hollis was most recently President and Chief Operating Officer of the Consumer Foods and International Division of ConAgra Foods, Inc. (“ConAgra”). Mr. Hollis had management responsibility for ConAgra’s consumer and customer branded businesses consisting of over 40 global brands in 110 countries. During Mr. Hollis’ 21 years with ConAgra, he had a broad array of responsibilities, including Executive Vice President, Retail Products; President, Frozen Foods; President, Grocery Foods; President, Specialty Foods; and President, Gilardi Foods. Currently, Mr. Hollis is a Senior Advisor for Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. (“Oaktree”). He also serves on and Chairs, the board of directors for Pierre Foods, an Oaktree portfolio company, for Smart Balance, Inc as a member of the Audit Committee and Diamond Foods. Mr. Hollis is a graduate of Stetson University and he currently serves on its board.

With over 20 years of experience in the food industry, Mr. Hollis provides the Board of Directors with significant expertise in marketing and sales of packaged foods, overall strategy development for food products and in-depth general management expertise for investing in growth companies, which has a direct benefit to Landec’s wholly-owned food subsidiary, Apio, Inc. (“Apio”).

Robert Tobin has served as a director since December 2004. Mr. Tobin retired from his position as Chief Executive Officer of Ahold USA in 2001. Mr. Tobin has over 40 years of industry experience in the food retail and food service sectors, having served as Chairman and CEO of Stop and Shop Supermarkets. An industry leader, Mr. Tobin serves on the advisory boards of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Undergraduate Business Program at Cornell University where he received his B.S. in Agricultural Economics.

Mr. Tobin’s experience as the chief executive officer of food retailers and his knowledge of the food retail and food service sectors provide the Board of Directors with significant expertise with respect to issues facing the Company’s food business. In addition, Mr. Tobin’s service on advisory boards provides the Board of Directors with knowledge of the scientific issues that face Apio.

Nicholas Tompkins has served as a director since October 2003. Mr. Tompkins has been the Chairman of the Board of Apio, since January 2008. Prior to becoming the Chairman of the Board of Apio, Mr. Tompkins was the Chief Executive Officer of Apio, a position he had held since Apio’s inception in 1979. Landec acquired Apio in December 1999. Mr. Tompkins is also a current board member and past chairman of the Ag Business Advisory Council for California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. He was a member of the board of directors of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association through 2008 and was Chairman of that organization in 2005 and 2006. Mr. Tompkins received a B.S. in Agricultural Business from California State University, Fresno.

Mr. Tompkins brings to the Board of Directors extensive experience in the area of agriculture. In addition, Mr. Tompkins prior service as the Chief Executive Officer of Apio and as its current Chairman provides the Board of Directors with in-depth knowledge of the operations of Apio, a significant portion of the Company’s business.

## Board of Directors Meetings and Committees

The Board of Directors held a total of eight meetings during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012. Each director attended at least 75% of all Board and applicable committee meetings during fiscal year 2012. The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, each of which operates under a written charter approved by the Board of Directors. The charter for each of the committees is available on the Company's website (<http://landec.com>). The Company also has a Technology Committee. It is our policy to encourage the members of the Board of Directors to attend the Company's annual meeting of stockholders. All directors attended our 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The Audit Committee currently consists of Mr. Halprin (Chairman), Dr. Bristow and Mr. Goldby, each of whom the Board of Directors has determined meets the current independence requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") and The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("**NASDAQ**"). The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in its oversight of Company affairs relating to the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements, the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent auditor, and the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, compensating, retaining and overseeing the Company's independent auditor, approving the services performed by the independent auditors and reviewing and evaluating the Company's accounting principles and its system of internal accounting controls. Rules adopted by the SEC require us to disclose whether the Audit Committee includes at least one member who is an "audit committee financial expert," as that phrase is defined in SEC rules and regulations. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Halprin, Dr. Bristow and Mr. Goldby are "audit committee financial experts" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules and regulations. The Audit Committee held four meetings during fiscal year 2012. Please see the section entitled "Audit Committee Report" for further matters related to the Audit Committee. The Board has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee. The charter is reviewed annually for changes, as appropriate, and was last amended in July 2006.

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Mr. Hollis (Chairman), Mr. Frank, and Mr. Tobin each of whom the Board of Directors has determined meets the current independence requirements of the SEC and NASDAQ. The function of the Compensation Committee is to review and set the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and certain of the Company's most highly compensated officers, including salary, bonuses and other incentive plans, stock equity and other forms of compensation, to administer the Company's stock plans and approve stock equity awards, and to oversee the career development of senior management. The Compensation Committee held one meeting during fiscal year 2012. The Compensation Committee did not engage a compensation consultant during fiscal year 2012 to advise on compensation matters. Please see the section entitled "Executive Compensation and Related Information" for further matters related to the Compensation Committee, including its report for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of Mr. Frank (Chairman) and Mr. Tobin, each of whom the Board of Directors has determined meets the current independence requirements of the SEC and NASDAQ. The functions of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are to recommend qualified candidates for election as officers and directors of the Company and oversee the Company's corporate governance policies. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held one meeting during fiscal year 2012.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director nominees proposed by current directors, officers, employees and stockholders. Any stockholder who wishes to recommend candidates for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may do so by writing to the Secretary of the Company, Geoffrey P. Leonard of Ropes & Gray LLP, Three Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111, and providing the candidate's name, biographical data and qualifications. The Company does not have a formal policy regarding the consideration of director candidates recommended by security holders. The Company believes this is appropriate because the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates any such nominees based on the same criteria as all other director nominees. In selecting candidates for the Board of Directors, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee strives for a variety of experience and background that adds depth and breadth to the overall character of the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates potential candidates using standards and qualifications such as the candidates' business experience, independence, diversity, skills and expertise to collectively establish a number of areas of core competency of the Board of Directors, including business judgment, management and industry knowledge. Although the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not have a formal policy on diversity, it believes that diversity is an important consideration in the composition of the Board, and it seeks to include Board members with diverse backgrounds and experiences. Further

criteria include a candidate's integrity and values, as well as the willingness to devote sufficient time to attend meetings and participate effectively on the Board of Directors and its committees.

The Technology Committee currently consists of Mr. Goldby (Chairman), Dr. Bristow and Mr. Halprin, each of whom the Board of Directors has determined meets the current independence requirements of the SEC and NASDAQ. The function of the Technology Committee is to provide, as necessary, advice and recommendations to the Board of Directors and to management with regard to technology strategies aimed at addressing current and future markets, product development and new product introductions and enhancing the Company's long-term growth. The Technology Committee held one meeting during fiscal year 2012.

### **Corporate Governance**

The Company provides information about its corporate governance policies, including the Company's Code of Ethics, and charters for the Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Compensation Committees of the Board of Directors on the Corporate Governance page of its website. The website can be found at [www.landec.com](http://www.landec.com).

The Company's policies and practices reflect corporate governance initiatives that are compliant with the listing requirements of NASDAQ and the corporate governance requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, including:

- A majority of the board members are independent;
- All members of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and the Technology Committee are independent;
- The independent members of the Board of Directors meet at each board meeting, and at least twice per year, in executive sessions without the presence of management, and the Board of Directors has designated a lead independent director who, among other duties, is responsible for presiding over executive sessions of the independent directors;
- The Company has an ethics hotline available to all employees, and the Audit Committee has procedures in place for the anonymous submission of employee complaints regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters; and
- The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to all of its employees, including its principal executive officer and all members of its finance department, including the principal financial officer and principal accounting officer, as well as the Board of Directors. Any substantive amendments to the Code of Ethics or grant of any waiver, including any implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code of Ethics to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer, will be disclosed either on the Company's website or in a report on Form 8-K.

Following a review of all relevant relationships and transactions between each director (including each director's family members) and the Company, the Board has determined that each member of the Board, other than Mr. Steele and Mr. Tompkins, is an independent director under applicable NASDAQ listing standards. Mr. Steele does not meet the independence standards because he was an employee of the Company during fiscal year 2012 and, in the case of Mr. Tompkins, based on the information disclosed under "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" herein.

Mr. Halprin currently serves as the Company's lead independent director.

### ***Leadership Structure of the Board of Directors***

The Board of Directors believes that it is important to retain its flexibility to allocate the responsibilities of the positions of the Chairman of the Board (the "**Chairman**") and Chief Executive Officer in the way that it believes is in the best interests of the Company. After due consideration by the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors has concluded that combining the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer is in the best interests of the Company. The Board of Directors believes that the combination of the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer promotes the Board of Directors and executive management's pursuit of the Company's business objectives by allowing the senior-most executive with accountability for the Company's day-to-day operations, who also possesses significant business and industry knowledge, to set Board of Directors meeting agendas (in consultation with the lead independent director) and to lead the related discussions.

The Board of Directors does not believe that separating these roles would enhance either the independence of the Board of Directors or its effectiveness in discharging its responsibilities. The Board of Directors adheres to sound corporate governance practices, as reflected in the Company's corporate governance policies, which the Board of Directors believes has promoted, and continues to promote, the effective and independent exercise of Board leadership for the Company and its stockholders. At each Board of Directors Meeting, non-management directors convene an executive session without the presence of management. Moreover, the non-management directors have elected one independent director to be the lead independent director. The lead independent director is Mr. Halprin. The lead independent director presides over executive sessions of the non-management directors and at all meetings at which the Chairman is not present; calls meetings of the non-management directors as he deems necessary; serves as a liaison between the Chairman and the non-management directors; advises the Chairman of the informational needs of the Board of Directors and approves information sent to the Board of Directors; and is available for consultation and communication if requested by major stockholders.

### **Stockholder Communications**

Our Board of Directors welcomes communications from our stockholders. Stockholders and other interested parties may send communications to the Board of Directors, or the independent directors as a group, or to any director in particular or the lead independent director, c/o Gregory S. Skinner, Chief Financial Officer, Landec Corporation, 3603 Haven Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Any correspondence addressed to the Board of Directors or to any one of our directors in care of Mr. Skinner will be promptly forwarded to the addressee. The independent directors of the Board of Directors review and approve the stockholder communication process periodically to ensure effective communication with stockholders.

### ***Oversight of Risk Management***

The Board of Directors' role in the Company's risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from members of senior management on areas of material risk to the Company, including operational, financial, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational risks. Our Audit Committee oversees management of financial risk exposures, including the integrity of our accounting and financial reporting processes and controls. As part of this responsibility, the Audit Committee meets periodically with the independent auditors, our internal auditor and our financial and accounting personnel to discuss significant financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor, control and report such exposures. Additionally, the Audit Committee reviews significant findings prepared by the independent auditors and our internal auditor, together with management's response. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has responsibility for matters relating to corporate governance. As such, the charter for our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee provides for the committee to periodically review and discuss our corporate governance guidelines and policies.

Our management also reviewed with our Compensation Committee the compensation policies and practices of the Company that could have a material impact on the Company. Our management review considered whether any of these policies and practices may encourage inappropriate risk-taking, whether any policy or practice may give rise to risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us, and whether it would recommend any changes to the Company's compensation policies and practices. Management also reviewed with the Board of Directors risk-mitigating controls such as the degree of committee and senior management oversight of each compensation program and the level and design of internal controls over such programs. Based on these reviews, the Board determined that risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

## Compensation of Directors

The following table sets forth compensation information for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, for each member of our Board of Directors who was not also an executive officer during fiscal year 2012. The Chief Executive Officer who serves on our Board does not receive additional compensation for serving on the Board. See “Summary Compensation Table” for disclosure related to our Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer, Gary T. Steele.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards(2) (\$)	Option Awards(2) (\$)	Total (\$)
Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D.	36,500	11,102	13,210	60,812
Frederick Frank (1)	27,500	11,102	13,210	51,812
Steven Goldby	37,000	11,102	13,210	61,312
Stephen E. Halprin	52,000	11,102	13,210	76,312
Dean Hollis	32,500	11,102	13,210	56,812
Robert Tobin	27,500	11,102	13,210	51,812
Nicholas Tompkins	27,000	11,102	13,210	51,312

- (1) Pursuant to an agreement with the Company, the fees earned by Mr. Frank have been deferred.
- (2) The amounts shown in the Stock Awards and Option Awards columns do not reflect compensation actually received by a director. Instead, the amounts shown are the aggregate grant date value, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Options, of awards granted in fiscal year 2012. The assumptions used to calculate the value of option awards are set forth under Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.

At May 27, 2012, the aggregate number of stock awards and option awards outstanding was: Dr. Bristow – 66,667 shares; Mr. Frank – 76,667 shares; Mr. Goldby – 31,667 shares; Mr. Halprin – 66,667 shares; Mr. Hollis – 30,000 shares; Mr. Tobin – 66,667 shares; and Mr. Tompkins – 26,667 shares.

For fiscal year 2012, each non-employee director earned \$20,000 per year for service as a member of our Board of Directors. In addition, each director who served as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee received an annual retainer of \$5,000, each director who served on the Audit Committee received an annual retainer of \$10,000, with the Chairman of the Audit Committee receiving an annual retainer of \$15,000, and each director who served as the lead independent director received an annual retainer of \$10,000.

Additionally, for fiscal year 2012, each non-employee director received \$1,000 for each meeting of the Board attended in person (\$500 if attended by phone), \$500 for each meeting of a Committee attended in person, and \$1,000 for each stockholder meeting attended by the director. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a director to attend Board meetings, Committee meetings or stockholder meetings in his or her capacity as a director are reimbursed.

### ***Required Vote***

The election of each of the four (4) Class 1 director nominees requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company’s Common Stock present at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy and voted with respect to such director. This means that in order for a director to be elected, the number of shares voted “FOR” a director must exceed the number of votes cast against that director. As such, a “WITHHOLD” vote is effectively a vote against a director.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE.**

**PROPOSAL NO. 3****RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee has appointed the firm of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ending May 26, 2013, and recommends that the stockholders vote for ratification of this appointment. In the event the stockholders do not ratify such appointment, the Audit Committee may reconsider its selection. Ernst & Young LLP has audited the Company's financial statements since the fiscal year ending October 31, 1994. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed to the Company for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP for the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011.

<b>Fee Category</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2011</b>
Audit Fees	\$ 1,229,000	\$ 850,000
Audit-Related Fees	—	—
Tax Fees (1)	60,000	—
All Other Fees		—
Total	\$ 1,289,000	\$ 850,000

- (1) Tax fees for fiscal year 2012 were for the services provided in connection with the Company's acquisition of GreenLine Holding Company.

Audit Fees were for professional services rendered for the integrated audit of the Company's annual financial statements and internal controls over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for the review of the Company's interim financial statements included in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and for assistance with and review of documents filed by the Company with the SEC.

***Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies***

The Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Any pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and is generally subject to a specific budget. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm and management are required to periodically report to the Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with such pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date. The Audit Committee, or its designee, may also pre-approve particular services on a case-by-case basis.

***Required Vote***

The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Company's Common Stock present at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy and voted.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MAY 26, 2013.**



## PROPOSAL NO. 4

### NON-BINDING ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 21 of this proxy statement describes the Company's executive compensation program and the compensation decisions that the Compensation Committee and Board of Directors made in fiscal year 2012 with respect to the compensation of our named executive officers. The Board of Directors is asking stockholders to cast a non-binding, advisory vote **FOR** the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby APPROVED.”

We urge stockholders to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 21 of this proxy statement, as well as the 2012 Summary Compensation Table and related compensation tables, appearing on pages 27 through 30, which provide detailed information on the Company's compensation policies and practices.

As we describe in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, our executive compensation program embodies a pay-for-performance philosophy that supports Landec's business strategy and aligns the interests of our executives with our stockholders. Specifically, executive compensation is allocated among base salaries and short and long-term compensation. The base salaries are fixed in order to provide the executives with a stable cash income, which allows them to focus on the Company's issues and objectives as a whole, while the short and long-term compensation are designed to both reward the named executive officers based on the Company's overall performance and align the named executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders. Our annual cash incentive award program is intended to encourage our named executive officers to focus on specific short-term goals important to our success. Our executive officers' cash incentive awards are determined based on objective performance criteria. The awards payable under our annual cash incentive award program are subject to a maximum payout, which limits the overall payout potential. The Company's current practice is to grant our named executive officers both options and restricted stock units. This mixture is designed to provide a balance between the goals of increasing the price of our common stock (as stock options only have value if the stock price increases after the option is granted) and avoiding risks that could threaten the Company's growth and stability (as restricted stock units are exposed to decreases in our stock price). Because grants are generally subject to vesting schedules, they help ensure that executives always have significant value tied to long-term stock price performance.

For these reasons, the Board of Directors is asking stockholders to support this proposal. Although the vote we are asking you to cast is non-binding, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors value the views of our stockholders and will consider the outcome of the vote when determining future compensation arrangements for our named executive officers.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.**

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table summarizes information with respect to options and other equity awards under Landec's equity compensation plans as of May 27, 2012:

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>(a) Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (1)</b>	<b>Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (2)</b>	<b>Number of Securities Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	2,257,345	\$6.56	449,643(3)
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	137,253(4)	\$5.51	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,394,598</b>	<b>\$6.50</b>	<b>449,643</b>

- (1) Includes only options and restricted stock units outstanding under Landec's equity compensation plans, as no stock warrants or other rights were outstanding as of May 27, 2012.
- (2) The weighted average exercise price does not take restricted stock units into account as restricted stock units have no purchase price.
- (3) Represents shares available for issuance pursuant to the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (4) Represents shares to be issued upon exercise of options that are outstanding under the 1996 Non-Executive Stock Option Plan which has been terminated, and no future awards will be made pursuant to such plan. A description of the plan is set forth under Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.

### ***The 2009 Stock Incentive Plan***

The 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the "***2009 Plan***"), which was approved by stockholders in October 2009, authorizes the grant of equity awards, including stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units to employees, including officers, outside consultants and non-employee directors of the Company. The exercise price of the stock options granted under the 2009 Plan is the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted. 1,900,000 shares are authorized to be issued under this plan. Options granted under the 2009 Plan generally are exercisable upon vesting and generally vest ratably over three years.

### ***The 2005 Stock Incentive Plan***

The 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, which was approved by stockholders and has been terminated, authorized the grant of equity awards, including stock options, restricted stock units and restricted stock to employees, including officers, outside consultants and non-employee directors of the Company. The exercise price of stock options granted under this plan was the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted. 861,038 shares were authorized to be issued under this plan. Options generally were exercisable upon vesting and generally vested ratably over three years. No future awards will be made pursuant to this plan.

### ***The 1996 Non-Executive Stock Option Plan***

The 1996 Non-Executive Stock Option Plan authorized the grant of non-qualified stock options to employees, including officers, and outside consultants of the Company. This plan was not approved by the Company's stockholders and has been terminated. The exercise price of the options was equal to the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted. As amended in 1999, 1,500,000 shares were authorized to be issued under this plan. Options generally were exercisable upon vesting and generally vested ratably over four years. No future awards will be made pursuant to this plan.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

*The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be “soliciting material” or “filed” with the SEC or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or the Exchange Act.*

### **Composition**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors consists of the three directors whose names appear below and operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors. Each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence and financial experience requirements of NASDAQ and the SEC currently in effect. In addition, the Board of Directors has determined that each of Mr. Halprin, Dr. Bristow and Mr. Goldby is an audit committee financial expert, as defined by the rules and regulations of the SEC.

### **Responsibilities**

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include appointing an independent registered public accounting firm and assisting the Board of Director's oversight of the preparation of the Company's financial statements. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and for issuing a report thereon. Management is responsible for the Company's internal controls and financial reporting process. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to oversee these processes and the Company's internal controls. The Audit Committee members are not acting as professional accountants or auditors, and their functions are not to duplicate or to certify the activities of management and the independent registered public accounting firm.

### **Review with Management and Independent Auditors**

The Audit Committee held four meetings during fiscal year 2012. The Audit Committee met and held discussions with management and representatives of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP. Management represented to the Audit Committee that the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, with management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

The Audit Committee met with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, with and without management present, to discuss the overall scope and plans for their audit, the results of their examination, their evaluation of the Company's internal controls and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting. The Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards (“SAS”) No. 114, *The Auditor's Communication with Those Charged with Governance*, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”) in Rule 3200T, which supersedes SAS No. 61, as amended, including the judgment of the independent registered public accounting firm as to the quality of the Company's accounting principles.

The Audit Committee also received the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young LLP required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountants' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and the Audit Committee discussed the independence of Ernst & Young LLP with that firm. The Audit Committee has considered the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors' independence.

### **Summary**

Based upon the Audit Committee's discussions with management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee's review of the representations of management and the report of the independent registered public accounting firm to the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, as filed with the SEC.

This report is submitted by the Audit Committee.

Stephen E. Halprin (Chairman)  
Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D.  
Steven Goldby

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

The following sets forth certain information with regard to executive officers of the Company. Ages are as of August 13, 2012.

Gary T. Steele (age 63) has been President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company since 1991 and Chairman of the Board of Directors since January 1996. Mr. Steele has over 30 years of experience in the biotechnology, instrumentation and material science fields. From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Steele was President and Chief Executive Officer of Molecular Devices Corporation, a bioanalytical instrumentation company. From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Steele was Vice President, Product Development and Business Development at Genentech, Inc., a biomedical company focusing on pharmaceutical drug development. Mr. Steele has also worked with McKinsey & Company and Shell Oil Company.

Gregory S. Skinner (age 51) has been Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance of the Company since November 1999 and Vice President of Administration since November 2000. From May 1996 to October 1999, Mr. Skinner served as Controller of the Company. From 1994 to 1996, Mr. Skinner was Controller of DNA Plant Technology and from 1988 to 1994 he was with Litton Electron Devices. Prior to joining Litton Electron Devices, Mr. Skinner was with Litton Industries, Inc. and Arthur Anderson & Company.

Dennis J. Allingham (age 61) has been the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Lifecore Biomedical since February 2004, and a Vice President of the Company since April 2010. He served as the Company's General Manager and Chief Financial Officer for the eight years prior to his appointment as CEO. Mr. Allingham has over 25 years of progressive business and management experience in executive positions and as a director within the pharmaceutical and health care distribution, manufacturing and retail industries.

Ronald Midyett (age 46) has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Apio since January 2008, and a Vice President of the Company since February 2008. Mr. Midyett joined Apio in May 2005 as Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining Apio, Mr. Midyett was Senior Vice President of Operations for Dole Fresh Vegetables. Mr. Midyett has over 20 years of technology and operations experience in the produce industry. Mr. Midyett is currently a member of the board of directors of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association and a director of Windset Holdings 2010 Ltd., a privately held Canadian corporation.

Molly A. Hemmeter (age 45) has been Chief Commercial Officer since December 2010 and before that Vice President, Business Development and Global Marketing of the Company since being hired in June of 2009. From July 2006 until joining the Company in June 2009, Ms. Hemmeter was Vice President of Global Marketing and New Business Development for the Performance Materials division of Ashland, Inc., a global specialty chemicals company. Prior to joining Ashland, Inc., Ms. Hemmeter was Vice President of Strategy and Marketing for Sitera Corporation in San Francisco, a privately held company delivering on-demand software for managing real estate asset portfolios.

Steven P. Bitler, Ph.D. (age 54) has been Vice President, Corporate Technology of the Company since March 2002. From 1988 until March 2002, Dr. Bitler held various positions with the Company related to the Company's polymer product development and thermal switch products. Prior to joining the Company, Dr. Bitler developed new high strength polymeric materials at SRI International.

Damian Hajduk, Ph.D. (age 43) has been Chief Scientific Officer of the Company since April 2010. Prior to joining the Company, Dr. Hajduk held a variety of scientific and leadership positions from 1997 to 2010 at Symyx Technologies, Inc., a materials research and informatics company.

**COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN  
BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Stock as of August 13, 2012 as to (i) each person who is known by the Company to beneficially own more than five percent of any class of the Company's voting stock, (ii) each of the Company's directors, (iii) each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement (the "Named Executive Officers"), and (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group. The business address of each director and executive officer named below is c/o Landec Corporation, 3603 Haven Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

NAME	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (1)	
	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK	PERCENT OF TOTAL(2)
<u>5% Stockholders</u>		
Wynnefield Capital, Inc 450 Seventh Ave, #509 New York, NY 10123	2,568,271 (3)	9.99%
Security Investors, LLC One Security Benefit Place Topeka, KS 66636	2,380,518 (4)	9.26%
Dimensional Fund Advisors, L.P. 6300 Bee Cave Road, Building One Austin, TX 78746	2,113,422 (5)	8.22%
The Killen Group, Inc 1189 Lancaster Ave Berwyn, PA 19312	1,693,801 (6)	6.59%
BlackRock, Inc 40 E. 52nd Street New York, NY 10022	1,551,622 (7)	6.04%
Harvey Partners, LLC 610 Fifth Avenue, Suite 311 New York, NY 10020	1,385,000 (8)	5.39%
<u>Executive Officers and Directors</u>		
Gary T. Steele President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors	320,358 (9)	1.24%
Gregory S. Skinner Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance & Administration	322,694 (10)	1.25%
Dennis J. Allingham President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifecore Biomedical, LLC and Vice President of Landec	45,000 (11)	*
Ronald Midyett President and Chief Executive Officer of Apio, Inc. and Vice President of Landec	177,799 (12)	*

NAME	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (1)	
	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK	PERCENT OF TOTAL(2)
Molly Hemmeter Chief Commercial Officer	74,581 (13)	*
Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D., Director	75,002 (14)	*
Frederick Frank, Director	344,283 (15)	1.34%
Steven Goldby, Director	38,334 (16)	*
Stephen E. Halprin, Director	132,519 (17)	*
Dean Hollis, Director	31,667 (18)	*
Robert Tobin, Director	75,002 (19)	*
Nicholas Tompkins, Director	59,004 (20)	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (14 persons)	1,853,535 (21)	6.93%

\* Less than 1%

- (1) Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of capital stock.
- (2) As of August 13, 2012, 25,696,984 shares of Common Stock were issued and outstanding. Percentages are calculated with respect to a holder of options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012 as if such holder had exercised his options. Option shares held by other holders are not included in the percentage calculation with respect to any other holder.
- (3) This information is based on a Form 13F filed by Wynnefield Capital, Inc with the SEC showing its holdings as of June 30, 2012.
- (4) This information is based on a Form 13F filed by Security Investors, LLC with the SEC showing such beneficial owner's holdings as of June 30, 2012.
- (5) This information is based on a Form 13F filed by Dimensional Fund Advisors, L.P. with the SEC showing such beneficial owner's holdings as of June 30, 2012.
- (6) This information is based on a Form 13F filed by The Killen Group, Inc with the SEC showing its holdings as of June 30, 2012.
- (7) This information is based on a Form 13F filed by the five institutions: BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.; BlackRock Fund Advisors; BlackRock Advisors, LLC; BlackRock Investment Management, LLC; and BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited under the parent company BlackRock, Inc with the SEC showing its holdings as of June 30, 2012.
- (8) This information is based on a Form 13F filed by Harvey Partners, LLC with the SEC showing its holdings as of June 30, 2012.

- (9) This number includes 98,252 shares held in trust of which Mr. Steele is a beneficial owner. This number also includes 222,106 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (10) This number includes 12,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012, owned by Stacia Skinner, Mr. Skinner's wife, and 6,661 shares owned by Mrs. Skinner. This number also includes 125,833 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (11) This number includes 45,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (12) This number includes 144,611 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (13) This number includes 66,666 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (14) This number includes 65,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (15) This number includes 55,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (16) This number includes 30,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (17) This number includes 67,519 shares held in a trust of which Mr. Halprin is a beneficial owner. This number also includes 65,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (18) This number includes 25,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (19) This number includes 65,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (20) This number also includes 25,000 shares subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.
- (21) This number includes an aggregate of 1,062,466 shares held by officers and directors, which are subject to outstanding stock options exercisable within 60 days after August 13, 2012.



## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND RELATED INFORMATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis section discusses the compensation programs and policies for our named executive officers. The CD&A also provides an overview of the Compensation Committee's role in the design and administration of these programs and policies, and its role in making specific compensation decisions for our named executive officers. Our Named Executive Officers for fiscal year 2012 are Gary T. Steele, President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, Gregory S. Skinner, Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Dennis Allingham, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifecore Biomedical, LLC ("*Lifecore*"), Ronald Midyett, President and Chief Executive Officer of Apio, Inc. ("*Apio*"), and Molly Hemmeter, Chief Commercial Officer. These individuals are referred to as the "Named Executive Officers."

#### *Overview of Compensation Program and Philosophy*

Landec's compensation program is intended to meet three principal objectives: (1) attract, reward and retain officers and other key employees; (2) motivate these individuals to achieve the Company's short-term and long-term corporate goals; and (3) align the interests of our executives with those of our stockholders.

The compensation program is designed to balance an executive's achievements in managing the day-to-day business and addressing shorter-term challenges facing the Company or its subsidiaries, such as the effects of weather-related disruptions and competitive pressures, with incentives to achieve our long-term vision to be the innovative leader in our food products technology and hyaluronan-based biomaterials businesses.

The above policies guide the Compensation Committee (the "*Committee*") in assessing the proper allocation between long-term compensation, current cash compensation and short-term bonus compensation. Other considerations include Landec's business objectives, its fiduciary and corporate responsibilities (including internal equity considerations and affordability), competitive practices and trends, and regulatory requirements.

#### *Establishing Executive Compensation*

Landec's executive compensation program is overseen and administered by the Committee, which is comprised entirely of independent directors as determined in accordance with applicable NASDAQ, SEC and Internal Revenue Code rules. The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by our Board of Directors. A copy of the Committee's charter is available at [www.landec.com](http://www.landec.com).

In determining the particular elements of compensation that are used to implement Landec's overall compensation policies, the Committee takes into consideration a number of factors related to Landec's performance, such as Landec's earnings per share, profitability, revenue growth and business-unit-specific operational and financial performance, as well as competitive practices among our peer group. The Committee evaluates the Company's financial and strategic performance in the context of determining compensation as well as the individual performance of each Named Executive Officer.

The Committee reviews market compensation levels and practices annually to determine whether any adjustments to an individual Named Executive Officer's compensation are warranted. The Committee's primary source for information regarding its peer group companies is Equilar, an executive and board compensation research firm. Equilar draws data from proxy statements and reports filed with the SEC. This information allows the Committee to benchmark the actual compensation levels for the Named Executive Officers in our three main business categories.

The Committee meets with Landec's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Steele, and/or other executives to obtain recommendations with respect to Company compensation programs, practices and packages for executives, other employees and directors. Management makes recommendations to the Committee on the base salary, bonus targets and equity compensation for the executive team and other employees.

## Peer Group

Because of the diversity of the Company's businesses and the areas in which the Company competes for executives, the Company's peer group typically includes a broad range of companies in the materials science and food industries. In making the selection, we considered revenues, market capitalization and number of employees. The result was a peer group that consisted of thirty one separate companies. For fiscal year 2012, the peer group was organized into three categories, Food, Specialty Polymers and greater Silicon Valley public companies, which align with our two business units and our corporate headquarters function as follows: (1) Food – Calavo Growers, Chiquita Brands International, Diamond Foods, Fresh Del Monte Produce; (2) Specialty Polymers – Atrion, Cardiac Science, Cryolife, DIGI International, Exactech, FSI International, Heska, I Flow, Medtox Scientific, Orasure Technologies, Surmodics, Synovis Life Technologies, Vital Images, Biomarin Pharmaceutical, Metabolix, OM Group, Omnova Solutions, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Polypore International, Quaker Chemical; and (3) Silicon Valley Public Companies – Accuray, Affymetrix, Biomarin Pharmaceutical, Cepheid, Exponent, Leapfrog Enterprises, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Peets Coffee & Tea, Shutterfly.

The Committee monitors the peer group to assess its appropriateness as a source of competitive compensation data and reassesses the relevance of the peer group as needed.

Data on the compensation practices of the above-mentioned companies was gathered using Equilar's web-based compensation survey data. Peer group data is gathered with respect to base salary, bonus targets and all equity and non-equity awards (including stock options, performance shares, restricted stock and long-term, cash-based awards). Peer group data does not include generally available benefits, such as 401(k) plans or health care coverage.

Landec's goal is to target total compensation for executives at a level that is competitive with the selected peer group but not to exceed the market's 50th percentile based on market and industry data. For Messrs. Steele and Skinner and Ms. Hemmeter, total compensation was targeted not to exceed the 50th percentile of the Silicon Valley public companies group of companies. For Messrs. Midyett and Allingham, total compensation was targeted not to exceed the 50th percentile of the Food group of companies and the Specialty Polymers group of companies, respectively. Targeting total compensation at a maximum of the 50th percentile and providing the opportunity to earn incentive compensation rewards, allows total compensation as a whole to be competitive, while taking into account business cyclicality. Base pay and target cash compensation are analyzed by the Committee to determine variances to the Company's compensation targets using the combination of publicly available information and survey data as described above.

## Elements of Compensation

There are three major elements that comprise Landec's compensation program: (i) base salary; (ii) annual cash incentive opportunities, including bonuses; and (iii) equity incentives in the form of stock options and/or restricted stock unit awards.

## Base Salaries

The base salaries of executive officers are set at levels intended to be competitive with other companies engaged in similar activities and with other businesses of comparable size, scope and location with which we compete for executive talent. To retain and attract the level of talent necessary for Landec to succeed, the Committee expects that the base salaries should not exceed the middle of the range of base salaries for comparable positions. In determining base salary, the Committee considers factors such as job performance, skill set, prior experience, the executive's time in his or her position and with Landec, internal consistency regarding pay levels for similar positions or skill levels within the Company, external pressures to attract and retain talent, and market conditions generally.

Base salaries are not adjusted annually but are generally adjusted when the Committee judges that a change is warranted by a change in an executive officer's responsibilities, demonstrated performance or relevant market data. For a discussion of base salary decisions made in or for fiscal year 2012, see "**Compensation of Chief Executive Officer**" and "**Compensation of Other Named Executive Officers**" below.

The salaries paid to the Named Executive Officers in fiscal year 2012 are shown in the Summary Compensation Table.

### Annual Cash Incentive Award Plan

Landec maintains an annual cash incentive award plan for senior executives to encourage and reward achievement of Landec's business goals and to assist Landec in attracting and retaining executives by offering an opportunity to earn a competitive level of compensation. Consistent with our overall "pay-for-performance" compensation objective of linking compensation to performance, and attracting and retaining top level executive officers in the industry, annual cash incentive award targets are set as a percentage of base salary. Incentive award targets and ranges are typically set early in each fiscal year. Specific criteria for corporate, business unit and individual objectives are also set at this time. The overall corporate objectives are intended to be challenging but achievable. Such objectives are based on actual performance compared to predetermined financial performance targets, which are weighted depending upon whether the employee is a member of a business unit or the corporate staff. In the case of the executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, the incentive award targets and criteria are approved by the Committee.

**Fiscal Year 2012 Cash Incentive Award Plan:** At the beginning of fiscal year 2012, in approving the cash incentive award plan for the year (the "2012 Incentive Award Plan"), the Board of Directors set financial objectives on a consolidated basis and for each business unit and our corporate headquarters. The financial objectives were based on the internally-developed financial plan for the fiscal year. In fiscal year 2012, the Company's financial performance was measured based on established targets for revenue and operating income. In order for a Named Executive Officer to earn a cash incentive award under the 2012 Incentive Award Plan, specific revenue and operating income targets had to be met. For fiscal year 2012, the CEO's target cash incentive award ranged from 80% of base salary up to a maximum of 100% of his base salary, and the other Named Executive Officers' target incentive awards ranged from 40% of base salary up to a maximum of 83% to 104% of base salary.

For the CEO, CFO and CCO, ("Corporate Executives"), the award target for fiscal year 2012 was based on the Company's annual consolidated financial results, and consisted of targets for the Company's consolidated revenues of \$288.8 million and consolidated operating income of \$14.5 million. For the CEO of Apio, a business unit and subsidiary of Landec, the award target was based on Apio's annual financial results, and consisted of targets for Apio's revenues of \$248.5 million and operating income of \$12.7 million. For the CEO of Lifecore, a business unit and subsidiary of Landec, the award target was based on Lifecore's annual financial results, and consisted of targets for Lifecore's revenues of \$35.8 million and operating income of \$8.4 million.

For fiscal year 2012, the Corporate Executives, the CEO of Apio and the CEO of Lifecore all received an incentive award because the revenue and operating income targets for Landec, Apio and Lifecore were exceeded.

Based on the metrics described above, the Named Executive Officers' target incentive awards, maximum awards and actual amounts earned for fiscal year 2012 are as follows:

Named Executive Officer	Target Incentive Awards	Maximum Incentive Awards	Earned Incentive Awards
Gary T. Steele	\$360,000	\$450,000	\$395,935
Gregory S. Skinner	\$155,000	\$310,000	\$171,503
Dennis J. Allingham	\$144,000	\$298,800	\$159,266
Ronald Midyett	\$150,000	\$312,000	\$157,500
Molly Hemmeter	\$142,500	\$285,000	\$151,234

In keeping with our "pay for performance" philosophy, a portion of our Named Executive Officers annual compensation is "at risk" compensation resulting in years during which our Named Executive Officers received no cash annual incentive award. The "Earned Incentive Awards" paid with respect to fiscal year 2012 represent increases over the past two fiscal years during which no annual incentive awards were paid to Named Executive Officers, except the CEO of Lifecore, because relevant targets were not met during fiscal years 2011 and 2010.

### ***Long-Term Incentive Compensation***

Landec provides long-term incentive compensation through awards of stock options and restricted stock units (also referred to as “restricted stock units,” “RSUs” or “stock awards”) that generally vest over three years under a broad-based equity award program (“Equity Award Plan”). Landec’s Equity Award Plan is intended to align the interests of officers with those of the stockholders by creating an incentive for officers to maximize long-term stockholder value. The Equity Award Plan also is designed to encourage officers to remain employed with Landec despite a competitive labor market in its industry.

Awards to eligible employees, including Named Executive Officers, are generally made on an annual basis. Awards must be approved by the Committee or the Board of Directors. In general, the number of options/RSUs awarded to each executive officer is determined subjectively based on a number of factors, including the officer’s degree of responsibility, general level of performance, ability to affect future Company performance, salary level and recent noteworthy achievements, as well as prior years’ awards. All grants have been approved by the Board of Directors or the Committee and have a per share exercise price equal to the fair market value of Landec Common Stock on the grant date. The Committee has not granted, nor does it intend in the future to grant, equity compensation awards to executives in anticipation of the release of material nonpublic information that is likely to result in changes to the price of Landec Common Stock, such as a significant positive or negative earnings announcement. Similarly, the Committee has not timed, nor does it intend in the future to time the release of material nonpublic information based on equity award grant dates. Also, because equity compensation awards typically vest over a three year period, the value to recipients of any immediate increase in the price of Landec’s stock following a grant will be attenuated.

The Committee regularly monitors the environment in which Landec operates and makes changes to the Equity Award Plan and the overall annual compensation paid to executives in order to help the Company meet its goals, including achieving long-term stockholder value. In order to continue to attract and retain highly skilled employees, the Committee has implemented changes to the Equity Award Plan designed to reward Landec’s employees for their hard work and commitment to the long-term success and growth of Landec. To this end, the Company grants both stock options and RSUs as part of the Equity Award Plan. Landec grants stock options because they can be an effective tool for meeting Landec’s compensation goal of increasing long-term stockholder value so that employees are able to profit from stock options only if Landec’s stock price increases in value over the stock option’s exercise price. Landec believes the options that it grants provide effective incentives to option holders to achieve increases in the value of Landec’s stock. Landec grants RSUs because they provide a more predictable value to employees than stock options, and therefore are efficient tools in retaining and motivating employees, while also serving as an incentive to increase the value of Landec’s stock. RSUs also can be a more efficient means of using equity plan share reserves because fewer RSUs are needed to provide a retention and incentive value as compared to awards of stock options.

In May 2012, the Committee determined that no awards should be granted under the Equity Award Plan for fiscal year 2012 to executive officers, including our Named Executive Officers. In making this determination, the Committee considered prior awards made to our Named Executive Officers and the value of such holdings as well as the overall compensation package paid to our executive officers for fiscal year 2012.

### ***Retirement Benefits under the 401(k) Plan, Executive Perquisites and Generally Available Benefit Programs***

Landec maintains a tax-qualified 401(k) plan (the “401(k) Plan”), which provides for broad-based employee participation. Under the 401(k) Plan, all Landec employees are eligible to receive matching contributions from Landec that are subject to vesting over time. The matching contribution for the 401(k) Plan in fiscal year 2012 was \$0.67 for each dollar on the first 6% of each participant’s pretax contributions and was calculated and paid on a payroll-by-payroll basis, subject to applicable federal limits, and subject to vesting. Landec also makes an annual “reconciling match” designed to more evenly determine the amount of matching contributions that eligible employees receive. This reconciling match works by recalculating the regular matching contribution as if it were paid on an annualized, instead of payroll-by-payroll, basis. If the annualized matching contribution would have been higher, Landec contributes a matching contribution equal to the difference between the two. Other than the 401(k) Plan, Landec does not provide defined benefit pension plans or defined contribution retirement plans to its executives or other employees.

Landec also offers a number of other benefits to the Named Executive Officers pursuant to benefit programs that provide for broad-based employee participation. These benefits programs include medical, dental and vision insurance, long-term and short-term disability insurance, life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, health and dependent care flexible spending accounts, wellness programs, educational assistance and certain other benefits.

The 401(k) Plan and other generally available benefit programs allow Landec to remain competitive with respect to employee talent, and Landec believes that the availability of the benefit programs generally enhances employee productivity and loyalty to Landec. The main objectives of Landec's benefits programs are to give our employees access to quality healthcare, financial protection from unforeseen events, assistance in achieving retirement financial goals and enhanced health and productivity. These generally available benefits typically do not specifically factor into decisions regarding an individual executive's total compensation or equity award package.

### ***Compensation of Chief Executive Officer***

On February 15, 2012, the Company entered into a new executive employment agreement (the "**Employment Agreement**") with Mr. Steele, effective as of January 1, 2012, setting forth the terms of his employment. The Employment Agreement expires on December 31, 2014 unless renewed or extended by both parties, and provides that Mr. Steele shall be paid an annual base salary of \$450,000 (which was Mr. Steele's annual base salary prior to entry into the Employment Agreement) through the term of the Employment Agreement, and participate in the annual cash incentive award plan. Mr. Steele is also eligible for grants of equity interests under the Equity Award Plan at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Committee.

In setting Mr. Steele's salary, target bonus and equity compensation grant, the Committee relied on market-competitive pay data and weighed heavily the consideration that the Chief Executive Officer significantly and directly influences Landec's overall performance. The Committee also considered the overall compensation policies discussed above.

As indicated above under "Annual Cash Incentive Award Plan," Landec's actual financial performance for fiscal year 2012 resulted in an incentive award payment to Mr. Steele under the 2012 Incentive Award Plan. In addition, as indicated above under "Long-Term Incentive Awards," the Committee did not grant any equity award to the Chief Executive Officer under the Equity Award Plan for fiscal year 2012. For fiscal year 2012, Mr. Steele's total compensation was below the 50th percentile of the Silicon Valley public companies group of companies described above under "Peer Group."

### ***Compensation of Other Named Executive Officers***

In May 2011, the Committee approved an increase in Mr. Midyett's annual base salary for fiscal year 2012 from \$275,000 to \$300,000. The Committee determined that this salary increase was appropriate, particularly in view of his performance guiding Apio through difficult produce sourcing during fiscal year 2011. In making decisions with respect to base salary, the Committee reviews compensation data for executives in similar positions at similar companies and takes into account the date of the most recent adjustment in the base pay of each Named Executive Officer. No other Named Executive Officer received an increase in annual base salary during fiscal year 2012.

As indicated above under "Annual Cash Incentive Award Plan," all five Named Executives received a cash award under the 2012 Incentive Award Plan as a result of the financial performance of Landec, Apio and Lifecore, which exceeded the targets approved by the Committee at the beginning of fiscal year 2012. In addition, as indicated above under "Long-Term Incentive Awards," the Committee determined that no equity award would be made to any of the Named Executive Officers under the Equity Award Plan for fiscal year 2012. For fiscal year 2012, the total compensation received by each Named Executive Officer other than the Chief Executive Officer (whose compensation is discussed above under "Compensation of Chief Executive Officer") was below the 50th percentile for his or her peer group as described above under "Peer Group."

### **Say on Pay Voting Results**

At the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders, the Company asked stockholders for a non-binding advisory vote to approve the compensation of the named executive officers as disclosed in the 2011 proxy statement. The holders of 99.4% of the shares present and voting at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders voted for approval of the compensation of our named executive officers. The Company is pleased with this result and believes that stockholders confirmed our executive compensation philosophy, policies and programs. The Committee took these results into account by continuing to emphasize our pay-for-performance philosophy by utilizing performance measures that provide incentives to deliver value to our stockholders.

In addition, the holders of 87.8% of the shares present and voting at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders indicated their preference for the non-binding advisory proposal on executive compensation to be held annually. In accordance with the voting results and its previous recommendation, the Board of Directors has determined that it will hold an advisory vote on executive compensation on an annual basis until the next required vote on the frequency of such advisory votes, or until the Board of Directors otherwise determines that a different frequency for such votes is in the best interests of the Company's stockholders.

### **Compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m)**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, generally disallows a tax deduction to public companies for certain compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to a company's executive officers. Certain compensation, including qualified performance-based compensation, will not be subject to the deduction limit if specified requirements are met. The Committee reviews the potential effect of Section 162(m) periodically and generally seeks to structure the long-term incentive compensation granted to Named Executive Officers in a manner that is intended to avoid disallowance of deductions under Section 162(m). Nevertheless, there can be no assurance that compensation attributable to long-term incentive awards will be treated as qualified performance-based compensation under Section 162(m). In addition, the Committee reserves the right to authorize compensation payments that may be in excess of the limit when the Committee believes such payments are appropriate and in the best interest of Landec and its stockholders, after taking into consideration changing business conditions and the performance of its employees.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The Committee is composed of Mr. Hollis (Chairman), Mr. Frank, and Mr. Tobin. During fiscal year 2012, none of the Company's executive officers served on the board of directors of any entities whose directors or officers serve on the Committee. None of the Committee's current or former members has at any time been an officer or employee of Landec. None of Landec's executive officers currently serve, or in the past fiscal year have served, as members of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more of its executive officers serving on Landec's Board of Directors or the Committee.

### **Compensation Committee Report**

*The information contained in this report shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or "filed" with the SEC or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, except to the extent that Landec specifically incorporates it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.*

The Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for fiscal year 2012. Based on the review and discussions, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors has approved, that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in Landec's Proxy Statement for its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and incorporated into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.

This report is submitted by the Committee.  
Dean Hollis (Chairman)  
Frederick Frank  
Robert Tobin

## Summary Compensation

The following table shows compensation information for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 for the Named Executive Officers.

**Summary Compensation Table**

<u>Name and Principal Position</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Salary (\$)</u>	<u>Stock Awards (\$ (1))</u>	<u>Option Awards (\$ (2))</u>	<u>Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$ (3))</u>	<u>All Other Compensation (\$ (4))</u>	<u>Total (\$)</u>
Gary T. Steele President and Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	2012	450,000	—	—	395,935	21,297	867,232
	2011	403,846	—	—	—	14,814	418,660
	2010	371,294	58,312	34,419	—	12,501	476,256
Gregory S. Skinner Chief Financial Officer and V.P. of Finance and Administration	2012	310,000	—	—	171,503	12,254	493,757
	2011	310,000	—	—	—	11,499	321,499
	2010	265,000	17,662	21,415	—	10,760	314,837
Dennis J. Allingham (5) President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifecore Biomedical, LLC Vice President of Landec	2012	360,000	—	—	159,266	28,416	547,682
	2011	360,000	—	—	260,066	28,416	648,482
	2010	29,077	17,545	21,122	—	—	67,744
Ronald Midyett President and Chief Executive Officer of Apio, Inc. Vice President of Landec	2012	300,000	—	—	157,500	26,183	483,683
	2011	275,000	—	—	—	25,736	300,736
	2010	275,000	63,432	78,294	—	25,796	442,522
Molly Hemmeter. Chief Commercial Officer	2012	285,000	—	—	151,234	10,760	446,994
	2011	284,808	—	—	—	10,906	295,714
	2010	253,846	17,662	21,415	—	35,044	327,967

- (1) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by the Named Executive Officer. Instead, the amounts shown are the aggregate grant date value, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("*FASB*") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Options ("*ASC Topic 718*"), of awards granted in fiscal year 2010 and in prior years. The assumptions used to calculate the value of the RSU awards are set forth under Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.
- (2) Amounts shown do not reflect compensation actually received by the Named Executive Officer. Instead, the amounts shown are the aggregate grant date value, computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, of awards granted in fiscal year 2010 and in prior years. The assumptions used to calculate the value of stock option awards are set forth under Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.
- (3) Amounts consist of bonuses earned for exceeding financial performance targets in fiscal year 2012 under the 2012 Incentive Award Plan and 2011 Incentive Award Plan.
- (4) Amounts consist of Company-paid life insurance and an employer 401(k) match for all Named Executive Officers. The amount shown for Mr. Steele also includes Company-paid disability insurance for which Mr. Steele is the beneficiary and a 20-year service award amounting to \$7,468. The amount shown for Mr. Allingham also includes Company-paid disability insurance for which Mr. Allingham is the beneficiary. For Mr. Midyett, the amount shown includes an annual car allowance of \$15,000. The amount shown from Mr. Skinner includes \$1,494 resulting from his 15-year service award.

(5) Mr. Allingham was hired on April 30, 2010 effective with the acquisition of Lifecore.

**Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table shows all plan-based awards granted to the Named Executive Officers during fiscal year 2012. The option awards and the unvested portion of the stock awards identified in the table below are also reported in the “Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal 2012 Year-End” table on the following page.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grant Date</u>	<u>Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(1)</u>			<u>Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards</u>			<u>All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares or Units (#)</u>	<u>All Other Awards: Number of Securities Underlying of Options (#)</u>	<u>Exercise Price or Base Price (\$/share)</u>	<u>Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)</u>
		<u>Threshold (\$)</u>	<u>Target (\$)</u>	<u>Maximum (\$)</u>	<u>Threshold (#)</u>	<u>Target (#)</u>	<u>Maximum (#)</u>				
Gary T. Steele	N/A	0	360,000	450,000							
Gregory S. Skinner.	N/A	0	155,000	310,000							
Dennis J. Allingham	N/A	0	144,000	298,800							
Ronald Midyett	N/A	0	150,000	312,000							
Molly Hemmeter	N/A	0	142,500	285,000							

(1) Amounts shown are estimated payouts for fiscal year 2012 to the Named Executive Officers under the 2012 Incentive Award Plan. The target amount is based on a percentage of the individual’s fiscal year 2012 base salary. The maximum amount shown is equal to the individual’s base salary for the Corporate Executives and 104% of the base salary for Mr. Midyett and 83% of the base salary for Mr. Allingham. All Named Executive Officers received a cash incentive award for fiscal year 2012. For more information on these awards, including the amount actually paid, see “Compensation Discussion and Analysis-Annual Cash Incentive Award Plan.”



## Equity Awards

The following table shows all outstanding equity awards held by the Named Executive Officers at the end of fiscal year 2012. As discussed above under “Compensation Discussion and Analysis,” no awards were made to the Company’s Named Executive Officers under the Equity Award Plan during fiscal year 2012.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal 2012 Year-End

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#) (1)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) (2)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$ (3)
Gary T. Steele	26,273	—	—	2.82	02/20/2013	—	—
	100,000	—	—	6.65	06/16/2014	—	—
	37,500	—	—	6.22	05/21/2016	—	—
	50,000	25,000	—	5.63	05/26/2017	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	25,000	176,750
Gregory S. Skinner	10,000	—	—	8.86	06/15/2013	—	—
	35,000	—	—	7.50	09/30/2014	—	—
	22,500	—	—	6.22	05/21/2016	—	—
	50,000	25,000	—	5.63	05/26/2017	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	25,000	176,750
Dennis J. Allingham	37,500	22,500	—	5.63	05/26/2017	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	20,000	141,400
Ronald Midyett	10,000	—	—	8.86	06/15/2013	—	—
	30,000	—	—	8.19	07/22/2015	—	—
	52,500	—	—	6.22	05/21/2016	—	—
	42,805	24,195	—	6.19	05/28/2017	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	22,333	157,894
Molly Hemmeter	36,328	1,172	—	6.47	06/22/2016	—	—
	25,000	12,500	—	5.63	05/26/2017	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	12,500	88,375
	—	—	—	—	—	12,500	88,375

(1) All unexercisable shares will vest during fiscal year 2013.

(2) The Restricted Stock Units vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

(3) Value is based on the closing price of Landec Common Stock of \$7.07 as of May 25, 2012 as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

## Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table shows all stock options exercised and the value realized upon exercise and the number of stock awards vested and the value realized upon vesting by the Named Executive Officers during fiscal year 2012.

### Option Exercises and Stock Vested For Fiscal 2012

Name	Option Awards			Stock Awards		
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$ (1))	Number of shares withheld to cover exercise price & taxes (#) (2)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)	Number of shares withheld to cover taxes (#) (2)
Gary T. Steele	100,000 10,227	52,000 25,261	95,048 —	12,500	86,875	—
Gregory S. Skinner	10,000	9,400	8,670	8,250 (3)	57,338	—
Dennis J. Allingham	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ronald Midyett	150,000	130,500	138,350	18,750 10,000	130,312 68,200	6,877 3,668
Molly Hemmeter	—	—	—	—	—	—

- (1) The value realized equals the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of Landec Common Stock on the date of exercise, multiplied by the number of shares for which the option was exercised.
- (2) The Named Executive Officers exercised their option to purchase shares of Landec Common Stock or had RSUs vest and they withheld or swapped the number of shares noted to cover the exercise price and/or the taxes owed on the event.
- (3) Mr. Skinner acquired 7,500 shares through a vested stock award and 750 shares were acquired by Mr. Skinner's wife.

## Employment Contracts and Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

### *Employment Contracts*

On February 15, 2012, the Company entered into a new executive employment agreement (the "**Employment Agreement**") with Mr. Steele, effective as of January 1, 2012, setting forth the terms of his employment. The Employment Agreement expires on December 31, 2014 unless renewed or extended by both parties, and provides that Mr. Steele shall be paid an annual base salary of \$450,000 (which was Mr. Steele's annual base salary prior to entry into the Employment Agreement) through the term of the Employment Agreement, and participate in the annual cash incentive award plan. Mr. Steele is also eligible for grants of equity interests under the Equity Award Plan at such times and in such amounts as determined by the Compensation Committee.

The Employment Agreement provides that upon Mr. Steele's death or disability, the Company shall pay Mr. Steele or his estate his unpaid base salary and the pro rata portion of his annual cash incentive award through the date of termination.

### *Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control*

If Mr. Steele is terminated without cause or if he terminates his employment for good reason (generally, any relocation of Mr. Steele's place of employment, reduction in salary, reduction in his target bonus amount or material reduction of his duties or authority), Mr. Steele will receive a severance payment equal to 100% of his annual base salary and a one-year acceleration of his unvested stock options and other equity awards, and the Company will pay the monthly premiums for health insurance coverage for Mr. Steele (and his spouse) until Mr. Steele attains age 65 or at

such earlier time as Mr. Steele receives substantially equivalent health insurance coverage in connection with new employment. In addition, the Employment Agreement provides that if Mr. Steele is terminated without cause or terminates his employment for good reason within two (2) years following a “change of control,” Mr. Steele will receive a severance payment equal to 150% of his annual base salary and the Company will pay the monthly premiums for health insurance coverage for Mr. Steele (and his spouse) until Mr. Steele attains age 65 or at such earlier time as Mr. Steele receives substantially equivalent health insurance coverage in connection with new employment. In the event of a “change of control,” all of Mr. Steele’s unvested stock options and other equity awards shall immediately vest and become exercisable.

The Employment Agreement provides that if Mr. Steele is terminated without cause, if he terminates his employment for good reason or if he retires at the end of the term of the Employment Agreement, the Company will pay or reimburse Mr. Steele for the monthly premiums for Medicare for the remainder of the lives of Mr. Steele and his spouse; provided that this benefit shall cease to be available at such time as Mr. Steele commences receiving substantially equivalent health insurance coverage in connection with new employment.

Mr. Steele agreed, as part of the Employment Agreement, not to solicit, induce, recruit, encourage or take away employees or consultants of the Company for a period of two years following his termination. In addition, Mr. Steele agreed not to solicit any licensor to or customer of the Company for a period of two years following his termination.

If Mr. Steele’s employment with the Company had been terminated without cause or for good reason in connection with a change of control of the Company on May 27, 2012, the last business day of Landec’s fiscal year 2012, Mr. Steele would have received the following severance benefits under the Employment Agreement:

- 1) Approximately \$675,000 over the ensuing 18-month period; and
- 2) Approximately \$29,000 in health insurance premiums, assuming no increases in premiums from current rates, until he attains age 65 and assuming that he does not receive substantially equivalent health coverage in connection with new employment; and
- 3) Once age 65 is attained then the Company will pay the monthly premiums for Medicare for the remainder of the lives of Mr. Steele and his spouse.

### **Policies and Procedures with Respect to Related Party Transactions**

The Audit Committee, all of whom are independent directors, review and approve in advance all related party transactions (other than compensation transactions). In reviewing related party transactions, the Audit Committee takes into account factors it deems appropriate, such as whether the related party transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unrelated third party under the same or similar conditions and the extent of the related party’s interest in the transaction. To identify related party transactions, each year we require our executive officers and directors to complete a questionnaire identifying any transactions between the Company and the respective executive officer or director and their family members. Additionally, under the Company’s Code of Ethics, directors, officers and all other employees and consultants are expected to avoid any relationship, influence or activity that would cause or even appear to cause a conflict of interest.

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

Mr. Tompkins, the Chairman of Apio and a director of the Company, wholly-owns the Nick Tompkins Ranch and has a 14.3% ownership interest in Central Coast Produce LLC. Pursuant to the terms of farmer agreements entered into between Apio and the Nick Tompkins Ranch and Central Coast Produce, LLC (the “Tompkins Farms”), Apio provides packing, cooling and distributing services for produce planted and grown by the Tompkins Farms, and Apio purchases produce from these farms. The terms of the agreements are the same as the terms offered by Apio to other growers. During fiscal year 2012, Apio paid the Tompkins Farms \$174,000 for produce.

In July 2003, Apio entered into a purchase agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with Beachside Produce, LLC (“Beachside”), and the Growers (as defined below) to sell its domestic commodity vegetable business to Beachside. Beachside is owned and operated by a group of persons and entities (the “Growers”) that supply produce to Apio, including Mr. Tompkins, who owns 12.5% of Beachside. In connection with the Purchase Agreement, Apio, Beachside and the Growers entered into a supply agreement pursuant to which Beachside and the Growers have agreed

to supply produce to Apio for its value-added and export trading businesses. During fiscal year 2012, the Company paid Beachside \$3,759,000 for produce and recognized revenues derived from services provided to Beachside for cooling and storing produce of \$3,138,000 and revenues of \$617,000 from the sale of products to Beachside.

Apio purchases produce from Windset Holdings 2010 Ltd., a Canadian corporation (“*Windset*”), for sale to third parties. Apio purchased a 20.1% equity interest in Windset on February 15, 2011. During fiscal year 2012, Apio purchased \$1,713,000 of produce from Windset.

During fiscal year 2012, Stacia Skinner, wife of Mr. Skinner, the Company’s Chief Financial Officer, was employed at the Company and received approximately \$67,030 in compensation. Mrs. Skinner, the Company’s part-time Information Technology Director, does not report to the Company’s Chief Financial Officer.

#### **SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company’s directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company’s equity securities to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Common Stock and other equity securities of the Company. Officers, directors and holders of more than ten percent of the Company’s Common Stock are required by SEC regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To the Company’s knowledge, based solely upon review of the copies of such reports furnished to the Company and written representations that no other reports were required, during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to the Company’s officers, directors and holders of more than ten percent of the Company’s Common Stock were satisfied.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be submitted to the stockholders at the annual meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, then the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote the shares they represent in such manner as the Board of Directors may recommend.

It is important that the proxies be returned promptly and that your shares be represented. Stockholders are urged to mark, date, execute and promptly return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed envelope or vote their shares by telephone or via the Internet.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Geoffrey P. Leonard

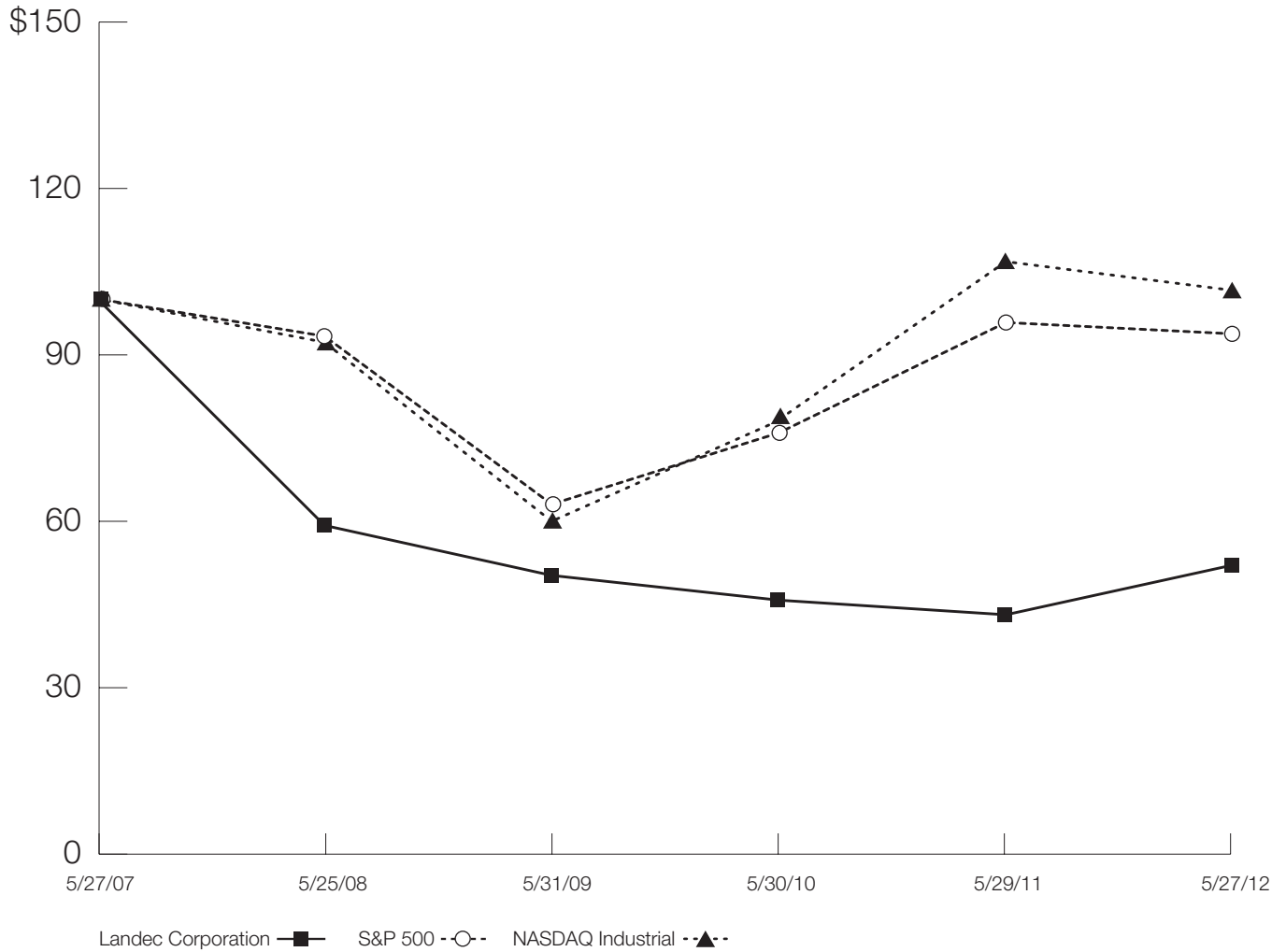
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August 30, 2012

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**Comparison of 5-Year Cumulative Total Return\***  
 Among Landec Corporation, the S&P 500 Index, and the NASDAQ Industrial Index



\*\$100 invested on 5/27/07 in stock or 5/31/07 in index, including reinvestment of dividends. Indexes calculated on month-end basis.

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012, or

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

For the Transition period for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number: **0-27446**

**LANDEC CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**94-3025618**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**3603 Haven Avenue, Menlo Park, California 94025**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(650) 306-1650**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Common Stock

Name of each exchange on which registered

The NASDAQ Global Select Stock Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
Yes \_\_\_ No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.  
Yes \_\_\_ No

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. \_\_\_

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 definition of "large accelerated filer" and "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer \_\_\_

Accelerated Filer

Non Accelerated Filer \_\_\_

Smaller Reporting Company \_\_\_

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

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was approximately \$126,204,000 as of November 27, 2011, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, based upon the closing sales price on The NASDAQ Global Select Market reported for such date. Shares of Common Stock held by each officer and director and by each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding Common Stock have been excluded from such calculation in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of July 20, 2012, there were 25,678,434 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement relating to its October 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which statement will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this report, are incorporated by reference in Part III hereof.

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**LANDEC CORPORATION**  
ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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## PART I

### Item 1. *Business*

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Words such as “projected,” “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “assumes” and similar expressions are used to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are made based upon current expectations and projections about our business and assumptions made by our management and are not guarantees of future performance, nor do we assume any obligation to update such forward-looking statements after the date this report is filed. Our actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements for many reasons, including the risk factors listed in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” and the factors discussed below.

#### Corporate Overview

Landec Corporation and its subsidiaries (“Landec” or the “Company”) design, develop, manufacture and sell polymer products for food and agricultural products, medical devices and licensed partner applications that incorporate Landec’s patented polymer technologies. The Company has two proprietary polymer technology platforms: 1) Intelimer® polymers, and 2) hyaluronan (“HA”) biopolymers. The Company’s HA biopolymers are proprietary in that they are specially formulated for specific customers to meet strict regulatory requirements. The Company’s polymer technologies, along with its customer relationships and trade names, are the foundation and a key differentiating advantage upon which Landec has built its business.

Following the acquisition of Lifecore Biomedical, Inc. (“Lifecore”) on April 30, 2010, Landec has four core businesses – Food Products Technology, Food Export, Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials and Technology Licensing, each of which is described below. Financial information concerning the industry segments for which the Company reported its operations during fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 is summarized in Note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Apio, Inc. (“Apio”), operates our Food Products Technology business, which combines our proprietary food packaging technology with the capabilities of a large national food supplier and value-added produce processor. In Apio’s value-added operations, produce is processed by trimming, washing, mixing, and packaging into bags and trays that in most cases incorporate Landec’s BreatheWay® membrane technology. The BreatheWay membrane increases shelf life and reduces shrink (waste) for retailers and, for certain products, eliminates the need for ice during the distribution cycle and helps to ensure that consumers receive fresh produce by the time the product makes its way through the supply chain. Apio also licenses the BreatheWay technology to partners such as Chiquita Brands International, Inc. (“Chiquita”) for packaging and distribution of bananas and to Windset Holding 2010 Ltd., a Canadian corporation (“Windset”), for packaging of greenhouse grown cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes.

Apio also operates the Food Export business through its subsidiary, Cal Ex Trading Company (“Cal-Ex”). The Export business purchases and sells whole fruit and vegetable products to predominantly Asian markets.

Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Lifecore Biomedical, Inc. (“Lifecore”), operates our Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials business and is principally involved in the development and manufacture of products utilizing hyaluronan, a naturally occurring polysaccharide that is widely distributed in the extracellular matrix of connective tissues in animals including humans. Lifecore’s products are primarily sold to three medical areas: (1) Ophthalmic, (2) Orthopedic and (3) Veterinary. Lifecore also supplies hyaluronan to customers pursuing other medical applications, such as aesthetic surgery, medical device coatings, tissue engineering and pharmaceuticals. Lifecore leverages its fermentation process to manufacture premium, pharmaceutical-grade hyaluronan, and uses its aseptic filling capabilities to also deliver proprietary HA finished goods to its customers. Lifecore also manufactures and sells its own HA-based finished goods. Lifecore is known in the medical segments as a premium supplier of HA. Its name recognition allows Lifecore to acquire new customers and sell new products with only a small targeted marketing or sales capability.

Landec’s Technology Licensing business develops proprietary polymer technologies and applies them in a wide range of applications including seed coatings and treatments, temperature indicators, controlled release systems for oil and gas and drug delivery, pressure sensitive adhesives and personal care products. These applications are commercialized through partnerships with third parties resulting in licensing and royalty revenues, as well as reimbursed R&D funding. For example, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (“Air Products”) has an exclusive license to use our

Intelimer polymers for personal care products and Nitta Corporation (“Nitta”) licenses Landec’s proprietary pressure sensitive adhesives for use in the manufacture of electronic components by their customers.

Landec was incorporated in California on October 31, 1986 and reincorporated as a Delaware corporation on November 6, 2008. Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol “LNDC”.

## Technology Overview

Landec has two polymer technology platforms. The first platform is its Intelimer polymer. With the acquisition of Lifecore, Landec added a HA-based second polymer technology platform.

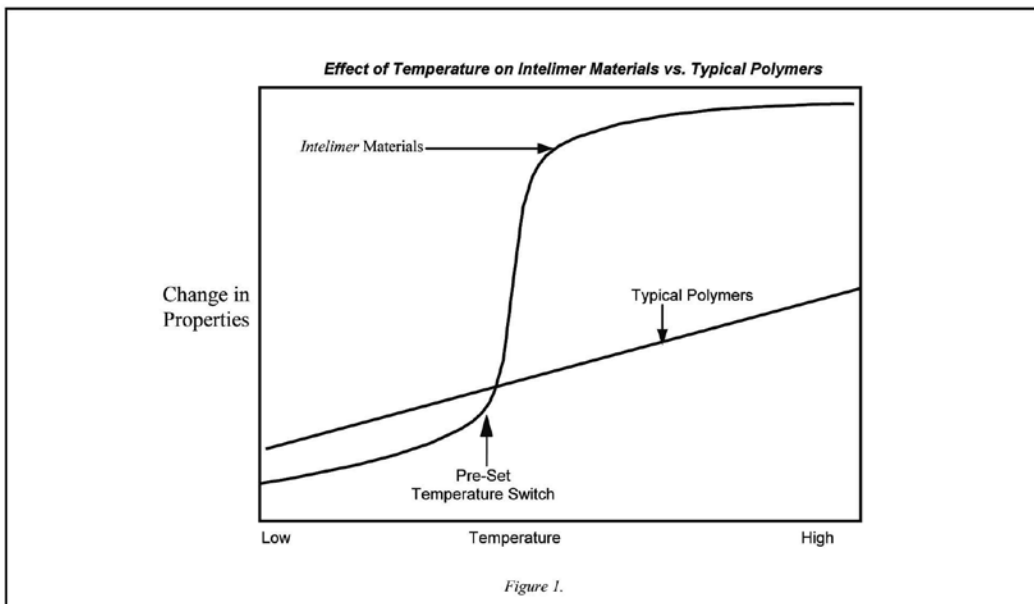
### A) Intelimer Polymers

The Intelimer polymer is a crystalline, hydrophobic polymer that has unique characteristics and benefits. The first unique feature of this polymer system is the way that it uses a temperature switch to control and modulate properties such as viscosity, permeability and adhesion when varying the materials’ temperature above and below the temperature switch. The sharp temperature switch is adjustable between 0-100°C. For instance, Intelimer polymers can change within the range of one or two degrees Celsius from a non-adhesive state to a highly tacky, adhesive state; from an impermeable state to a highly permeable state; or from a solid state to a viscous liquid state. These abrupt changes can be irreversible or repeatedly reversible and can be tailored by Landec to occur at specific temperatures, thereby offering substantial competitive advantages in the Company’s target markets.

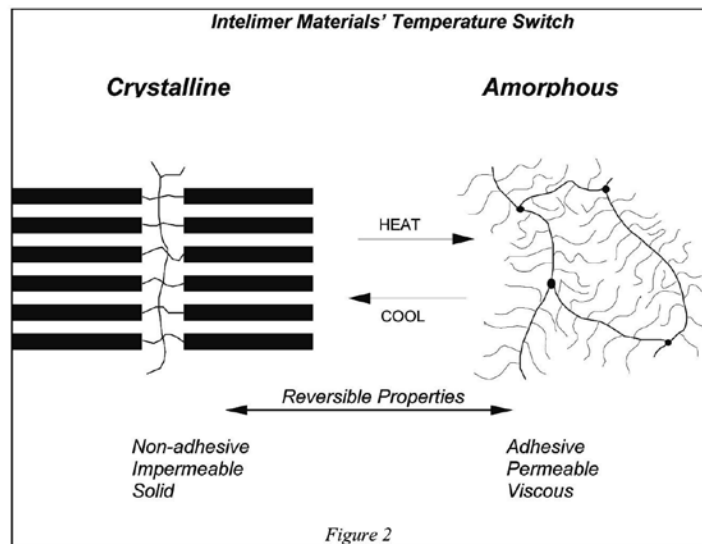
A second unique feature of the Intelimer polymer materials is its unique controlled release properties. The polymer is able to deliver active ingredients with low or no burst, with a sustained release over periods of time. Finally, Intelimer polymers can be designed to contain up to 80% renewable materials from components of natural raw materials such as rapeseed oil, palm oil or coconut oil, and can be supplied in biocompatible and bioerodible forms.

Polymers are important and versatile materials found in many of the products of modern life. Certain polymers, such as cellulose and natural rubber, occur in nature. Man-made or synthetic polymers include nylon fibers used in carpeting and clothing, coatings used in paints and finishes, plastics such as polyethylene, and elastomers used in automobile tires and latex gloves. Historically, synthetic polymers have been designed and developed primarily for improved mechanical and thermal properties, such as strength and the ability to withstand high temperatures. Improvements in these and other properties and the ease of manufacturing synthetic polymers have allowed these materials to replace wood, metal and natural fibers in many applications over the last 50 years. More recently, scientists have focused their efforts on identifying and developing sophisticated polymers with novel properties for a variety of commercial and industrial applications.

Landec’s Intelimer polymers are a proprietary class of synthetic polymeric materials that respond to temperature changes in a controllable, predictable way. Typically, polymers gradually change in adhesion, permeability and viscosity over broad temperature ranges. Landec’s Intelimer materials, in contrast, can be designed to exhibit abrupt changes in permeability, adhesion and/or viscosity over temperature ranges as narrow as 1°C to 2°C. These changes can be designed to occur at relatively low temperatures (0°C to 100°C) that are relatively easy to maintain in industrial and commercial environments. *Figure 1* illustrates the effect of temperature on Intelimer materials as compared to typical polymers.



Landec's proprietary polymer technology is based on the structure and phase behavior of Intelimer materials. The abrupt thermal transitions of specific Intelimer materials are achieved through the controlled use of hydrocarbon side chains that are attached to a polymer backbone. Below a pre-determined switch temperature, the polymer's side chains align through weak hydrophobic interactions resulting in a crystalline structure. When this side chain crystallizable polymer is heated to, or above, this switch temperature, these interactions are disrupted and the polymer is transformed into an amorphous, viscous state. Because this transformation involves a physical and not a chemical change, this process is irreversible or repeatedly reversible. Landec can set the polymer switch temperature anywhere between 0°C to 100°C by varying the average length of the side chains. The reversible transitions between crystalline and amorphous states are illustrated in *Figure 2* below.



This chemical structure provides an additional benefit. Spatially distinct regions of the Intelimer polymer confer different physical properties on the material. Each part can be tuned independently to meet the needs of a given application. For example, switching temperature (which arises from one part of the chain) can be adjusted independently of adhesive properties (which arise from another part of the chain). In addition to temperature, the pH and other environmental parameters can be used as the “switch” to trigger a significant change in physical properties. Also, side chain crystallizable polymers when mixed with any active material, for example a therapeutic drug, can control the release of the active materials by the crystalline structure of the Intelimer polymer while in the crystalline state. In this manner therapeutic drugs can be delivered over a sustained and long period of time, or similarly, a fragrance can be emitted steadily over a long period of time from a crystalline Intelimer polymer.

Side chain crystallizable polymers were first discovered by academic researchers in the mid-1950s. These polymers were initially considered to be merely of scientific curiosity from a polymer physics perspective and, to the Company's knowledge, no significant commercial applications were pursued. In the mid-1980's, Dr. Ray Stewart, the Company's founder, became interested in the idea of using the temperature-activated permeability properties of these polymers to deliver various materials such as catalysts and pesticides. After forming Landec in 1986, Dr. Stewart subsequently discovered broader utility for these polymers. After several years of basic research, commercial development efforts began in the early 1990's, resulting in initial products in the mid 1990's.

Landec's Intelimer materials are generally synthesized from long side-chain acrylic monomers that are derived primarily from natural materials such as coconut and palm oils that are highly purified and designed to be manufactured economically through known synthetic processes. These acrylic-monomer raw materials are then polymerized by Landec leading to many different side-chain crystallizable polymers whose properties vary depending upon the initial materials and the synthetic process. Intelimer materials can be made into many different forms, including films, coatings, microcapsules and discrete forms.

### ***B) Hyaluronan Biopolymers***

Hyaluronan is a non-crystalline, hydrophilic polymer that exists naturally within the human body, most notably within the aqueous humor of the eye, synovial fluid, skin and umbilical cord. The viscoelastic properties and water solubility of HA make it ideal for medicinal applications where lubricity and protection are critical. Due to its widespread presence in tissues, its critical role in normal physiology, and its high degree of biocompatibility, the Company believes that hyaluronan will continue to be used for an increasing variety of medical applications.

Hyaluronan can be produced in two ways, either through bacterial fermentation or through extraction from rooster combs. Lifecore produces HA only from fermentation, using an extremely efficient microbial fermentation process and a highly effective purification operation.

Hyaluronan was first demonstrated to have commercial medical utility as a viscoelastic solution in cataract surgery. In this application, it is used for maintaining the shape of the anterior chamber and protecting corneal tissue during the removal and implantation of intraocular lenses. The first ophthalmic hyaluronan product, produced by extraction from rooster comb tissue, became commercially available in the United States in 1981. Hyaluronan-based products, produced either by rooster comb extraction or by fermentation processes such as Lifecore's, have since gained widespread acceptance in ophthalmology and are currently used in the majority of cataract extraction procedures in the world. Lifecore's hyaluronan is also used as an orthopedic carrier vehicle for allogeneic freeze-dried demineralized bone as the active component of devices to treat the symptoms of osteoarthritis, and as a formulation component to provide increased lubricity to medical devices. Lifecore's hyaluronan has also been utilized in veterinary drug applications to treat traumatic arthritis.

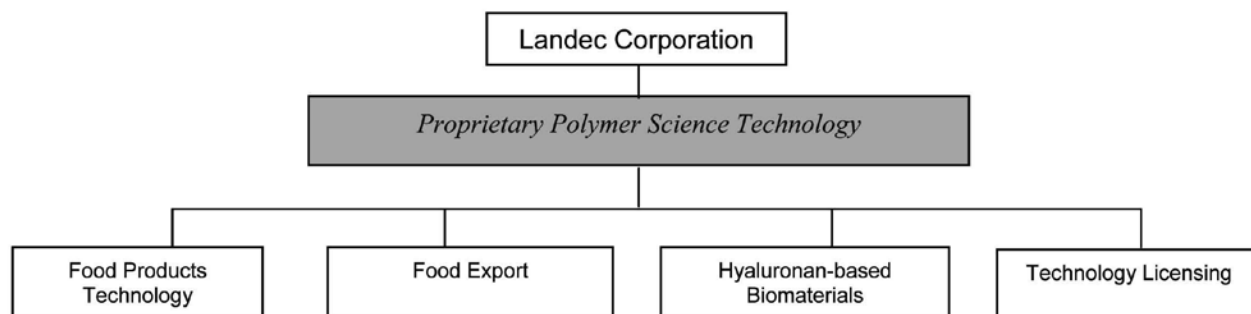
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## Description of Core Business

Landec participates in four core business segments: Apio, Inc. with the Food Products Technology and Food Export businesses, Lifecore Biomedical, Inc., with the HA Biomaterials business and Landec's Technology Licensing business.



### A) Food Products Technology Business

The Company began marketing its proprietary Intelimer-based BreatheWay membranes in 1996 for use in the fresh-cut produce packaging market, historically one of the fastest growing segments in the food industry. Landec's proprietary BreatheWay packaging technology is used to package fresh-cut or whole produce, the result is a convenient, ready-to-eat finished product that achieves increased shelf life and reduced shrink (waste) without the need for ice during the distribution cycle. These products are referred to as "value-added" products. In 1999, the Company acquired Apio, its then largest customer in the Food Products Technology business and one of the nation's leading marketers and packers of produce and specialty packaged fresh-cut vegetables. Apio utilizes a state-of-the-art fresh-cut processing facility and year-round access to quality vegetable sourcing to produce products which Apio distributes to top U.S. retail grocery chains, major club stores and foodservice customers. The Company's proprietary BreatheWay packaging business has been combined with Apio into a subsidiary that retains the Apio name. This vertical integration within the Food Products Technology business gives Landec direct access to the large and growing fresh-cut and whole produce market. On April 23, 2012, Apio acquired GreenLine Holding Company ("GreenLine"), the number one processor and marketer of value-added, fresh-cut green beans in the U.S. GreenLine's financial results are included in Apio's Food Products Technology business (see Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

#### *The Technology: BreatheWay Membranes*

Certain types of fresh-cut and whole produce can spoil or discolor rapidly when packaged in conventional packaging materials and, therefore, are limited in their ability to be distributed broadly to markets. The Company's proprietary BreatheWay packaging technology extends the shelf life and quality of fresh-cut and whole produce.

Fresh-cut produce is cut, washed, and packaged in a form that is ready to use by the consumer and is thus typically sold at premium price levels compared to unpackaged produce. The total U.S. fresh produce market is estimated to be \$100 billion to \$120 billion. Of this, U.S. retail sales of fresh-cut produce is estimated to comprise 10% of the fresh produce market.

Although fresh-cut produce companies have had success in the salad market, the industry has been slower to diversify into other fresh-cut vegetables or fruits because of limitations in film and plastic tray materials used to package these products. After harvesting, vegetables and fruit continue to respire, consuming oxygen and releasing carbon dioxide. Too much or too little oxygen can result in premature spoilage and decay. Conventional packaging films used today, such as polyethylene and polypropylene, can be made with modest permeability to oxygen and carbon dioxide, but often do not provide the optimal atmosphere for the produce packaged. Shortcomings of conventional packaging materials have not significantly hindered the growth in the fresh-cut salad market because lettuce, unlike many vegetables and fruit, has low respiration requirements.

The respiration rate of produce varies from vegetable to vegetable and from fruit to fruit. To achieve optimal product performance, each fruit or vegetable requires its own unique package atmosphere conditions. The challenge facing the industry is to develop packaging that meets the highly variable needs that each product requires in order to achieve value creating performance. The Company believes that its BreatheWay packaging technology possesses all of

the critical functionalities required to serve this diverse market. In creating a product package, a BreatheWay membrane is applied over a small cutout section or an aperture of a flexible film bag or plastic tray. This highly permeable “window” acts as the mechanism to provide the majority of the gas transmission requirements for the entire package. These membranes are designed to provide three principal benefits:

*High Permeability.* Landec's BreatheWay packaging technology is designed to permit transmission of oxygen and carbon dioxide at 300 to 1,000 times the rate of conventional packaging films. The Company believes that these higher permeability levels will facilitate the packaging diversity required to market many types of fresh-cut and whole produce in many package sizes and configurations.

*Ability to Adjust Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide Permeability.* BreatheWay packaging can be tailored with carbon dioxide to oxygen transfer ratios ranging from 1.0 to 12.0 and selectively transmit oxygen and carbon dioxide at optimum rates to sustain the quality and shelf life of packaged produce. Other high permeability packaging materials, such as micro-perforated films cannot differentially control carbon dioxide permeability resulting in sub-optimal package atmosphere conditions for many produce products.

*Temperature Responsiveness.* Landec has developed breathable membranes that can be designed to increase or decrease permeability in response to environmental temperature changes. The Company has developed packaging that responds to higher oxygen requirements at elevated temperatures but is also reversible, and returns to its original state as temperatures decline. As the respiration rate of fresh produce also increases with temperature, the BreatheWay membrane's temperature responsiveness allows packages to compensate for the change in produce respiration by automatically adjusting gas permeation rates. By doing so, detrimental package atmosphere conditions are avoided and improved quality is maintained through the distribution chain.

The Company believes that the growth of the fresh-cut produce market has been driven by consumer demand and the willingness to pay for convenience, freshness, uniform quality, and safety delivered to the point of sale. Landec believes that growth of the overall produce market will be driven by the increasing demand for the convenience and nutrition of fresh-cut produce. This demand will in turn require packaging that facilitates the quality and shelf life of produce transported to fresh-cut distributors in bulk and pallet quantities. The Company thinks that in the future its BreatheWay packaging technology will be useful for packaging a diverse variety of fresh-cut and whole produce products.

Landec is working with leaders in club stores, retail grocery chains and with the recent acquisition of GreenLine, food service customers. The Company thinks it will have growth opportunities for the next several years through new customers and products in the United States, expansion of its existing customer relationships, and through export and shipments of specialty packaged produce.

Landec manufactures its BreatheWay packaging through selected qualified contract manufacturers. In addition to using BreatheWay packaging for its value-added produce business, the Company markets and sells BreatheWay packaging directly to food distributors.

#### *The Business: Food Products Technology*

Our Food Products Technology business, which operates through our Apio subsidiary, had revenues of approximately \$208 million for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, \$176 million for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 and \$175 million for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010.

Based in Guadalupe, California, Apio's primary business is fresh-cut and whole value-added products primarily packaged in our proprietary BreatheWay packaging. The fresh-cut value-added products business markets a variety of fresh-cut and whole vegetables to the top retail grocery chains, club stores and food service operators. During the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, Apio shipped nearly twenty-two million cartons of produce to its customers throughout North America, primarily in the United States.

There are four major distinguishing characteristics of Apio that provide competitive advantages in the Food Products Technology market:

**Value-Added Supplier:** Apio has structured its business as a marketer and seller of fresh-cut and whole value-added produce. It is focused on selling products under its Eat Smart and GreenLine brands and private label brands for its fresh-cut and whole value-added products. As retail grocery chains, club stores and food service operators consolidate, Apio is well positioned as a single source of a broad range of products.

**Reduced Farming Risks:** Apio reduces its farming risk by not taking ownership of farmland, and instead, contracts with growers for produce and enters into joint ventures with growers for produce. The year-round sourcing of produce is a key component to the fresh-cut and whole value-added processing business.

**Lower Cost Structure:** Apio has strategically invested in the rapidly growing fresh-cut and whole value-added business. Apio's 136,000 square foot value-added processing plant in Guadalupe, CA, is automated with state-of-the-art vegetable processing equipment. A large majority of Apio's value-added products utilize Apio's proprietary BreatheWay packaging technology. Apio's strategy is to operate one large central processing facility in one of the lowest cost growing regions in California, the Santa Maria Valley, for the majority of its non-green bean vegetable business, use its packaging technology for nationwide delivery and use its East Coast facilities acquired with the acquisition of GreenLine for green bean processing and to meet the "next day delivery" needs of customers for its historical value-added, fresh-cut products.

**Expanded Product Line Using Technology:** Apio, through the use of its BreatheWay packaging technology, is introducing new value-added products each year. These new product offerings range from various sizes of fresh-cut bagged products, to vegetable trays, to whole produce, to vegetable salads and snack packs. During the last twelve months, Apio, excluding the products acquired in the acquisition of GreenLine, has introduced five new products.

Apio established its Apio Packaging division in 2005 to advance the sales of BreatheWay packaging technology for shelf-life sensitive vegetables and fruit. The Company's specialty packaging for case liner products extends the shelf life of certain produce commodities up to 50%. This shelf life extension can enable the utilization of alternative distribution strategies to gain efficiencies or reach new markets while maintaining product quality to the end customer.

Apio Packaging's first program has concentrated on bananas and was formally consummated when Apio entered into an agreement to supply Chiquita with its proprietary banana packaging technology. This global agreement applies to the ripening, conservation and shelf-life extension of bananas. In addition, Apio provides Chiquita with ongoing research and development and process technology support for the BreatheWay membranes and bags, and technical service support throughout the customer chain in order to assist in the development and market acceptance of the technology.

Chiquita provides marketing, distribution and retail sales support for Chiquita® bananas sold worldwide in BreatheWay packaging. To maintain the exclusive license, Chiquita must meet quarterly minimum purchase thresholds of BreatheWay banana packages.

In fiscal year 2008, the Company expanded the use of its BreatheWay technology to include avocados and mangos under an expanded licensing agreement with Chiquita. Commercial sales of avocados packaged in Landec's BreatheWay packaging into the food service industry began late in fiscal year 2008 and commercial retail sales began in fiscal 2010. Chiquita is currently evaluating the future of its avocado program due to sourcing and operational issues not related to the Company's BreatheWay technology.

In June 2008, Apio entered into a collaboration agreement with Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Monsanto Company ("Monsanto"), to develop novel broccoli and cauliflower products for the exclusive sale by Apio in the North American market. These novel products are packaged in Landec's proprietary BreatheWay packaging and commercial sales have recently started under Monsanto's Beneforte® brand to retail grocery chains.

In June 2010, Apio entered into an exclusive license agreement with Windset for Windset to utilize Landec's proprietary breathable packaging to extend the shelf life of greenhouse grown cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes. Commercial sales of Windset cucumbers in BreatheWay packaging are projected to begin in fiscal year 2013.

On February 15, 2011, Apio entered into a share purchase agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with Windset. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Apio purchased 150,000 senior preferred shares for \$15 million and 201 common shares for \$201 (the “Purchased Shares”). The Company’s common shares represent a 20.1% interest in Windset. The non-voting senior preferred shares yield a cash dividend of 7.5% annually. The dividend is payable within 90 days of each anniversary of the execution of the Purchase Agreement. The Purchase Agreement includes a put and call option, which can be exercised on the sixth anniversary of the Purchase Agreement whereby Apio can exercise the put to sell its Purchased Shares to Windset, or Windset can exercise the call to purchase the Purchased Shares from Apio, in either case, at a price equal to 20.1% of the appreciation in the fair market value of Windset from the date of the Company’s investment through the put/call date, plus the purchase price of the Purchased Shares. Under the terms of the arrangement with Windset, the Company is entitled to designate one of five members on the Board of Directors of Windset.

### ***B) Food Export Business***

Food Export revenues consist of revenues generated from the purchase and sale of primarily whole commodity fruit and vegetable products to Asia through Apio’s export company, Cal-Ex. The Food Export business is a buy/sell business that realizes a commission-based margin on average in the 5-8% range.

The Food Export business had revenues of approximately \$71 million for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, \$62 million for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 and \$55 million for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010.

Apio is strategically positioned to benefit from the growth in export sales to Asia and other parts of the world over the next decade with Cal-Ex. Through Cal-Ex, Apio is currently one of the largest U.S. exporters of broccoli to Asia.

### ***C) Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials Business***

Our HA Biomaterials business operates through our Lifecore subsidiary, which Landec acquired on April 30, 2010. Lifecore had revenues of approximately \$34.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, \$32.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 and \$1.5 million for the one month included in the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010.

#### *The Technology: Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials*

Lifecore uses its fermentation process and aseptic formulation and filling expertise to be a leader in the development of HA-based products for multiple applications and to take advantage of non-HA device and drug opportunities which leverage its expertise in manufacturing and aseptic syringe filling capabilities. Elements of Lifecore’s strategy include the following:

- *Establish strategic relationships with market leaders.* Lifecore will continue to develop applications for products with partners who have strong marketing, sales and distribution capabilities to end-user markets. Through its strong reputation and history of providing premium HA products, Lifecore has been able to establish long-term relationships with the market leading companies such as Alcon, Inc. (Alcon) and others in ophthalmology, and Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) and Novartis AG in orthopedics.
- *Expand medical applications for HA.* Due to the growing knowledge of the unique characteristics of HA and the role it plays in normal physiology, Lifecore continues to identify and pursue further uses for HA in other medical applications, such as wound care, aesthetic surgery, adhesion prevention, drug delivery, device coatings and pharmaceuticals. Further applications may involve expanding process development activity and/or additional licensing of technology.
- *License HA technology from third parties.* In 2007, Lifecore entered into a world-wide exclusive license and development agreement with The Cleveland Clinic Foundation to develop and commercialize Corgel™ Biohydrogel using patented HA-based cross-linking technology that can be used for products in aesthetics, orthopedics, ophthalmology and other medical fields. Lifecore has not yet developed any commercial products for this technology; however, Landec continues to investigate potential applications.

- *Utilize manufacturing infrastructure to pursue contract aseptic filling and fermentation opportunities.* Lifecore continues to evaluate providing contract services for opportunities that are suited for the capital and facility investment related to aseptic filling equipment, fermentation and purification.

- *Maintain flexibility in product development and supply relationships.* Lifecore’s vertically integrated development and manufacturing capabilities allow it to establish a variety of relationships with global corporate partners. Lifecore’s role in these relationships extends from supplying HA raw materials to manufacturing of aseptically-packaged, finished sterile products to developing and manufacturing its own proprietary products.

*Hyaluronan Products*

The following table summarizes the principal products of the HA-based Biomaterials business, along with their applications, and the companies with which Lifecore has related strategic relationships:

<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MARKET</b>	<b>STATUS+</b>
<b><u>OPHTHALMIC</u></b>			
Viscoat® Intraocular Viscoelastic	Lifecore supplies raw material for inclusion in Alcon’s Viscoat® Ophthalmic Viscoelastic.	Cataract surgery	Commercial sales since 1986
LUROCOAT Ophthalmic Viscoelastic	Lifecore supplies its private label product for marketing on a non-exclusive basis to multiple distribution partners.	Cataract surgery	Commercial sales since June 1997
<b><u>ORTHOPEDIC</u></b>			
HA Solution for DBX® Demineralized Bone Matrix	Lifecore supplies a sterile HA solution to MTF for use as a carrier vehicle for its allogeneic demineralized, freeze-dried bone.	Grafting material for restoration of bone defects	Commercial sales since 2000
HA HEXAL® Orthopedic Viscosupplement	Lifecore supplies a finished orthopedic viscosupplement for Novartis AG’s distribution network.	Injections for the local treatment of pain associated with osteoarthritis	Commercial sales since 2005
<b><u>VETERINARY</u></b>			
HY-50®	Lifecore supplies a finished veterinary viscosupplement to Dechra Veterinary Products for use as an equine injectable.	Veterinary drug/device	Commercial sales since 1993

+ For all products listed above, government regulatory approvals were required before commercial sales could commence in the United States or elsewhere. See “Government Regulation.” No assurance can be given that such products will obtain regulatory approvals in new markets.

*Ophthalmic Applications*

*Cataract Surgery.* Currently a primary commercial application for Lifecore’s HA is in cataract surgery. HA, in the form of a viscoelastic solution, is used to maintain a deep chamber during anterior segment surgeries (including cataract extraction and intraocular lens implantation) and to protect the corneal endothelium and other ocular tissue. These solutions have been shown to reduce surgical trauma and thereby contribute to more rapid recovery with fewer complications than were experienced prior to the use of viscoelastics. HA-based products are used in the majority of cataract surgeries in the world.

Lifecore currently sells HA for this application to Alcon, the leading producer of ophthalmic surgical products in the world, for inclusion in Alcon’s proprietary viscoelastic solutions. Lifecore’s relationship with Alcon and its predecessors commenced in 1983. Since that time, sales of HA to Alcon have continued to be made pursuant to supply agreements. The current supply agreements are non-cancelable, non-exclusive and extend through December 2017.

Lifecore has developed its own viscoelastic solution, LUROCOAT Ophthalmic Viscoelastic. Lifecore received CE marking for LUROCOAT Ophthalmic Viscoelastic in 1997, allowing LUROCOAT Ophthalmic Viscoelastic to be marketed and sold outside the United States. Lifecore also has distribution agreements with multiple companies to supply its HA-based LUROCOAT Ophthalmic Viscoelastic under private label.

Lifecore estimates that its HA has been used in over 50 million ophthalmic patients globally since 1983.

#### *Orthopedic Applications*

Lifecore supplies an aseptic HA solution to BioCon, Inc., the non-profit affiliate of MTF, which utilizes the solution as a carrier vehicle for its allogeneic demineralized, freeze-dried bone in a final putty composition trademarked as “DBX Demineralized Bone Matrix”. This bone putty is provided by MTF to orthopedic surgeons through MTF’s distribution channels. Lifecore has a non-cancelable, exclusive supply agreement with MTF through December 2014.

Lifecore also supplies a private-labeled finished orthopedic viscosupplement for Novartis AG’s distribution network under a non-cancelable supply agreement through 2014.

#### *Veterinary Applications*

Lifecore manufactures Dechra Veterinary Products’ HY-50 product, an aseptically packaged HA solution for use as a veterinary viscosupplement in an equine injectable drug, under a non-cancelable, exclusive supply agreement that extends through June 2015 with renewal provisions.

Lifecore estimates that its veterinary HA product has been used in over 700,000 equine procedures worldwide.

#### *Product Development*

Lifecore undertakes its own product development activities for HA-based applications, as well as on a contract basis with certain clients. The majority of the projects are intended to demonstrate that Lifecore’s HA is suitable for a particular medical application. Suitability is often measured by detailed specifications for product characteristics such as purity, stability, viscosity and molecular weight, as well as efficacy for a particular medical application in a clinical setting.

In addition, since 2007, Lifecore has licensed a HA cross-linking technology from The Cleveland Clinic Foundation designed to provide a development vehicle for possible new products for existing medical segments, as well as potentially for new market segments. To date, Lifecore has yet to develop commercial products or attract third party partners in developing the technology.

There can be no assurance that products currently under development by Lifecore or in partnership with others will be successfully developed or, if so developed, will be successfully and profitably marketed.

#### ***D) Technology Licensing Business***

Our Technology Licensing Business, which included our seed coating subsidiary Landec Ag LLC (“Landec Ag”) prior to it being sold to INCOTEC Holding North America, Inc. (“INCOTEC”) on June 24, 2012 (see Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements), had revenues of \$4.2 million for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, \$6.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 and \$6.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010.

#### *Seeds Business – Intellicoat Seed Coatings and Landec Ag*

Landec's Intellicoat seed coating applications are designed to control seed germination timing, increase crop yields, reduce risks and extend crop-planting windows. These coatings are currently available on male inbred corn used for seed production. In fiscal year 2000, Landec Ag launched Pollinator Plus® coatings, which is a coating application used by seed companies as a method for spreading pollination to increase yields and reduce risk in the production of hybrid seed corn. In 2012, Pollinator Plus was used by eight seed companies on more than 20% of the seed corn production acres in the U.S.

### *Monsanto License*

On December 1, 2006, Landec entered into a five-year co-exclusive technology license and polymer supply agreement (“the Monsanto Agreement”) with Monsanto Company (“Monsanto”) for the use of Landec’s Intellicoat polymer seed coating technology. Under the terms of the Monsanto Agreement, Monsanto agreed to pay Landec Ag \$2.6 million per year. The Monsanto Agreement also provided for a fee payable to Landec Ag of \$4.0 million if Monsanto elected to terminate the Monsanto Agreement or \$10.0 million if Monsanto elected to purchase the rights to the exclusive field. The Monsanto Agreement was amended in November 2009. Under the terms of the amended Monsanto Agreement, Monsanto continued to have an exclusive license to use Landec’s Intellicoat polymer technology for specific controlled release seed treatment applications. Along with regaining the use of the Intellicoat technology outside of the specific applications licensed to Monsanto under the amended Monsanto Agreement, Landec also assumed responsibility for Landec Ag’s operating expenses and realizes all the revenues and profits from the sales of existing and new Intellicoat seed coating products.

On September 9, 2011, Monsanto informed the Company that it intended to allow the Monsanto Agreement to expire in accordance with its terms on December 1, 2011 and therefore, Monsanto did not exercise its purchase option. Upon termination, Monsanto paid Landec Ag a \$4.0 million termination fee and all rights to the Intellicoat seed coating technology reverted to Landec.

### *Non-Seed Business*

The Company believes its technology has commercial potential in a wide range of industrial, consumer and medical applications beyond those identified in our other segments. For example, our core patented technology, Intelimer materials, can be used to trigger release of catalysts, insecticides or fragrances just by changing the temperature of the Intelimer materials or to activate adhesives through controlled temperature change. In order to exploit these opportunities, we have entered into and will enter into licensing and collaborative corporate agreements for product development and/or distribution in certain fields. However, given the infrequency and unpredictability of when the Company may enter into any such licensing and research and development arrangements, the Company is unable to disclose its financial expectations in advance of entering into such arrangements.

#### *Industrial Materials and Adhesives*

Landec’s industrial product development strategy focuses on coatings, catalysts, resins, additives and adhesives in the polymer materials market. During the product development stage, the Company identifies corporate partners to support the ongoing development and testing of these products, with the ultimate goal of licensing the applications at the appropriate time.

#### *Intelimer Latent Catalyst Polymer Systems*

Landec has developed latent catalysts useful in extending pot-life, extending shelf life, reducing waste and improving thermoset cure methods. Some of these latent catalysts are currently being distributed by Akzo-Nobel Chemicals B.V. through our licensing agreement with Air Products. The rights to develop and sell Landec’s latent catalysts and personal care technologies were licensed to Air Products in March 2006.

#### *Personal Care and Cosmetic Applications*

Landec’s personal care and cosmetic applications strategy is focused on supplying Intelimer materials to industry leaders for use in lotions and creams, as well as color cosmetics, lipsticks and hair care. The Company’s partner, Air Products, is currently shipping products to L’Oreal, Mentholatum, Louis Widmer, Aris Cosmetics and other companies for use in lotions and creams. The rights to develop and sell Landec’s polymers for personal care products were licensed to Air Products in March 2006 along with the latent catalyst rights. The Company’s Intelimer polymers are currently in over 50 personal care products worldwide.

## Sales and Marketing

Each of the Company's core businesses is supported by dedicated sales and marketing resources. The Company intends to develop its internal sales capacity as more products progress toward commercialization and as business volume expands geographically. During fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010, sales to the Company's top five customers accounted for approximately 45%, 44% and 48%, respectively, of its revenues, with the top customer from the Food Products Technology segment accounting for approximately 17%, 16% and 20%, respectively, of the Company's revenues.

### *Apio*

Apio has 31 sales and marketing employees, located in central California and throughout the U.S., supporting the Food Products Technology business and the Food Export business.

### *Seasonality*

The Company's sales are moderately seasonal. All of Landec Ag's product sales are generated in our fiscal fourth quarter during the spring planting season. In addition, the Food Products Technology business can be heavily affected by seasonal weather factors which have impacted quarterly results, such as the high cost of sourcing product due to a shortage of essential value-added produce items and the change in fair value in Apio's investment in Windset. The Food Export business also typically recognizes a much higher percentage of its revenues and profit during the first half of Landec's fiscal year compared to the second half. Lifecore's business is not significantly affected by seasonality.

## Manufacturing and Processing

### *Food Products Technology Business*

The manufacturing process for the Company's proprietary BreatheWay packaging products is comprised of polymer manufacturing, membrane manufacturing and label package conversion. A third party toll manufacturer currently makes virtually all of the polymers for the BreatheWay packaging system. Select outside contractors currently manufacture the breathable membranes and Landec has transitioned virtually all of the label package conversion to Apio's Guadalupe facility to meet the increasing product demand and to provide additional developmental capabilities.

Apio processes virtually all of its fresh-cut, value-added non-green bean products in its processing facility located in Guadalupe, California. Cooling of produce is done through third parties and Apio Cooling LP, a separate consolidated subsidiary in which Apio has a 60% ownership interest and is the general partner.

Apio processes its fresh-cut, value-added green bean products, acquired with the acquisition of GreenLine in April 2012, in four processing plants located in Bowling Green, Ohio; Hanover, Pennsylvania; Vero Beach, Florida and Pico Rivera, California.

### *Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials Business*

The commercial production of HA by Lifecore requires fermentation, separation and purification capabilities. Products are supplied in a variety of bulk and single dose configurations.

Lifecore produces its HA through a bacterial fermentation process. In the early 1980s, Lifecore introduced the bacterial fermentation process to manufacture premium pharmaceutical-grade HA, and received patent protection in 1985. Lifecore's fermentation process patent expired in 2002. Previously, medical grade HA was commercially available through an extraction process from rooster combs. Lifecore believes that the fermentation manufacturing approach is superior to rooster comb extraction because of greater efficiency and flexibility, a more favorable long-term regulatory environment, and better economies of scale in producing large commercial quantities.

Lifecore's 112,000 square foot facility in Chaska, Minnesota is used primarily for the HA manufacturing process, formulation and aseptic syringe and bulk filling. The Company considers that the current inventory on-hand, together with its manufacturing capacity, will be sufficient to allow it to meet the needs of its current customers for the foreseeable future.



Lifecore provides versatility in the manufacturing of various types of finished products. Currently, it supplies several different forms of HA in a variety of molecular weight fractions as powders, solutions and gels, and in a variety of bulk and single-use finished packages. Lifecore continues to conduct development work designed to improve production efficiencies and expand its capabilities to achieve a wider range of HA product specifications in order to address the broadening opportunities for using HA in medical applications.

The FDA inspects the Company's manufacturing systems periodically and requires conformance to the FDA's Quality System Regulation ("QSR"). In addition, Lifecore's corporate partners conduct intensive quality audits of the facility and its operations. Lifecore also periodically contracts with independent regulatory consultants to conduct audits of its operations. As a result, similar to other manufacturers of HA subject to regulatory and customer specific requirements, Lifecore's facility was designed to meet applicable regulatory requirements and has been cleared for the manufacturing of both device and pharmaceutical products. The Company maintains a Quality System which complies with applicable standards and regulations (21 CFR 820, 21 CFR 210-211, EudraLex Volume 4, ISO 13485, European Medical Device Directive, Canadian Medical Device Regulations ICH Q7, and Australian Therapeutic Goods Regulations). Compliance with these International standards of quality greatly assists in the marketing of Lifecore's products globally.

#### *Technology Licensing Business*

Landec performed its batch seed coating operations in a leased facility in Oxford, Indiana. This facility was used to coat other seed companies' inbred seed corn with the Company's Pollinator Plus seed corn coatings. This business was sold to INCOTEC in June 2012.

#### *General*

Several of the raw materials used in manufacturing certain of the Company's products are currently purchased from a single source. Upon manufacturing scale-up of seed coating operations, the Company may enter into alternative supply arrangements. Although to date the Company has not experienced difficulty acquiring materials for the manufacture of its products, no assurance can be given that interruptions in supplies will not occur in the future, that the Company will be able to obtain substitute vendors, or that the Company will be able to procure comparable materials at similar prices and terms within a reasonable time. Any such interruption of supply could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to manufacture and distribute its products and, consequently, could materially and adversely affect the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

#### **Research and Development**

Landec is focusing its research and development resources on both existing and new applications of its polymer technologies. Expenditures for research and development for the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010 were \$9.6 million, \$9.3 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. None of the Company's research and development expenditures were funded by corporate or governmental partners during the last three fiscal years. The Company may seek funds for applied materials research programs from U.S. government agencies as well as from commercial entities. The Company anticipates that it will continue to have significant research and development expenditures in order to maintain its competitive position with a continuing flow of innovative, high-quality products and services. As of May 27, 2012, Landec had 54 employees engaged in research and development with experience in polymer and analytical chemistry, product application, product formulation, mechanical and chemical engineering.

#### **Competition**

The Company operates in highly competitive and rapidly evolving fields, and new developments are expected to continue at a rapid pace. Competition from large food processors, packaging companies, agricultural companies, medical and pharmaceutical companies is intense. In addition, the nature of the Company's collaborative arrangements and its technology licensing business may result in its corporate partners and licensees becoming competitors of the Company. Many of these competitors have substantially greater financial and technical resources and production and marketing capabilities than the Company, and many have substantially greater experience in conducting field trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing and marketing commercial products. There can be no assurance that these competitors will not succeed in developing alternative technologies and products that are more effective, easier to use or less expensive than those which have been or are being developed by the Company or that would render the Company's technology and products obsolete and non-competitive.

## Patents and Proprietary Rights

The Company's success depends in large part on its ability to obtain patents, maintain trade secret protection and operate without infringing on the proprietary rights of third parties. The Company has had 40 U.S. patents issued of which 27 remain active as of May 27, 2012 with expiration dates ranging from 2012 to 2026. The Company's issued and pending patents include claims relating to compositions, devices and use of a class of temperature and time sensitive polymers that exhibit distinctive properties of permeability, adhesion and viscosity control. There can be no assurance that any of the pending patent applications will be approved, that the Company will develop additional proprietary products that are patentable, that any patents issued to the Company will provide the Company with competitive advantages or will not be challenged by any third parties or that the patents of others will not prevent the commercialization of products incorporating the Company's technology. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that others will not independently develop similar products, duplicate any of the Company's products or design around the Company's patents. Any of the foregoing results could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

The commercial success of the Company will also depend, in part, on its ability to avoid infringing patents issued to others. If the Company were determined to be infringing any third-party patent, the Company could be required to pay damages, alter its products or processes, obtain licenses or cease certain activities. In addition, if patents are issued to others which contain claims that compete or conflict with those of the Company and such competing or conflicting claims are ultimately determined to be valid, the Company may be required to pay damages, to obtain licenses to these patents, to develop or obtain alternative technology or to cease using such technology. If the Company is required to obtain any licenses, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to do so on commercially favorable terms, if at all. The Company's failure to obtain a license to any technology that it may require to commercialize its products could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

Litigation, which could result in substantial costs to the Company, may also be necessary to enforce any patents issued or licensed to the Company or to determine the scope and validity of third-party proprietary rights. If competitors of the Company prepare and file patent applications in the United States that claim technology also claimed by the Company, the Company may have to participate in interference proceedings declared by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to determine priority of invention, which could result in substantial cost to and diversion of effort by the Company, even if the eventual outcome is favorable to the Company. Any such litigation or interference proceeding, regardless of outcome, could be expensive and time consuming and could subject the Company to significant liabilities to third parties, require disputed rights to be licensed from third parties or require the Company to cease using such technology and consequently, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

In addition to patent protection, the Company relies on trade secrets, proprietary know-how and technological advances which the Company seeks to protect, in part, by confidentiality agreements with its collaborators, employees and consultants. There can be no assurance that these agreements will not be breached, that the Company will have adequate remedies for any breach, or that the Company's trade secrets and proprietary know-how will not otherwise become known or be independently discovered by others.

## Government Regulation

Government regulation in the United States and other countries is a significant factor in the marketing of certain of the Company's products and in the Company's ongoing research and development activities. Some of the Company's products are subject to extensive and rigorous regulation by the FDA, which regulates some of the products as medical devices and which, in some cases, requires Pre-Market Approval ("PMA"), and by foreign countries, which regulate some of the products as medical devices or drugs. Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ("FDC Act"), the FDA regulates the clinical testing, manufacturing, labeling, distribution, sale and promotion of medical devices in the United States.

Following the enactment of the Medical Device Amendments of 1976 to the FDC Act, the FDA classified medical devices in commercial distribution at the time of enactment ("pre-Amendment devices") into one of three classes - Class I, II or III. This classification is based on the controls necessary to reasonably assure the safety and effectiveness of medical devices. Class I devices are those whose safety and effectiveness can reasonably be assured

through general controls, such as establishment registration and labeling, and adherence to FDA-mandated current QSR requirements for devices. Most Class I devices are exempt from FDA premarket review, but some require premarket notification (“510(k) Notification”). Class II devices are those whose safety and effectiveness can reasonably be assured through the use of special controls, such as performance standards, post market surveillance, patient registries and FDA guidelines. Class III devices are devices that require a PMA from the FDA to assure their safety and effectiveness. A PMA ordinarily must contain data from a multi-center clinical study demonstrating the device’s safety and effectiveness for the intended use and patient population. Class III devices are generally life-sustaining, life-supporting or implantable devices, and also include most devices that were not on the market before May 28, 1976 (“new devices”) and for which the FDA has not made a finding of substantial equivalence based upon a 510(k) Notification. A pre-Amendment Class III device does not require a PMA unless and until the FDA issues a regulation requiring submission of a PMA application for the device.

The FDA requires clinical data for a PMA application and has the authority to require such data for a 510(k) Notification. If clinical data are necessary, the company that sponsors the study must follow the FDA’s Investigational Device Exemption (“IDE”) regulations governing the conduct of human studies. The FDA’s regulations require institutional review board approval of the study and the informed consent of the study subjects. In addition, for a “significant risk” device, the FDA must approve an IDE application before the study can begin. Non-significant risk devices do not require FDA approval of an IDE application, and are conducted under the “abbreviated IDE” requirements. Once in effect, an IDE or abbreviated IDE permits evaluation of devices under controlled clinical conditions. After a clinical evaluation process, the resulting data may be included in a PMA application or a 510(k) Notification. The PMA may be approved or the 510(k) Notification may be cleared by the FDA only after a review process that may include FDA requests for additional data, sometimes requiring further studies.

If a manufacturer or distributor of medical devices can establish to the FDA’s satisfaction through a 510(k) Notification that a new device is substantially equivalent to what is called a “predicate device,” i.e., a legally marketed Class I or Class II medical device or a legally marketed pre-Amendment Class III device for which the FDA has not required a PMA, the manufacturer or distributor may market the new device. In the 510(k) Notification, a manufacturer or distributor makes a claim of substantial equivalence, which the FDA may require to be supported by various types of information, including data from clinical studies, showing that the new device is as safe and effective for its intended use as the predicate device.

Following submission of the 510(k) Notification, the manufacturer or distributor may not place the new device into commercial distribution until the FDA issues a “substantial equivalence” determination finding the new device to be substantially equivalent to a predicate device. The FDA has a 90 day period in which to respond to a 510(k) Notification (30 days for a Special 510(k)). Depending on the specific submission and subsequent agency information requests, the 510(k) Notification process can take significantly longer to complete. The FDA may agree with the manufacturer or distributor that the new device is substantially equivalent to a predicate device and allow the new device to be marketed in the United States. The FDA may, however, determine that the new device is not substantially equivalent and require the manufacturer or distributor to submit a PMA or require further information, such as additional test data, including data from clinical studies, before it is able to make a determination regarding substantial equivalence. Although the PMA process is significantly more complex, time-consuming and expensive than the 510(k) Notification process, the latter process can also be expensive and substantially delay the market introduction of a product. Modifications to a device that is marketed under a 510(k) Notification might require submission of a new 510(k) prior to their implementation, although some modifications can be made through a “note to file” procedure described in FDA guidance.

For devices that cannot be found “substantially equivalent” to a predicate device, the manufacturer must submit a PMA application, petition for reclassification, or submit a PMA application via the de novo process. A PMA must contain information on the materials and manufacturing process for the device, results of preclinical testing, clinical data, and labeling for the device. The FDA has 180 days to review a PMA application, but may request additional information, which could include additional studies. The FDA might refer a PMA to an advisory committee of outside experts to review and make recommendation on whether a device should be approved. After considering the data in the PMA application and the recommendations of an advisory committee, the FDA can approve the device, approve the device with conditions or refuse approval. Devices approved by the FDA are subject to periodic reporting requirements, and may be subject to restrictions on sale, distribution or use.

Hyaluronan products are generally Class III devices. In cases where the Company is supplying hyaluronan to a corporate partner as a raw material or producing a finished product under a license for the partner, the corporate partner will be responsible for obtaining the appropriate FDA clearance or approval. Export of the Company's hyaluronan products generally requires approval of the importing country and compliance with the export provisions of the FDC Act.

Other regulatory requirements are placed on the manufacture, processing, packaging, labeling, distribution, recordkeeping and reporting of a medical device and on the quality control procedures, such as the FDA's device QSR regulations. Manufacturing facilities are subject to periodic inspections by the FDA to assure compliance with device QSR requirements. Lifecore's facility is subject to inspections as both a device and a drug manufacturing operation. For PMA devices, the Company is required to submit an annual report and to obtain approval of a PMA supplement for modifications to the device or its labeling. Other applicable FDA requirements include the medical device reporting ("MDR") regulation, which requires that the Company provide information to the FDA regarding deaths or serious injuries alleged to have been associated with the use of its devices, as well as product malfunctions that would likely cause or contribute to death or serious injury if the malfunction were to recur. The FDA also requires reporting regarding notices of correction and the removal of a medical device.

If the Company is not in compliance with FDA requirements, the FDA or the federal government can order a recall, detain the Company's devices, refuse to grant 510(k) Notification clearances or PMA approvals, withdraw or limit product approvals, institute proceedings to seize the Company's devices, seek injunctions to control or prohibit marketing and sales of the Company's devices, assess civil money penalties and impose criminal sanctions against the Company, its officers or its employees.

There can be no assurance that any of the Company's clinical studies will show safety or effectiveness; that 510(k) Notifications or PMA applications or supplemental applications will be submitted or, if submitted, accepted for filing; that any of the Company's products that require clearance of a 510(k) Notification or approval of a PMA application or PMA supplement will obtain such clearance or approval on a timely basis, on terms acceptable to the Company for the purpose of actually marketing the products, or at all; or that following any such clearance or approval previously unknown problems will not result in restrictions on the marketing of the products or withdrawal of clearance or approval.

### **Product Liability**

Product liability claims may be asserted with respect to the Company's products. The Company maintains product liability insurance coverage in amounts the Company deems to be adequate. There can be no assurance that the Company will have sufficient resources to satisfy product claims if they exceed available insurance coverage.

### **Employees**

As of May 27, 2012, Landec had 532 full-time employees, of whom 429 were dedicated to research, development, manufacturing, quality control and regulatory affairs and 103 were dedicated to sales, marketing and administrative activities. Landec intends to recruit additional personnel in connection with the development, manufacturing and marketing of its products. None of Landec's employees is represented by a union, and Landec believes its relationship with its employees is good.

### **Available Information**

Landec's website is <http://www.landec.com>. Landec makes available free of charge its annual, quarterly and current reports, and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after electronically filing such reports with the SEC. Information contained on our website is not part of this Report.

## **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Landec desires to take advantage of the “Safe Harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and of Section 21E and Rule 3b-6 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Specifically, Landec wishes to alert readers that the following important factors could in the future affect, and in the past have affected, Landec’s actual results and could cause Landec’s results for future periods to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of Landec. Landec assumes no obligation to update such forward-looking statements.

### ***The Global Economy is Currently Undergoing a Period of Slowdown and Unprecedented Volatility, Which May Have an Adverse Effect on Our Business***

The U.S. and international economy and financial markets have experienced significant slowdown and volatility due to uncertainties related to the availability of credit, energy prices, difficulties in the banking and financial services sectors, softness in the housing market, severely diminished market liquidity, geopolitical conflicts, falling consumer confidence and high unemployment rates. This slowdown has and could further lead to reduced demand for our products, which in turn, would reduce our revenues and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In particular, the slowdown and volatility in the global markets have resulted in softer demand and more conservative purchasing decisions by customers, including a tendency toward lower-priced products, which could negatively impact our revenues, gross margins and results of operations. In addition to a reduction in sales, our profitability may decrease during downturns because we may not be able to reduce costs at the same rate as our sales decline. These slowdowns are expected to worsen if current economic conditions are prolonged or deteriorate further. We cannot predict the ultimate severity or length of the current economic crisis, or the timing or severity of future economic or industry downturns.

Given the current unfavorable economic environment, our customers may have difficulties obtaining capital at adequate or historical levels to finance their ongoing business and operations, which could impair their ability to make timely payments to us. This may result in lower sales and/or inventory that may not be saleable or bad debt expense for Landec. In addition to the impact of the economic downturn on our customers, some of our vendors and growers may experience a reduction in their availability of funds and cash flows, which could negatively impact their business as well as ours. A continuing or deepening downturn of the U.S. economy, including increased volatility in the credit markets, could adversely impact our customers’ and vendors’ ability or willingness to conduct business with us on the same terms or at the same levels as they have historically.

We are unable to predict the likely duration and severity of the current disruption in the financial markets and adverse economic conditions in the U.S. and other countries and whether such conditions, if they persist or worsen, will further adversely impact our business, operating results, and financial condition. Further, these conditions and uncertainty about future economic conditions make it challenging for Landec to forecast its operating results, make business decisions, and identify the risks that may affect its business, sources and use of cash, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Our Future Operating Results Are Likely to Fluctuate Which May Cause Our Stock Price to Decline***

In the past, our results of operations have fluctuated significantly from quarter to quarter and are expected to continue to fluctuate in the future. Apio can be heavily affected by seasonal and weather factors which have impacted financial results due to a shortage of essential value-added produce items, including the \$5.0 million negative impact on net income which occurred in fiscal year 2011 due to weather-related produce sourcing issues. Our earnings may also fluctuate based on our ability to collect accounts receivable from customers and notes receivable from growers and on price fluctuations in the fresh vegetables and fruits markets. Other factors that affect our operations include:

- the seasonality of our supplies,
- our ability to process produce during critical harvest periods,
- the timing and effects of ripening,
- the degree of perishability,

the effectiveness of worldwide distribution systems,  
total worldwide industry volumes,  
the seasonality and timing of consumer demand,  
foreign currency fluctuations, and  
foreign importation restrictions and foreign political risks.

As a result of these and other factors, we expect to continue to experience fluctuations in quarterly operating results.

***Uncertainty Relating To Integration Of New Business Acquisitions.***

The successful integration of new business acquisitions, including the GreenLine acquisition, may require substantial effort from the Company's management. The diversion of the attention of management and any difficulties encountered in the transition process could have a material adverse effect on the Company's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisitions. The successful combination of new businesses also requires coordination of research and development activities, manufacturing, and sales and marketing efforts. In addition, the process of combining organizations located in different regions of the United States could cause the interruption of, or a loss of momentum in, the Company's activities. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to retain key management, technical, sales and customer support personnel, or that the Company will realize the anticipated benefits of any acquisitions, and the failure to do so would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

***We May Not Be Able to Achieve Acceptance of Our New Products in the Marketplace***

Our success in generating significant sales of our products depends in part on our ability and our partners and licensees to achieve market acceptance of our new products and technology. The extent to which, and rate at which, we achieve market acceptance and penetration of our current and future products is a function of many variables including, but not limited to:

price,  
safety,  
efficacy,  
reliability,  
conversion costs,  
marketing and sales efforts, and  
general economic conditions affecting purchasing patterns.

We may not be able to develop and introduce new products and technologies in a timely manner or new products and technologies may not gain market acceptance. We are in the early stage of product commercialization of certain Intelimer-based specialty packaging, Intellicoat seed coatings, HA-based products and other Intelimer polymer products and many of our potential products are in development. We believe that our future growth will depend in large part on our ability to develop and market new products in our target markets and in new markets. In particular, we expect that our ability to compete effectively with existing food products, agricultural, industrial, medical and pharmaceutical companies will depend substantially on successfully developing, commercializing, achieving market acceptance of and reducing the cost of producing our products. In addition, commercial applications of our temperature switch polymer technology are relatively new and evolving. Our failure to develop new products or the failure of our new products to achieve market acceptance would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***We Face Strong Competition in the Marketplace***

Competitors may succeed in developing alternative technologies and products that are more effective, easier to use or less expensive than those which have been or are being developed by us or that would render our technology and products obsolete and non-competitive. We operate in highly competitive and rapidly evolving fields, and new developments are expected to continue at a rapid pace. Competition from large food products, agricultural, industrial, medical and pharmaceutical companies is expected to be intense. In addition, the nature of our collaborative arrangements may result in our corporate partners and licensees becoming our competitors. Many of these competitors have substantially greater financial and technical resources and production and marketing capabilities than we do, and may have substantially greater experience in conducting clinical and field trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing and marketing commercial products.

***We Have a Concentration of Manufacturing in One Location for Apio and Lifecore and May Have to Depend on Third Parties to Manufacture Our Products***

Any disruptions in our primary manufacturing operation at Apio's facility in Guadalupe, California or Lifecore's facility in Chaska, Minnesota would reduce our ability to sell our products and would have a material adverse effect on our financial results. Additionally, we may need to consider seeking collaborative arrangements with other companies to manufacture our products. If we become dependent upon third parties for the manufacture of our products, our profit margins and our ability to develop and deliver those products on a timely basis may be adversely affected. Failures by third parties may impair our ability to deliver products on a timely basis and impair our competitive position. We may not be able to continue to successfully operate our manufacturing operations at acceptable costs, with acceptable yields, and retain adequately trained personnel.

***Our Dependence on Single-Source Suppliers and Service Providers May Cause Disruption in Our Operations Should Any Supplier Fail to Deliver Materials***

We may experience difficulty acquiring materials or services for the manufacture of our products or we may not be able to obtain substitute vendors. We may not be able to procure comparable materials at similar prices and terms within a reasonable time. Several services that are provided to Apio are obtained from a single provider. Several of the raw materials we use to manufacture our products are currently purchased from a single source, including some monomers used to synthesize Intelimer polymers, substrate materials for our breathable membrane products and raw materials for our HA products. Any interruption of our relationship with single-source suppliers or service providers could delay product shipments and materially harm our business.

***We May Be Unable to Adequately Protect Our Intellectual Property Rights***

We may receive notices from third parties, including some of our competitors, claiming infringement by our products of patent and other proprietary rights. Regardless of their merit, responding to any such claim could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation and require us to enter royalty and licensing agreements which may not be offered or available on terms acceptable to us. If a successful claim is made against us and we fail to develop or license a substitute technology, we could be required to alter our products or processes and our business, results of operations or financial position could be materially adversely affected. Our success depends in large part on our ability to obtain patents, maintain trade secret protection and operate without infringing on the proprietary rights of third parties. Any pending patent applications we file may not be approved and we may not be able to develop additional proprietary products that are patentable. Any patents issued to us may not provide us with competitive advantages or may be challenged by third parties. Patents held by others may prevent the commercialization of products incorporating our technology. Furthermore, others may independently develop similar products, duplicate our products or design around our patents.

***Our Operations Are Subject to Regulations that Directly Impact Our Business***

Our products and operations are subject to governmental regulation in the United States and foreign countries. The manufacture of our products is subject to periodic inspection by regulatory authorities. We may not be able to obtain necessary regulatory approvals on a timely basis or at all. Delays in receipt of or failure to receive approvals or loss of previously received approvals would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Although we have no reason to believe that we will not be able to comply with all

applicable regulations regarding the manufacture and sale of our products and polymer materials, regulations are always subject to change and depend heavily on administrative interpretations and the country in which the products are sold. Future changes in regulations or interpretations relating to matters such as safe working conditions, laboratory and manufacturing practices, environmental controls, and disposal of hazardous or potentially hazardous substances may adversely affect our business.

We are subject to FDA rules and regulations concerning the safety of the food products handled and sold by Apio, and the facilities in which they are packed and processed. Failure to comply with the applicable regulatory requirements can, among other things, result in:

- fines, injunctions, civil penalties, and suspensions,
- withdrawal of regulatory approvals,
- product recalls and product seizures, including cessation of manufacturing and sales,
- operating restrictions, and
- criminal prosecution.

We may be required to incur significant costs to comply with the laws and regulations in the future which may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

Our food packaging products are subject to regulation under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the “FDC Act”). Under the FDC Act, any substance that when used as intended may reasonably be expected to become, directly or indirectly, a component or otherwise affect the characteristics of any food may be regulated as a food additive unless the substance is generally recognized as safe. We believe that food packaging materials are generally not considered food additives by the FDA because these products are not expected to become components of food under their expected conditions of use. We consider our breathable membrane product to be a food packaging material not subject to regulation or approval by the FDA. We have not received any communication from the FDA concerning our breathable membrane product. If the FDA were to determine that our breathable membrane products are food additives, we may be required to submit a food additive petition for approval by the FDA. The food additive petition process is lengthy, expensive and uncertain. A determination by the FDA that a food additive petition is necessary would have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

Our agricultural operations are subject to a variety of environmental laws including, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1966, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. Compliance with these laws and related regulations is an ongoing process. Environmental concerns are, however, inherent in most agricultural operations, including those we conduct. Moreover, it is possible that future developments, such as increasingly strict environmental laws and enforcement policies could result in increased compliance costs.

Our Food Products Technology business is subject to the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (“PACA”) law. PACA regulates fair trade standards in the fresh produce industry and governs all the products sold by Apio. Our failure to comply with the PACA requirements could among other things, result in civil penalties, suspension or revocation of a license to sell produce, and in the most egregious cases, criminal prosecution, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Lifecore’s existing products and its products under development are considered to be medical devices and therefore, require clearance or approval by the FDA before commercial sales can be made in the United States. The products also require the approval of foreign government agencies before sales may be made in many other countries. The process of obtaining these clearances or approvals varies according to the nature and use of the product. It can involve lengthy and detailed laboratory and clinical testing, sampling activities and other costly and time-consuming procedures. There can be no assurance that any of the required clearances or approvals will be granted on a timely basis, if at all.



In addition, most of the existing products being sold by Lifecore and its customers are subject to continued regulation by the FDA, various state agencies and foreign regulatory agencies which regulate manufacturing, labeling and record keeping procedures for such products. Marketing clearances or approvals by these agencies can be withdrawn due to failure to comply with regulatory standards or the occurrence of unforeseen problems following initial clearance or approval. These agencies can also limit or prevent the manufacture or distribution of Lifecore's products. A determination that Lifecore is in violation of such regulations could lead to the imposition of civil penalties, including fines, product recalls or product seizures, injunctions, and, in extreme cases, criminal sanctions.

Federal, state and local regulations impose various environmental controls on the use, storage, discharge or disposal of toxic, volatile or otherwise hazardous chemicals and gases used in some of the manufacturing processes. Our failure to control the use of, or to restrict adequately the discharge of, hazardous substances under present or future regulations could subject us to substantial liability or could cause our manufacturing operations to be suspended and changes in environmental regulations may impose the need for additional capital equipment or other requirements.

***Adverse Weather Conditions and Other Acts of God May Cause Substantial Decreases in Our Sales and/or Increases in Our Costs***

Our Food Products Technology business is subject to weather conditions that affect commodity prices, crop quality and yields, and decisions by growers regarding crops to be planted. Crop diseases and severe conditions, particularly weather conditions such as unexpected or excessive rain or other precipitation, unseasonable temperature fluctuations, floods, droughts, frosts, windstorms, earthquakes and hurricanes, may adversely affect the supply of vegetables and fruits used in our business, which could reduce the sales volumes and/or increase the unit production costs. In fiscal year 2011, the Company's net income was negatively impacted by \$5.0 million due to weather-related produce sourcing issues in the Food Products Technology business. Because a significant portion of the costs are fixed and contracted in advance of each operating year, volume declines due to production interruptions or other factors could result in increases in unit production costs which could result in substantial losses and weaken our financial condition.

***We Depend on Strategic Partners and Licenses for Future Development***

Our strategy for development, clinical and field testing, manufacture, commercialization and marketing for some of our current and future products includes entering into various collaborations with corporate partners, licensees and others. We are dependent on our corporate partners to develop, test, manufacture and/or market some of our products. Although we believe that our partners in these collaborations have an economic motivation to succeed in performing their contractual responsibilities, the amount and timing of resources to be devoted to these activities are not within our control. Our partners may not perform their obligations as expected or we may not derive any additional revenue from the arrangements. Our partners may not pay any additional option or license fees to us or may not develop, market or pay any royalty fees related to products under the agreements. Moreover, some of the collaborative agreements provide that they may be terminated at the discretion of the corporate partner, and some of the collaborative agreements provide for termination under other circumstances. Our partners may pursue existing or alternative technologies in preference to our technology. Furthermore, we may not be able to negotiate additional collaborative arrangements in the future on acceptable terms, if at all, and our collaborative arrangements may not be successful.

***Our International Sales May Expose Our Business to Additional Risks***

For fiscal year 2012, approximately 36% of our total revenues were derived from product sales to international customers. A number of risks are inherent in international transactions. International sales and operations may be limited or disrupted by any of the following:

regulatory approval process,

government controls,

export license requirements,

political instability,

price controls,

trade restrictions,  
changes in tariffs, or  
difficulties in staffing and managing international operations.

Foreign regulatory agencies have or may establish product standards different from those in the United States, and any inability to obtain foreign regulatory approvals on a timely basis could have a material adverse effect on our international business, and our financial condition and results of operations. While our foreign sales are currently priced in dollars, fluctuations in currency exchange rates may reduce the demand for our products by increasing the price of our products in the currency of the countries to which the products are sold. Regulatory, geopolitical and other factors may adversely impact our operations in the future or require us to modify our current business practices.

#### ***Cancellations or Delays of Orders by Our Customers May Adversely Affect Our Business***

During fiscal year 2012, sales to our top five customers accounted for approximately 45% of our revenues, with our largest customer from our Food Products Technology segment accounting for approximately 17% of our revenues. We expect that, for the foreseeable future, a limited number of customers may continue to account for a substantial portion of our revenues. We may experience changes in the composition of our customer base as we have experienced in the past. The reduction, delay or cancellation of orders from one or more major customers for any reason or the loss of one or more of our major customers could materially and adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. In addition, since some of the products processed by Apio and Lifecore are sole sourced to customers, our operating results could be adversely affected if one or more of our major customers were to develop other sources of supply. Our current customers may not continue to place orders, orders by existing customers may be canceled or may not continue at the levels of previous periods or we may not be able to obtain orders from new customers.

#### ***Our Sale of Some Products May Increase Our Exposure to Product Liability Claims***

The testing, manufacturing, marketing, and sale of the products we develop involve an inherent risk of allegations of product liability. If any of our products were determined or alleged to be contaminated or defective or to have caused a harmful accident to an end-customer, we could incur substantial costs in responding to complaints or litigation regarding our products and our product brand image could be materially damaged. Either event may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition. Although we have taken and intend to continue to take what we believe are appropriate precautions to minimize exposure to product liability claims, we may not be able to avoid significant liability. We currently maintain product liability insurance. While we believe the coverage and limits are consistent with industry standards, our coverage may not be adequate or may not continue to be available at an acceptable cost, if at all. A product liability claim, product recall or other claim with respect to uninsured liabilities or in excess of insured liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

#### ***Our Stock Price May Fluctuate in Accordance with Market Conditions***

The following events may cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate significantly:

technological innovations applicable to our products,  
our attainment of (or failure to attain) milestones in the commercialization of our technology,  
our development of new products or the development of new products by our competitors,  
new patents or changes in existing patents applicable to our products,  
our acquisition of new businesses or the sale or disposal of a part of our businesses,  
development of new collaborative arrangements by us, our competitors or other parties,  
changes in government regulations applicable to our business,

changes in investor perception of our business,  
fluctuations in our operating results, and  
changes in the general market conditions in our industry.

These broad fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

***We May Be Exposed to Employment Related Claims and Costs that Could Materially Adversely Affect Our Business***

We have been subject in the past, and may be in the future, to claims by employees based on allegations of discrimination, negligence, harassment and inadvertent employment of illegal aliens or unlicensed personnel, and we may be subject to payment of workers' compensation claims and other similar claims. We could incur substantial costs and our management could spend a significant amount of time responding to such complaints or litigation regarding employee claims, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

***We Are Dependent on Our Key Employees and if One or More of Them Were to Leave, We Could Experience Difficulties in Replacing Them and Our Operating Results Could Suffer***

The success of our business depends to a significant extent upon the continued service and performance of a relatively small number of key senior management, technical, sales, and marketing personnel. The loss of any of our key personnel would likely harm our business. In addition, competition for senior level personnel with knowledge and experience in our different lines of business is intense. If any of our key personnel were to leave, we would need to devote substantial resources and management attention to replace them. As a result, management attention may be diverted from managing our business, and we may need to pay higher compensation to replace these employees.

***We May Issue Preferred Stock with Preferential Rights that Could Affect Your Rights***

Our Board of Directors has the authority, without further approval of our stockholders, to fix the rights and preferences, and to issue shares, of preferred stock. In November 1999, we issued and sold shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and in October 2001 we issued and sold shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. The Series A Convertible Preferred Stock was converted into 1,666,670 shares of Common Stock in November 2002 and the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock was converted into 1,744,102 shares of Common Stock in May 2004.

The issuance of new shares of preferred stock could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding stock, and the holders of such preferred stock could have voting, dividend, liquidation and other rights superior to those of holders of our Common Stock.

***We Have Never Paid any Dividends on Our Common Stock***

We have not paid any dividends on our Common Stock since inception and do not expect to in the foreseeable future. Any dividends may be subject to preferential dividends payable on any preferred stock we may issue.

***Our Profitability Could Be Materially and Adversely Affected if it Is Determined that the Book Value of Goodwill is Higher than Fair Value***

Our balance sheet includes an amount designated as "goodwill" that represents a portion of our assets and our stockholders' equity. Goodwill arises when an acquirer pays more for a business than the fair value of the tangible and separately measurable intangible net assets. In accordance with accounting guidance, the amortization of goodwill has been replaced with an "impairment test" which requires that we compare the fair value of goodwill to its book value at least annually and more frequently if circumstances indicate a possible impairment. If we determine at any time in the future that the book value of goodwill is higher than fair value then the difference must be written-off, which could materially and adversely affect our profitability.

### 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

### Item 2. Properties

As of May 27, 2012, the Company owned or leased properties in Menlo Park, Arroyo Grande, Guadalupe and Pico Rivera, California; West Lebanon and Oxford, Indiana ; Chaska, Minnesota; Bowling Green and Perrysburg, Ohio; Hanover, Pennsylvania; Vero Beach, Florida; Rock Hill, South Carolina and Chester, New York.

These properties are described below:

Location	Business Segment	Ownership	Facilities	Acres of Land	Lease Expiration
Menlo Park, CA	Technology Licensing	Leased	14,600 square feet of office and laboratory space	—	12/31/14
West Lebanon, IN	Technology Licensing	Owned	4,000 square feet of warehouse and manufacturing space	—	—
Oxford, IN	Technology Licensing	Leased	13,400 square feet of laboratory and manufacturing space	—	6/30/12
Chaska, MN	HA-based Biomaterials	Owned	112,000 square feet of office, laboratory and manufacturing space	27.5	—
Guadalupe, CA	Food Products Technology	Owned	199,000 square feet of office space, manufacturing and cold storage	17.7	—
Bowling Green, OH	Food Products Technology	Owned	55,900 square feet of office space, manufacturing and cold storage	7.7	—
Penn Township York County, PA	Food Products Technology	Owned	18,700 square feet of office space, manufacturing and cold storage	15.3	—
Vero Beach, FL	Food Products Technology	Leased	9,200 square feet of office space, manufacturing and cold storage	—	12/31/14
Pico Rivera, CA	Food Products Technology	Leased	6,300 square feet of office space, manufacturing and cold storage	—	8/31/13
Rock Hill, SC	Food Products Technology	Owned	16,400 square feet of cold storage and office space	3.6	—
Chester, NY	Food Products Technology	Leased	32,900 square feet of cold storage and office space	—	Month-to-Month
Perrysburg, OH	Food Products Technology	Leased	9,200 square feet of office space	—	9/30/14
McClure, OH	Food Products Technology	Leased	Farm land	193	12/31/14
Arroyo Grande, CA	Food Export	Leased	1,100 square feet of office space	—	Month-to-Month

The obligations of the Company under its credit agreement with BMO Harris Bank N.A. (“BMO Harris”) are secured by a lien on the Chaska, MN land and building. The obligations of the Company under its credit agreement with General Electric Capital Corporation (“General Electric”) are secured by a lien on all of the land and buildings of the Food Products Technology segment.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

As of the date of this report, the Company is not a party to any legal proceedings.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

## PART II

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

#### **Market Information**

The Common Stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "LNDC". The following table sets forth for each period indicated the high and low sales prices for the Common Stock.

<u>Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
4th Quarter ending May 27, 2012	\$ 7.44	\$ 5.98
3rd Quarter ending February 26, 2012	\$ 7.05	\$ 5.15
2nd Quarter ending November 27, 2011	\$ 6.58	\$ 4.85
1st Quarter ending August 28, 2011	\$ 6.94	\$ 5.46
<u>Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
4th Quarter ending May 29, 2011	\$ 6.61	\$ 5.52
3rd Quarter ending February 27, 2011	\$ 7.08	\$ 5.66
2nd Quarter ending November 28, 2010	\$ 6.50	\$ 5.30
1st Quarter ending August 29, 2010	\$ 6.89	\$ 5.40

#### **Holders**

There were approximately 68 holders of record of 25,678,434 shares of outstanding Common Stock as of July 20, 2012. Since certain holders are listed under their brokerage firm's names, the actual number of stockholders is higher.

#### **Dividends**

The Company has not paid any dividends on the Common Stock since its inception. The Company presently intends to retain all future earnings, if any, for its business and does not anticipate paying cash dividends on its Common Stock in the foreseeable future.

#### **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

There were no shares repurchased by the Company during the fiscal quarter ended on May 27, 2012. During fiscal year 2012, the Company repurchased and retired 917,244 shares of Common Stock for \$5.0 million. During fiscal year 2011, the Company repurchased and retired 215,648 shares of Common Stock for \$1.2 million. The Company may still repurchase up to \$3.8 million of the Company's Common Stock under the Company's stock repurchase plan announced on July 14, 2010.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of the results of future operations and should be read in conjunction with the information contained in Item 7 – “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 8 of this report.

	Year Ended May 27, 2012	Year Ended May 29, 2011	Year Ended May 30, 2010	Year Ended May 31, 2009	Year Ended May 25, 2008
Statement of Income Data: (in thousands)					
Revenues:					
Product sales	\$ 310,272	\$ 267,121	\$ 228,390	\$ 224,404	\$ 227,550
Service revenues	3,138	3,391	3,699	4,145	3,640
License fees	2,700	5,400	5,400	6,000	6,231
R&D and royalty revenues	1,442	817	735	1,389	1,106
Total revenues	<u>317,552</u>	<u>276,729</u>	<u>238,224</u>	<u>235,938</u>	<u>238,527</u>
Cost of revenue:					
Cost of product sales	262,859	227,167	201,466	198,369	197,288
Cost of service revenue	2,555	2,867	2,992	3,289	3,011
Total cost of revenue	<u>265,414</u>	<u>230,034</u>	<u>204,458</u>	<u>201,658</u>	<u>200,299</u>
Gross profit	52,138	46,695	33,766	34,280	38,228
Operating costs and expenses:					
Research and development	9,625	9,275	4,361	3,665	3,251
Selling, general and administrative	26,515	24,608	17,698	18,017	19,801
Other operating expenses	1,421	4,780	3,725	—	—
Total operating costs and expenses	<u>37,561</u>	<u>38,663</u>	<u>25,784</u>	<u>21,682</u>	<u>23,052</u>
Operating profit	<u>14,577</u>	<u>8,032</u>	<u>7,982</u>	<u>12,598</u>	<u>15,176</u>
Dividend income	1,125	328	—	—	—
Interest income	180	430	834	1,306	2,219
Interest expense and other	(929)	(820)	(88)	(8)	(22)
Other income	5,331	472	—	—	—
Net income before taxes	<u>20,284</u>	<u>8,442</u>	<u>8,728</u>	<u>13,896</u>	<u>17,373</u>
Income tax expense	<u>(7,185)</u>	<u>(4,181)</u>	<u>(4,262)</u>	<u>(5,611)</u>	<u>(3,354)</u>
Consolidated net income	<u>13,099</u>	<u>4,261</u>	<u>4,466</u>	<u>8,285</u>	<u>14,019</u>
Non controlling interest	<u>(403)</u>	<u>(341)</u>	<u>(482)</u>	<u>(555)</u>	<u>(477)</u>
Net income applicable to Common Stockholders	<u>\$ 12,696</u>	<u>\$ 3,920</u>	<u>\$ 3,984</u>	<u>\$ 7,730</u>	<u>\$ 13,542</u>
Basic net income per share	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.30</u>	<u>\$ 0.52</u>
Diluted net income per share	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.29</u>	<u>\$ 0.50</u>
Shares used in per share computation:					
Basic	<u>25,849</u>	<u>26,397</u>	<u>26,382</u>	<u>26,202</u>	<u>26,069</u>
Diluted	<u>26,126</u>	<u>26,626</u>	<u>26,633</u>	<u>26,751</u>	<u>26,935</u>

	May 27, 2012	May 29, 2011	May 30, 2010	May 31, 2009	May 25, 2008
Balance Sheet Data: (in thousands)					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,177	\$ 8,135	\$ 27,817	\$ 43,459	\$ 44,396
Total assets	277,692	206,312	200,197	153,498	149,957
Long-term debt	47,317	19,830	23,770	—	—
Retained earnings (deficit)	29,822	17,126	13,206	9,222	1,492
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 149,742	\$ 136,055	\$ 130,784	\$ 125,406	\$ 114,466

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Item 8 of this report. Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this report are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Potential risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, those mentioned in this report and, in particular, the factors described in Item 1A. "Risk Factors." Landec undertakes no obligation to revise any forward-looking statements in order to reflect events or circumstances that may arise after the date of this report.

### Overview

Since its inception in October 1986, the Company has been engaged in the research and development of its Intelimer technology and related products. The Company has launched four product lines from this core development – QuickCast™ splints and casts in April 1994, which was subsequently sold to Bissell Healthcare Corporation in August 1997; BreatheWay packaging technology for the fresh-cut and whole produce packaging market in September 1995; Intelimer Polymer Systems that includes polymer materials for various industrial applications in June 1997 and for personal care applications in November 2003; and Intellicoat coated corn seeds in the Fall of 1999. In addition, on April 30, 2010, the Company acquired Lifecore which develops and manufactures products utilizing hyaluronan, a naturally occurring polysaccharide that is widely distributed in the extracellular matrix of connective tissues in both animals and humans.

Landec has four core businesses – Food Products Technology, Food Export, Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials and Technology Licensing. The Food Products Technology segment combines the Company's Intelimer packaging technology with Apio's fresh-cut and whole produce business. The Food Export business is operated through Apio's Cal-Ex export company which purchases and sells whole fruit and vegetable products to predominantly Asian markets. The Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials business sells products utilizing hyaluronan in the ophthalmic, orthopedic and veterinary segments and also supplies hyaluronan to customers pursuing other medical applications, such as aesthetic surgery, medical device coatings, tissue engineering and pharmaceuticals. The Technology Licensing business includes our proprietary Intellicoat seed coating technology and our Intelimer polymer business that licenses and/or supplies products to companies such as Air Products and Nitta. See "Business - Description of Core Business".

As of May 27, 2012, the Company's retained earnings were \$29.8 million. The Company may incur losses in the future. The amount of future net profits, if any, is uncertain and there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to sustain profitability in future years.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates

#### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. The accounting estimates that require management's most significant and subjective judgments include revenue recognition; sales returns and allowances; recognition and measurement of current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities; the assessment of recoverability of long-lived assets; the valuation of intangible assets and inventory; the valuation of investments; and the valuation and recognition of stock-based compensation.

These estimates involve the consideration of complex factors and require management to make judgments. The analysis of historical and future trends can require extended periods of time to resolve, and are subject to change from period to period. The actual results may differ from management's estimates.

#### *Allowance for Doubtful Accounts*

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on review of the overall condition of accounts receivable balances and review of significant past due accounts. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

#### *Inventories*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. If the cost of the inventories exceeds their expected market value, provisions are recorded currently for the difference between the cost and the market value. These provisions are determined based on specific identification for unusable inventory and an additional reserve, based on historical losses, for inventory currently considered to be usable.

#### *Revenue Recognition*

Revenue from product sales is recognized when there is persuasive evidence that an arrangement exists, title has transferred, the price is fixed and determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Allowances are established for estimated uncollectible amounts, product returns, and discounts based on specific identification and historical losses.

The Company takes title to all produce it trades and/or packages, and therefore, records revenues and cost of sales at gross amounts in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Licensing revenue is recognized in accordance with prevailing accounting guidance. Initial license fees are deferred and amortized to revenue over the period of the agreement when a contract exists, the fee is fixed and determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Noncancellable, nonrefundable license fees are recognized over the period of the agreement, including those governing research and development activities and any related supply agreement entered into concurrently with the license when the risk associated with commercialization of a product is non-substantive at the outset of the arrangement.

Contract revenue for research and development (R&D) is recorded as earned, based on the performance requirements of the contract. Non-refundable contract fees for which no further performance obligations exist, and there is no continuing involvement by the Company, are recognized on the earlier of when the payments are received or when collection is assured.

#### *Goodwill and Other Intangibles*

The Company's intangible assets are comprised of customer relationships with an estimated useful life of twelve to thirteen years and trademarks/trade names and goodwill with indefinite lives (collectively, "intangible assets"), which the Company recognized in accordance with accounting guidance (i) upon the acquisition of GreenLine by Apio in April 2012, (ii) upon the acquisition of Lifecore in April 2010 and (iii) upon the acquisition of Apio in December 1999. Accounting guidance defines goodwill as "the excess of the cost of an acquired entity over the net of the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at date of acquisition." All intangible assets, including goodwill, associated with the acquisition of Lifecore was allocated to our HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit and the acquisitions of Apio and GreenLine were allocated to our Food Products Technology reporting unit pursuant to accounting guidance based upon the allocation of assets and liabilities acquired and consideration paid for each reporting unit. As of May 27, 2012, the HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit had \$13.9 million of goodwill and the Food Products Technology reporting unit had \$35.7 million of goodwill. The \$4.8 million of goodwill in the Technology Licensing reporting unit was written off during the year ended May 29, 2011.



The Company tests its intangible assets for impairment at least annually, in accordance with accounting guidance. Application of the intangible assets impairment tests requires significant judgment by management, including identification of reporting units, assignment of assets and liabilities to reporting units, assignment of intangible assets to reporting units, and the determination of the fair value of each indefinite-lived intangible asset and reporting unit based upon projections of future net cash flows, discount rates and market multiples, which judgments and projections are inherently uncertain. When evaluating indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment, the Company compares the fair value of the asset to its carrying value to determine if there is an impairment loss. When evaluating goodwill for impairment, the Company first compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying value to determine if there is an impairment loss. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is not considered impaired; thus application of the second step of the two-step approach under accounting guidance is not required.

The Company tested its indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill for impairment as of July 22, 2012 and determined that no adjustments to the carrying values of the intangible assets were necessary as of that date. On a quarterly basis, the Company considers the need to update its most recent annual tests for possible impairment of its intangible assets, based on management's assessment of changes in its business and other economic factors since the most recent annual evaluation. Such changes, if significant or material, could indicate a need to update the most recent annual tests for impairment of the intangible assets during the current period. The results of these tests could lead to write-downs of the carrying values of the intangible assets in the current period.

Finite-lived intangible assets are reviewed for possible impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances occur that indicate that the carrying amount of an asset (or asset group) may not be recoverable. The Company's impairment review requires significant management judgment including estimating the future success of product lines, future sales volumes, revenue and expense growth rates, alternative uses for the assets and estimated proceeds from the disposal of the assets. The Company conducts quarterly reviews of idle and underutilized equipment, and reviews business plans for possible impairment indicators. Impairment occurs when the carrying amount of the asset (or asset group) exceeds its estimated future undiscounted cash flows and the impairment is viewed as other than temporary. When impairment is indicated, an impairment charge is recorded for the difference between the asset's book value and its estimated fair value. Depending on the asset, estimated fair value may be determined either by use of a discounted cash flow model or by reference to estimated selling values of assets in similar condition. The use of different assumptions would increase or decrease the estimated fair value of assets and would increase or decrease any impairment measurement.

The Company uses the discounted cash flow ("DCF") approach to develop an estimate of fair value. The DCF approach recognizes that current value is premised on the expected receipt of future economic benefits. Indications of value are developed by discounting projected future net cash flows to their present value at a rate that reflects both the current return requirements of the market and the risks inherent in the specific investment. The market approach is not used to value the Company's reporting units (the "reporting units") because insufficient market comparables exist to enable the Company to develop a reasonable fair value of its intangible assets due to the unique nature of each of the Company's Reporting Units.

The DCF approach requires the Company to exercise judgment in determining future business and financial forecasts and the related estimates of future net cash flows. Future net cash flows depend primarily on future product sales, which are inherently difficult to predict. These net cash flows are discounted at a rate that reflects both the current return requirements of the market and the risks inherent in the specific investment.

The DCF associated with the Food Products Technology reporting unit is based on management's five-year projection of revenues, gross profits and operating profits by fiscal year and assumes a 37% effective tax rate for each year. Management takes into account the historical trends of Apio and the industry categories in which Apio operates along with inflationary factors, current economic conditions, new product introductions, cost of sales, operating expenses, capital requirements and other relevant data when developing its projection. The estimated fair value of the Food Products Technology reporting unit as of July 22, 2012 exceeded its net book value by 118% and therefore, no intangible asset impairment was deemed to exist. For the test performed as of July 24, 2011, the projected cash flow from operations for determining the DCF for fiscal year 2012 was \$21.7 million for the Food Products Technology reporting unit. The actual cash flow from operations for fiscal year 2012 was \$19.4 million. The difference of \$2.3 million was primarily due to the timing of working capital changes.

The DCF associated with the HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit is based on management's five-year projections of revenues, gross profits and operating profits by fiscal year and assumes a 37% effective tax rate for each year. Management takes into account the historical trends of Lifecore and the industry categories in which Lifecore operates along with inflationary factors, current economic conditions, new product introductions, cost of sales, operating expenses, capital requirements and other relevant data when developing its projection. The trade name intangible asset was valued using the relief from royalty valuation method and the customer relationship intangible asset was valued using the multi-period excess earnings method. The fair value of goodwill was calculated as the excess of consideration paid, including the fair value of contingent consideration under the terms of the purchase agreement, over the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired less liabilities assumed. The Company updated its analysis of the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill as of its annual impairment analysis date, concluding that the fair value of the Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials reporting unit, as determined by the DCF approach, exceeded its net book value by 143%, and therefore, no intangible asset impairment was deemed to exist. For the test performed as of July 24, 2011, the projected cash flow from operations for determining the DCF for fiscal year 2012 was a negative \$5.0 million (due to the projected earn out payment, see Note 2) for the HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit. The actual cash flow from operations for fiscal year 2012 was a positive \$5.6 million. The difference of \$10.6 million is primarily due to Lifecore paying the \$10 million earn out payment in June 2012 after the fiscal year end for 2012.

### *Income Taxes*

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with accounting guidance which requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be recognized using enacted tax rates for the effect of temporary differences between the book and tax basis of recorded assets and liabilities. The Company maintains valuation allowances when it is likely that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Changes in valuation allowances from period to period are included in the Company's income tax provision in the period of change. In determining whether a valuation allowance is warranted, the Company takes into account such factors as prior earnings history, expected future earnings, unsettled circumstances that, if unfavorably resolved, would adversely affect utilization of a deferred tax asset, carryback and carryforward periods, and tax strategies that could potentially enhance the likelihood of realization of a deferred tax asset. At May 27, 2012, the Company had a valuation allowance of \$419,000 against deferred tax assets.

In addition to valuation allowances, the Company establishes accruals for uncertain tax positions. The tax-contingency accruals are adjusted in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the progress of tax audits, case law and emerging legislation. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense. The Company's effective tax rate includes the impact of tax-contingency accruals as considered appropriate by management.

A number of years may elapse before a particular matter, for which the Company has accrued, is audited and finally resolved. The number of years with open tax audits varies by jurisdiction. While it is often difficult to predict the final outcome or the timing of resolution of any particular tax matter, the Company believes its tax-contingency accruals are adequate to address known tax contingencies. Favorable resolution of such matters could be recognized as a reduction to the Company's effective tax rate in the year of resolution. Unfavorable settlement of any particular issue could increase the effective tax rate. Any resolution of a tax issue may require the use of cash in the year of resolution. The Company's tax-contingency accruals are presented in the balance sheet within accrued liabilities.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

The Company's stock-based awards include stock option grants and restricted stock unit awards (RSUs).

The estimated fair value for stock options, which determines the Company's calculation of compensation expense, is based on the Black-Scholes pricing model. In addition, the accounting guidance requires the estimation of the expected forfeitures of stock-based awards at the time of grant. As a result, the Company uses historical data to estimate pre-vesting forfeitures and records stock-based compensation expense only for those awards that are expected to vest and revises those estimates in subsequent periods if the actual forfeitures differ from the prior estimates.

## Fair Value Measurements

The Company uses fair value measurement accounting for financial assets and liabilities and for financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company has elected the fair value option for its investment in a non-public company (see Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The Company has not elected the fair value option for any of its other eligible financial assets or liabilities.

The accounting guidance established a three-tier hierarchy for fair value measurements, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 – observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data.

Level 3 – unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which would require the Company to develop its own assumptions.

As of May 27, 2012, the Company held certain assets and liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, marketable securities, interest rate swap and liability for contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of GreenLine and its minority interest investment in Windset.

The fair value of the Company's cash equivalents and marketable securities is determined based on observable inputs that are readily available in public markets or can be derived from information available in publicly quoted markets. Therefore, the Company has categorized its cash equivalents and marketable securities as Level 1.

The fair value of the Company's interest rate swap is determined based on model inputs that can be observed in a liquid market and key inputs include yield curves and are categorized as Level 2 inputs. During the year ended May 27, 2012, as a result of the Company refinancing Lifecore's debt with BMO Harris and using those proceeds to extinguish the Wells Fargo Bank debt, the swap was no longer considered effective as a hedge. As a result, the Company charged \$347,000 to other income (expense) representing the market value of the swap at the date of the debt extinguishment. Future changes in the value of the interest rate swap will be recorded as an increase or decrease to other income. The interest rate swap liability is included in other non-current liabilities as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011.

The fair value of the Company's liability for contingent consideration is based on significant inputs not observed in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement. The Company determined the fair value of the liability for the contingent consideration based on a probability-weighted discounted cash flow analysis, as further discussed in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company has elected the fair value option of accounting for its investment in Windset. The fair value of the Company's investment in Windset utilizes significant unobservable inputs in the discounted cash flow models, including projected cash flows, growth rate assumptions for income and expenses and the discount rate, and is therefore considered Level 3, as further discussed in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Imprecision in estimating unobservable market inputs can affect the amount of gain or loss recorded for a particular position. The use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

### Recently Issued Pronouncements

#### *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*

In September 2011, the FASB issued new guidance that will allow an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. Under this guidance, an entity would not be required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The amendment includes a number of events and circumstances for an entity to consider in conducting the qualitative assessment. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this update will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

#### *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*

In December 2011, the FASB issued new guidance that improves the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and increases the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income by eliminating the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The amendments in this standard require that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Under either method, adjustments must be displayed for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income ("OCI") to net income, in both net income and OCI. The standard does not change the current option for presenting components of OCI gross or net of the effect of income taxes, provided that such tax effects are presented in the statement in which OCI is presented or disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Additionally, the standard does not affect the calculation or reporting of earnings per share. For public entities, the amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011 and are to be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

#### *Fair Value Measurement*

In May 2011, the FASB issued new guidance which is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. This guidance amends certain accounting and disclosure requirements related to fair value measurements. Additional disclosure requirements in the update include: (1) for Level 3 fair value measurements, quantitative information about unobservable inputs used, a description of the valuation processes used by the entity, and a qualitative discussion about the sensitivity of the measurements to changes in the unobservable inputs; (2) for an entity's use of a nonfinancial asset that is different from the asset's highest and best use, the reason for the difference; (3) for financial instruments not measured at fair value but for which disclosure of fair value is required, the fair value hierarchy level in which the fair value measurements were determined; and (4) the disclosure of all transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The new guidance will become effective for the Company on December 1, 2012. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements, however, presentation of disclosures around fair value measurements will be expanded to conform to the requirements of the new guidance for all periods presented.

#### *Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*

In November 2011, the FASB issued new guidance which is effective for annual reporting periods beginning January 1, 2013. This guidance amends the disclosure requirements around offsetting to enable users of the financial statements to understand the effect of those arrangements on its financial position. Entities are required to disclose both gross and net information about the instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statement of financial position and instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

## Results of Operations

*Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011*

**Revenues** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 27, 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Apio Value Added</i>	\$ 205,545	\$ 172,683	19%
<i>Apio Packaging</i>	2,037	2,981	(32%)
<i>Food Technology</i>	207,582	175,664	18%
<i>Apio Export</i>	71,485	61,663	16%
<i>Total Apio</i>	279,067	237,327	18%
<i>HA</i>	34,283	32,505	5%
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	4,202	6,897	(39%)
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$ 317,552	\$ 276,729	15%

### *Apio Value Added*

Apio's value-added revenues consist of revenues generated from the sale of specialty packaged fresh-cut and whole value-added processed vegetable products that are washed and packaged in our proprietary packaging and sold under Apio's Eat Smart and GreenLine brands and various private labels. In addition, value-added revenues include the revenues generated from Apio Cooling, LP, a vegetable cooling operation in which Apio is the general partner with a 60% ownership position.

The increase in Apio's value-added revenues for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to the following factors: (1) a 11% increase in unit volume sales to existing customers resulting primarily from expanded product offerings, gaining additional distribution locations and growth in the fresh-cut vegetable category, (2) \$9.1 million of revenues from GreenLine from the acquisition date of April 23, 2012 through the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 and (3) a larger percentage of Apio's value-added revenues being generated from sales to club stores rather than retail grocery chains. These increases in revenue were partially offset by a product mix change in retail grocery chains to lower priced products from higher priced products.

### *Apio Packaging*

Apio packaging revenues consist of Apio's packaging technology business using its BreatheWay membrane technology. The first commercial application included in Apio packaging is our banana packaging technology. Commercial sales of membranes for avocados began in fiscal year 2011.

The decrease in Apio packaging revenues for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to decreased sales of BreatheWay membranes to Chiquita for packaged avocados as a result of Chiquita placing large initial orders of membranes during the first half of fiscal year 2011 to build inventory.

### *Apio Export*

Apio export revenues consist of revenues generated from the purchase and sale of primarily whole commodity fruit and vegetable products to Asia by Cal-Ex. Apio records revenue equal to the sale price to third parties because it takes title to the product while in transit.

The increase in revenues in Apio's export business for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to a 11% increase in export unit volume sales due to a greater volume of fruit and vegetables being available to export and due to more favorable pricing for export products in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011.

### *HA-based Biomaterials*

Lifecore principally generates revenue through the sale of products containing HA. Lifecore primarily sells products to customers in three medical areas: (1) Ophthalmic, which represented nearly 65% of Lifecore's revenues in fiscal year 2012, (2) Orthopedic, which represented nearly 20% of Lifecore's revenues in fiscal year 2012 and (3) Veterinary/Other. The increase in revenues for Lifecore is due to an increase in sales to existing customers.

### *Technology Licensing*

Technology Licensing revenues consisted of revenues generated from the licensing agreements with Monsanto, Air Products and Nitta.

The decrease in Technology Licensing revenues for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to the termination of the Monsanto Agreement (see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) at the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 2012. The quarterly revenues and gross profit for the Technology Licensing business from Monsanto had been \$1.35 million per quarter prior to the termination.

### **Gross Profit** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 27, 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Apio Value Added</i>	\$ 23,615	\$ 16,564	43%
<i>Apio Packaging</i>	1,622	2,324	(30%)
<i>Food Technology</i>	25,237	18,888	34%
<i>Apio Export</i>	4,900	3,901	26%
<i>Total Apio</i>	30,137	22,789	32%
<i>HA</i>	17,994	17,231	4%
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	4,007	6,675	(40%)
<i>Total Gross Profit</i>	<u>\$ 52,138</u>	<u>\$ 46,695</u>	12%

### *General*

There are numerous factors that can influence gross profit including product mix, customer mix, manufacturing costs, volume, sale discounts and charges for excess or obsolete inventory, to name a few. Many of these factors influence or are interrelated with other factors. The Company includes in cost of sales all of the costs related to the sale of products in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These costs include the following: raw materials (including produce, casein, seeds and packaging), direct labor, overhead (including indirect labor, depreciation, and facility related costs) and shipping and shipping-related costs. The following are the primary reasons for the changes in gross profit for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year as outlined in the table above.

### *Apio Value-Added*

The increase in gross profit for Apio's value-added vegetable business for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to the 19% increase in revenues and the decrease in costs of produce as compared to the costs associated with the weather related produce supply issues experienced during the November to February period of fiscal year 2011.

### *Apio Packaging*

The decrease in Apio packaging gross profit for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to decreased sales of BreatheWay membranes to Chiquita for use for avocado applications as a result of Chiquita placing initial large orders of BreatheWay membranes during the first half of last year to build inventory.

### *Apio Export*

Apio's export business is a buy/sell business that realizes a commission-based margin in the 5-8% range. The increase in gross profit for Apio's export business during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to the 16% increase in revenues and higher average margins on export sales due to a more favorable product mix in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011.

### *Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials*

Lifecore operates in the higher margin medical devices industry and has historically realized an overall gross margin of approximately 50%. The increase in Lifecore's gross profit during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to the 5% increase in revenues.

### *Technology Licensing*

The decrease in Technology Licensing gross profit for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period of the prior year was primarily due to the termination of the Monsanto Agreement (see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) at the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 2012. The quarterly revenues and gross profit for the Technology Licensing business from Monsanto had been \$1.35 million per quarter prior to the termination.

### **Operating Expenses** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 27, 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Research and Development:</b>			
<i>Apio</i>	\$ 1,106	\$ 1,023	8%
<i>HA</i>	4,671	4,272	9%
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	3,848	3,980	(3%)
<b>Total R&amp;D</b>	<b>\$ 9,625</b>	<b>\$ 9,275</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Selling, General and Administrative:</b>			
<i>Apio</i>	\$ 14,776	\$ 12,722	16%
<i>HA</i>	4,521	4,838	(7%)
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	428	419	2%
<i>Corporate</i>	6,790	6,629	2%
<b>Total S,G&amp;A</b>	<b>\$ 26,515</b>	<b>\$ 24,608</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Other operating expenses:</b>			
<i>Apio</i>	\$ 871	\$ —	N/M
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	550	4,780	(88%)
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,421</b>	<b>\$ 4,780</b>	<b>(70%)</b>

### *Research and Development*

Landec's research and development expenses consist primarily of expenses involved in product development and commercialization initiatives. Research and development efforts at Apio are focused on the Company's proprietary BreatheWay membranes used for packaging produce, with recent focus on extending the shelf life of bananas and other shelf-life sensitive vegetables and fruit. In the HA business, the research and development efforts primarily relate to technical development efforts to support customer specific product requests or process improvements, under which technical modifications are made to existing products or processes to meet customer specific needs and such work can also lead to new products or processes. In the Technology Licensing business, the research and development efforts are focused on uses for the proprietary Intelimer polymers outside of food and HA.

The increase in research and development expenses for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to increased payroll expenses from increased research and development efforts associated with new product development in our HA business.

*Selling, General and Administrative*

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of sales and marketing expenses associated with Landec's product sales and services, business development expenses and staff and administrative expenses.

The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to increased sales and marketing expenses at Apio. Due to the increase in revenues, the Company experienced higher brokerage fees and due to Apio and the Company exceeding their revenue and operating income plan for fiscal year 2012, bonuses expenses were higher than the same period of last year.

*Other Operating Expenses*

Other operating expenses in fiscal year 2012 consisted primarily of expenses incurred as a result of the acquisition of GreenLine. Other operating expenses in fiscal year 2011 consisted of an impairment charge from the write off of Landec Ag's goodwill.

**Non-operating income/(expense)** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 27, 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Dividend Income</i>	\$ 1,125	\$ 328	243%
<i>Interest Income</i>	\$ 180	\$ 430	(58)%
<i>Interest Expense</i>	\$ (929)	\$ (820)	13%
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 5,331	\$ 472	1029%
<i>Income Taxes</i>	\$ (7,185)	\$ (4,181)	72%
<i>Non controlling Interest</i>	\$ (403)	\$ (341)	18%

*Dividend Income*

The increase in dividend income was due to the receipt of a full year of dividends during fiscal year 2012 from the \$15 million preferred stock investment in Windset (see Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The preferred stock yields a cash dividend of 7.5% annually. The \$328,000 for fiscal year 2011 represents dividends for the period February 15, 2011 through May 29, 2011.

*Interest Income*

The decrease in interest income for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was primarily due to lower cash balances reflecting our use of cash to purchase GreenLine, to purchase our minority investment in Windset and to purchase the Company's common stock on the open market. Interest income was further negatively impacted by lower yields on investments due to declines in interest rates.

*Interest Expense*

The increase in interest expense during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same period last year was due to interest on the debt incurred in the acquisition of GreenLine and expensing of \$120,000 in loan origination fees as a result of paying off the Wells Fargo credit facility. These increases were partially offset by decreases in interest expenses at Lifecore due to paying down its debt by \$4.3 million during fiscal year 2012.



### *Other Income*

Other income consists primarily of a \$5.8 million increase in the fair market value of our Windset investment (see Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements), partially offset by a \$160,000 expense related to the amortization of the discount on Lifecore's earn out obligation and \$347,000 in expense associated with the interest rate swap with Wells Fargo (see Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

### *Income Taxes*

The increase in the income tax expense in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal years 2011 is due to a 240% increase in income before taxes partially offset by a decrease in the Company's effective tax rate to 36% in fiscal year 2012 down from 52% in fiscal year 2011. The effective tax rates for fiscal year 2012 differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent as a result of several factors, including state taxes, non-deductible stock-based compensation expense, tax exempt interest and non-deductible acquisition related expenses.

### *Non controlling Interest*

The non controlling interest consists of the limited partners' equity interest in the net income of Apio Cooling, LP.

The decrease in the non controlling interest for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to the same periods last year was not significant.

### *Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended May 30, 2010*

#### **Revenues** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 30, 2010</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Apio Value Added</i>	\$ 172,683	\$ 172,416	0%
<i>Apio Packaging</i>	2,981	2,630	13%
<i>Food Technology</i>	175,664	175,046	0%
<i>Apio Export</i>	61,663	54,926	12%
<i>Total Apio</i>	237,327	229,972	3%
<i>HA</i>	32,505	1,457	N/M
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	6,897	6,795	2%
<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>\$ 276,729</u>	<u>\$ 238,224</u>	16%

### *Apio Value Added*

Apio's value-added revenues consist of revenues generated from the sale of specialty packaged fresh-cut and whole value-added processed vegetable products that are washed and packaged in our proprietary packaging and sold under Apio's Eat Smart brand and various private labels. In addition, value-added revenues include the revenues generated from Apio Cooling, LP, a produce cooling operation in which Apio is the general partner with a 60% ownership position.

Apio's value-added revenues for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 were unchanged compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010. This was primarily due to increased unit sales volumes related to new product introductions which increased unit sales volumes by 1% and from a larger percentage of Apio's value-added revenues being generated from sales to club stores rather than retail grocery chains. These increases in revenue were virtually completely offset by less promotional activity in Apio's value-added business which reduced unit sales volumes by 2% and due to Apio exiting business that would have resulted in less than acceptable gross profit margins which reduced unit sales volumes by another 2%. On a net basis, Apio's value added unit sales volumes decreased 3% in fiscal year 2011 compared to fiscal year 2010.

*Apio Packaging*

Apio packaging revenues consist of Apio's packaging technology business using its BreatheWay membrane technology. The first commercial application included in Apio packaging is our banana packaging technology and during fiscal year 2011 the addition of a second application for avocados.

The increase in Apio packaging revenues for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to the sale of BreatheWay membranes for packaged avocados to Chiquita.

*Apio Export*

Apio export revenues consist of revenues generated from the purchase and sale of primarily whole commodity fruit and vegetable products to Asia by Cal-Ex. Apio records revenue equal to the sale price to third parties because it takes title to the product while in transit.

The increase in revenues in Apio's export business for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to an 8% increase in export sales volumes as a result of an increased supply of fruit to export and due to more favorable pricing of fruit in fiscal year 2011 compared to fiscal year 2010.

*Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials ("HA")*

Lifecore principally generates revenue through the sale of products containing HA. Lifecore primarily sells products to customers in three medical areas: (1) Ophthalmic, which represented over 70% of Lifecore's revenues in fiscal year 2011, (2) Orthopedic, which represented nearly 20% of Lifecore's revenues in fiscal year 2011 and (3) Veterinary/Other. Lifecore was acquired on April 30, 2010. From the acquisition date through May 29, 2011, Lifecore has added new customers and has expanded its product offerings to existing customers.

*Technology Licensing*

Technology licensing revenues consist of revenues generated from the licensing agreements with Monsanto, Air Products and Nitta.

The increase in technology licensing revenues for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was not significant to consolidated Landec revenues.

**Gross Profit** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 30, 2010</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Apio Value Added</i>	\$ 16,564	\$ 20,261	(18)%
<i>Apio Packaging</i>	2,324	2,253	3%
<i>Food Technology</i>	18,888	22,514	(16)%
<i>Apio Export</i>	3,901	3,906	0%
<i>Total Apio</i>	22,789	26,420	(14)%
<i>HA</i>	17,231	815	N/M
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	6,675	6,531	2%
<i>Total Gross Profit</i>	<u>\$ 46,695</u>	<u>\$ 33,766</u>	38%

*General*

There are numerous factors that can influence gross profit including product mix, customer mix, manufacturing costs, volume, sale discounts and charges for excess or obsolete inventory, to name a few. Many of these factors influence or are interrelated with other factors. The Company includes in cost of sales all of the costs related to the sale of products in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These costs include the following: raw materials (including produce, casein, seeds and packaging), direct labor, overhead (including indirect labor, depreciation, and facility related costs) and shipping and shipping-related costs. The following are the primary reasons for the

changes in gross profit for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the same period last year as outlined in the table above.

#### *Apio Value-Added*

The decrease in gross profit for Apio's value-added specialty packaging vegetable business for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to shortages of produce resulting from cold and wet weather in California during the Company's third and fourth fiscal quarters of fiscal year 2011 which reduced gross profit by approximately \$5.0 million. These decreases were partially offset by a year over year mix change to greater sales of higher margin tray products from lower margin products and fewer promotions on bag products compared to the same period last year.

#### *Apio Packaging*

The increase in gross profit for Apio packaging for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was not significant to consolidated Landec gross profit.

#### *Apio Export*

Apio's export business is a buy/sell business that realizes a commission-based margin in the 6-7% range. Gross profit during the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 was flat compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010. The 12% increase in revenues was higher than the growth in gross profits because of an unfavorable product mix changes to lower margin products which resulted in a lower gross margin during fiscal year 2011 of 6.3% compared to a gross margin of 7.1% in fiscal year 2010.

#### *Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials*

Lifecore operates in the higher margin medical devices industry and has historically realized an overall gross margin of approximately 50%. For fiscal year 2011, Lifecore's overall gross margin was 53% due to a favorable sales mix. Lifecore was acquired on April 30, 2010.

#### *Technology Licensing*

The increase in Technology Licensing gross profit for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was not significant to consolidated Landec gross profit.

**Operating Expenses** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 30, 2010</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Research and Development:</b>			
<i>Apio</i>	\$ 1,023	\$ 1,182	(13)%
<i>HA</i>	4,272	395	N/M
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	3,980	2,784	43%
<b>Total R&amp;D</b>	<b>\$ 9,275</b>	<b>\$ 4,361</b>	<b>113%</b>
<b>Selling, General and Administrative:</b>			
<i>Apio</i>	\$ 12,722	\$ 12,128	5%
<i>HA</i>	4,838	339	N/M
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	419	100	319%
<i>Corporate</i>	6,629	5,131	29%
<b>Total S,G&amp;A</b>	<b>\$ 24,608</b>	<b>\$ 17,698</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Other operating expenses:</b>			
<i>Technology Licensing</i>	\$ 4,780	\$ 1,000	378%
<i>Corporate</i>	—	2,725	N/M
<b>Total Other Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,780</b>	<b>\$ 3,725</b>	<b>28%</b>

*Research and Development*

Landec's research and development expenses consist primarily of expenses involved in product development and commercialization initiatives. Research and development efforts at Apio are focused on the Company's proprietary BreatheWay membranes used for packaging produce, with recent focus on extending the shelf life of bananas and other shelf-life sensitive vegetables and fruit. In the HA business, the research and development efforts primarily relate to technical development efforts to support customer specific product requests or process improvements, under which technical modifications are made to existing products or processes to meet customer specific needs and such work can also lead to new products or processes. In the Technology Licensing business, the research and development efforts are focused on uses for the proprietary Intelimer polymers outside of food and HA.

The increase in research and development expenses for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to the research and development expenses from Lifecore and from an increase in scientific staff in our Technology Licensing business to support the development of new product applications.

*Selling, General and Administrative*

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of sales and marketing expenses associated with Landec's product sales and services, business development expenses and staff and administrative expenses.

The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to (1) the selling, general and administrative expenses for Lifecore, (2) a \$472,000 increase in the share-based compensation expense as a result of option and RSU grants in May 2010 and (3) a \$700,000 increase in accounting and tax fees associated with the initial audit of Lifecore and from several tax projects.

*Other Operating Expenses*

Other operating expenses consists of impairment charges and transaction costs associated with the Lifecore acquisition. The \$4.8 million in fiscal year 2011 in Technology Licensing is from the write off of Landec Ag's goodwill. The \$1.0 million amount in fiscal year 2010 in Technology Licensing is from the partial write down of the Company's investment in Aesthetic Sciences Corporation. The \$2.7 million amount in fiscal year 2010 in Corporate is for the transaction costs from the acquisition of Lifecore on April 30, 2010.

**Non-operating income/(expense)** (in thousands):

	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal Year ended May 30, 2010</b>	<b>Change</b>
<i>Dividend Income</i>	\$ 328	\$ —	N/M
<i>Interest Income</i>	\$ 430	\$ 834	(48)%
<i>Interest Expense</i>	\$ (820)	\$ (88)	832%
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 472	\$ —	N/M
<i>Income Taxes</i>	\$ (4,181)	\$ (4,262)	(2)%
<i>Non controlling Interest</i>	\$ (341)	\$ (482)	(29)%

*Dividend Income*

The increase in dividend income was due to dividends accrued from the \$15 million preferred stock investment in Windset (see Note 3) which yields a cash dividend of 7.5% annually. The \$328,000 represents dividends for the period February 15, 2011 through May 29, 2011.

*Interest Income*

The decrease in interest income for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to having less cash to invest because of the cash used to acquire Lifecore and purchase our minority investment in Windset and from lower yields on investments due to declines in interest rates.

*Interest Expense*

The increase in interest expense during the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was primarily due to the interest expense on the credit facility entered into on April 30, 2010 in connection with the acquisition of Lifecore.

*Other Income*

The other income is for the \$662,000 increase in the fair market value of our Windset investment partially offset by a \$190,000 expense for the amortization of the discount on Lifecore's earn out obligation.

*Income Taxes*

The decrease in the income tax expense in fiscal year 2011 compared to fiscal year 2010 is due to a 2% decrease in taxable income partially offset by an increase in the Company's effective tax rate to 52% in fiscal year 2011 up from 51% in fiscal year 2010. The effective tax rates for fiscal year 2011 differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent as a result of several factors, including state taxes, non-deductible stock-based compensation expense, tax exempt interest and the goodwill impairment charge. In addition to the above, the Company was able to further reduce the effective tax rate for fiscal year 2011 as a result of being a recipient of a therapeutic drug credit award and the extension of the federal research and development credit.

*Non controlling Interest*

The non controlling interest consists of the limited partners' equity interest in the net income of Apio Cooling, LP.

The decrease in the non controlling interest for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 compared to the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010 was not significant.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of May 27, 2012, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$22.2 million, a net increase of \$14.1 million from \$8.1 million at May 29, 2011.

### *Cash Flow from Operating Activities*

Landec generated \$22.2 million of cash flow from operating activities during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 compared to \$14.5 million during the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011. The primary sources of cash from operating activities during fiscal year 2012 were \$13.1 million of net income and non-cash related expenses, excluding the tax benefit from stock-based compensation, of \$5.0 million and from a net increase of \$4.1 million in working capital. The primary factors which increased working capital during fiscal year 2012 were (a) a \$3.6 million decrease in prepaid expenses and other current assets primarily as a result of the \$4.0 million termination payment made by Monsanto in November 2011 (see Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements) (b) a \$2.7 million increase in accrued compensation due primarily to accruing bonuses at both Corporate and Apio which were not accrued last year and (c) a \$3.4 million increase in other accrued liabilities due primarily to recording the \$3.9 million earn out liability associated with the acquisition of GreenLine. The primary factors which decreased working capital during fiscal year 2012 were (a) a \$3.2 million increase in trade accounts receivable primarily due to a \$2.5 million increase in receivables at Lifecore as a result of revenues for May 2012 being \$2.4 million higher than May 2011 and a \$700,000 increase at Apio, excluding GreenLine, as a result of revenues for May 2012 being \$2.4 million higher than May 2011 and (b) a \$2.5 million decrease in deferred revenue due primarily to the deferred license fees associated with the Monsanto Agreement.

### *Cash Flow from Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 was \$44.1 million compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$29.4 million for the same period last year. The primary uses of cash in investing activities during fiscal year 2012 were for (a) the acquisition of GreenLine for \$66.8 million, (b) the purchase of \$5.4 million of property, plant and equipment primarily for the further expansion of Apio's value-added processing facility and the further automation of Apio's value-added processing facility and facility modifications and equipment purchased at Lifecore to support business growth. This was partially offset by uses of cash related to the net maturities and sales of \$28.1 million of marketable securities.

### *Cash Flow from Financing Activities*

Net cash provided by financing activities for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 was \$35.9 million compared to net cash used in financing activities of \$4.8 million for the same period last year. The cash provided by financing activities during fiscal year 2012 was primarily from the issuance of \$31.8 million of long-term debt and \$12.8 million from borrowings under Apio's line of credit, and the tax benefit from stock-based compensation of \$4.1 million. These increases were partially offset by \$5.4 million of debt payments, the repurchase of \$5.0 million of the Company's outstanding Common Stock and \$1.3 million of loan origination fees.

### *Capital Expenditures*

During the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, Landec continued its expansion of Apio's value-added processing facility and purchased vegetable processing equipment to support the further automation of Apio's value-added processing facility and facility modifications and equipment purchased at Lifecore to support business growth. These expenditures represented the majority of the \$5.4 million of capital expenditures.

### *Debt*

On August 19, 2004, Lifecore issued variable rate industrial revenue bonds ("IRBs"). These IRBs were assumed by Landec in the acquisition of Lifecore (see Note 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The IRBs are collateralized by a bank letter of credit which is secured by a first mortgage on the Lifecore's facility in Chaska, Minnesota. In addition, Lifecore pays an annual remarketing fee equal to 0.125% and an annual letter of credit fee of 0.75%.

On April 23, 2012 in connection with the acquisition of GreenLine, Apio entered into three loan agreements with General Electric Capital Corporation and/or its affiliates (“GE Capital”), (collectively the “Apio Loan Agreements”):

- (1) A five-year, \$25.0 million asset-based working capital revolving line of credit, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2%, with availability based on the combination of the eligible accounts receivable and inventory balances of Apio and its subsidiaries. Apio’s revolving line of credit has an unused fee of 0.375% per annum. At May 27, 2012, Apio had \$11.7 million outstanding under its revolving line of credit.
- (2) A \$12.7 million capital equipment loan which matures in seven years payable in monthly principal and interest payments of \$175,356 with interest based on a fixed rate of 4.39% per annum.
- (3) A \$19.1 million real estate loan, \$1.2 million of which is due on April 23, 2013 and the remainder maturing in ten years. The real estate loan has a fifteen year amortization period due in monthly principal and interest payments of \$141,962 with interest based on a fixed rate of 4.02% per annum. The principal balance remaining at the end of the ten year term is due in one lump sum on April 23, 2022.

The obligations of Apio and the borrowers thereunder arising from the Apio Loan Agreements are secured by liens on all of the property of Apio and its subsidiaries. The Apio Loan Agreements contain customary events of default under which obligations could be accelerated or increased. Landec is guarantying all obligations of Apio and its subsidiaries to GE Capital under the loans described in clauses (2) and (3) above and has pledged its equity interest in Apio as collateral under the loan described in (1) above. Apio was in compliance with all financial covenants as of May 27, 2012.

On May 23, 2012, Lifecore entered into two financing agreements with BMO Harris Bank N.A. and/or its affiliates (“BMO Harris”), collectively (the “Lifecore Loan Agreements”):

- (1) A Credit and Security Agreement (the “Credit Agreement”) which includes (a) a one-year, \$8.0 million asset-based working capital revolving line of credit, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.85%, with availability based on the combination of Lifecore’s eligible accounts receivable and inventory balances and with no unused fee (as of May 27, 2012, no amounts were outstanding under the line of credit) and (b) a \$12.0 million term loan which matures in four years due in monthly payments of \$250,000 with interest payable monthly based on a variable interest rate of LIBOR plus 2% (the “Term Loan”).
- (2) A Reimbursement Agreement pursuant to which BMO Harris caused its affiliate Bank of Montreal to issue an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$3.5 million (the “Letter of Credit”) which is securing the IRBs described above.

The obligations of Lifecore under the Lifecore Loan Agreements are secured by liens on all of the property of Lifecore. The Lifecore Loan Agreements contain customary covenants, such as limitations on the ability to (1) incur indebtedness or grant liens or negative pledges on Lifecore’s assets; (2) make loans or other investments; (3) pay dividends or repurchase stock or other securities; (4) sell assets; (5) engage in mergers; (6) enter into sale and leaseback transactions; (7) adopt certain benefit plans; and (8) make changes in Lifecore’s corporate structure. In addition, under the Credit Agreement, Lifecore must maintain (a) a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.10 to 1.0 and a minimum quick ratio of 1.25 to 1.00, both of which must be satisfied as of the end of each fiscal quarter commencing with the fiscal quarter ending August 26, 2012 and (b) a minimum tangible net worth of \$29,000,000, measured as of May 28, 2013, and as of the end of each fiscal year thereafter.

The Term Loan was used to repay the Lifecore’s former credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (“Wells Fargo”). The Letter of Credit (which replaces a letter of credit previously provided by Wells Fargo) provides liquidity and credit support for the IRBs.

In May 2010, the Company entered into an interest rate swap agreement with Wells Fargo that had the economic effect of modifying the variable interest obligations associated with the credit facility from Wells Fargo so that the interest payable was effectively fixed at a rate of 4.24% (see Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The swap with Wells Fargo, which expires on April 30, 2015, was not terminated upon the extinguishment of debt with Wells Fargo. Beginning May 23, 2012, Lifecore pays Wells Fargo 2% per annum of the outstanding principal balance on the Term Loan until the swap is terminated by Lifecore or until it expires on April 30, 2015. As a result of the

extinguishment of debt with Wells Fargo, the swap is no longer an effective derivative instrument and therefore, the fair value of the swap was \$347,000 at the time the debt was extinguished and was recorded as an other expense, and is included in other income in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.

### *Contractual Obligations*

The Company's material contractual obligations for the next five years and thereafter as of May 27, 2012, are as follows (in thousands):

Obligation	Due in Fiscal Year Ended May						
	Total	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Thereafter
Income taxes	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Debt principal payments	58,983	18,678	5,933	6,055	6,181	3,319	18,817
Interest payments	8,392	1,716	1,378	1,182	982	809	2,325
Operating leases	5,098	1,543	1,135	824	717	508	371
Capital leases	158	158	—	—	—	—	—
Purchase commitments	1,922	1,922	—	—	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 74,553</u>	<u>\$ 24,017</u>	<u>\$ 8,446</u>	<u>\$ 8,061</u>	<u>\$ 7,880</u>	<u>\$ 4,636</u>	<u>\$ 21,513</u>

The income tax amounts above exclude liabilities associated with the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes as we are unable to reasonably estimate the ultimate amount or timing of settlement. See Note 10 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.

The interest payment amounts above include: (1) the 4.37% fixed interest rate payments on the General Electric Capital Equipment Facility, (2) the 4.02% fixed interest rate payments on the General Electric Real Property Facility, (3) the estimated interest rate payment on the variable rate line of credit with General Electric based on the current 30-day LIBOR plus 2% or 2.24% for fiscal year 2013 as the Company plans to pay off the line of credit by fiscal year ended May 26, 2013, (4) the 2% fixed interest rate payments for the interest rate swap with Wells Fargo, (5) the estimated interest rate payment on the variable Term Loan with BMO Harris based on the four year historical average 30-day LIBOR plus 2% or 2.55% and (6) the estimated interest rate payment on the variable rate IRB based on the five year historical interest rate average for the Municipal Swap Index plus 20 basis points plus the letter of credit and remarketing fees of 0.875% resulting in a estimated rate of 2.08%.

Landec is not a party to any agreements with, or commitments to, any special purpose entities that would constitute material off-balance sheet financing other than the operating lease commitments.

Landec's future capital requirements will depend on numerous factors, including the progress of its research and development programs; the continued development of marketing, sales and distribution capabilities; the ability of Landec to establish and maintain new collaborative and licensing arrangements; any decision to pursue additional acquisition opportunities; weather conditions that can affect the supply and price of produce, the timing and amount, if any, of payments received under licensing and research and development agreements; the costs involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing intellectual property rights; the ability to comply with regulatory requirements; the emergence of competitive technology and market forces; the effectiveness of product commercialization activities and arrangements; and other factors. If Landec's currently available funds, together with the internally generated cash flow from operations are not sufficient to satisfy its capital needs, Landec would be required to seek additional funding through other arrangements with collaborative partners, additional bank borrowings and public or private sales of its securities. There can be no assurance that additional funds, if required, will be available to Landec on favorable terms, if at all.

Landec believes that its cash from operations, along with existing cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities will be sufficient to finance its operational and capital requirements for at least the next twelve months.

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

Not significant.



**Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data***

See Item 15 of Part IV of this report.

**Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure***

Not applicable.

**Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures***

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Our management evaluated, with participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

***Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of May 27, 2012. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control - Integrated Framework. Our management has concluded that, as of May 27, 2012, our internal control over financial reporting was effective 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. We have excluded from our evaluation the internal control over financial reporting of GreenLine Holding Company (GreenLine), which we acquired on April 23, 2012, as discussed in Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Total revenues subject to GreenLine's internal control over financial reporting represented \$9.1 million of our consolidated total revenues for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012. Total assets subject to GreenLine's internal control over financial reporting represented \$17.0 million and \$9.2 million of our consolidated total and net assets respectively, as of May 27, 2012.

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. 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 the Company have been detected.

Our independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, has issued an audit report on our internal control over financial reporting, which is included herein.

***Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting***

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

**REPORT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP, INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Landec Corporation

We have audited Landec Corporation and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of May 27, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Landec Corporation 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, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and 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 (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) 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 (3) 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, Landec Corporation and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of May 27, 2012, based on the COSO criteria.

As indicated in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management's assessment of and conclusions on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of GreenLine Holding Company, which is included in the May 27, 2012 consolidated financial statements of Landec Corporation and constituted \$17.0 million and \$9.2 million of total and net assets, respectively, as of May 27, 2012 and \$9.1 million of revenues, for the year then ended. Our audit of the internal controls of the financial statements of Landec Corporation also did not include an evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting of GreenLine Holding Company.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Landec Corporation and subsidiaries as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended May 27, 2012 and our report dated August 8, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

San Francisco, California  
August 8, 2012

**Item 9B. *Other Information***

None

### PART III

**Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance***

This information required by this item will be contained in the Registrant's definitive proxy statement which the Registrant will file with the Commission no later than September 24, 2012 (120 days after the Registrant's fiscal year end covered by this Report) and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 11. *Executive Compensation***

This information required by this item will be contained in the Registrant's definitive proxy statement which the Registrant will file with the Commission no later than September 24, 2012 (120 days after the Registrant's fiscal year end covered by this Report) and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters***

This information required by this item will be contained in the Registrant's definitive proxy statement which the Registrant will file with the Commission no later than September 24, 2012 (120 days after the Registrant's fiscal year end covered by this Report) and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence***

This information required by this item will be contained in the Registrant's definitive proxy statement which the Registrant will file with the Commission no later than September 24, 2012 (120 days after the Registrant's fiscal year end covered by this Report) and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 14. *Principal Accountant Fees and Services***

This information required by this item will be contained in the Registrant's definitive proxy statement which the Registrant will file with the Commission no later than September 24, 2012 (120 days after the Registrant's fiscal year end covered by this Report) and is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

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2. All schedules provided for in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission have been omitted since they pertain to items which do not appear in the financial statements of Landec Corporation and its subsidiaries or to items which are not significant or to items as to which the required disclosures have been made elsewhere in the financial statements and supplementary notes and such schedules.	
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**REPORT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP, INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of Landec Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Landec Corporation and subsidiaries as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended May 27, 2012. 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Landec Corporation and subsidiaries at May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended May 27, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Landec Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of May 27, 2012, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated August 8, 2012 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

San Francisco, California  
August 8, 2012

**LANDEC CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	<u>May 27, 2012</u>	<u>May 29, 2011</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,177	\$ 8,135
Marketable securities	—	28,124
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$512 and \$342 at May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively	31,951	21,653
Accounts receivable, related party	323	453
Income taxes receivable	47	571
Inventories, net	22,011	20,161
Deferred taxes	2,076	542
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,578	5,987
Total current assets	<u>81,163</u>	<u>85,626</u>
Investment in non-public company, non-fair value	793	793
Investment in non-public company, fair value	21,500	15,662
Property and equipment, net	63,495	51,779
Goodwill, net	49,620	36,462
Trademarks/ trade names, net	48,428	12,428
Customer relationships, net	10,557	3,366
Other assets	2,136	196
Total Assets	<u>\$ 277,692</u>	<u>\$ 206,312</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 22,644	\$ 16,747
Related party payables	776	300
Accrued compensation	5,782	3,080
Other accrued liabilities	18,642	3,581
Deferred revenue	162	2,657
Lines of credit	11,666	—
Current portion of long-term debt	7,012	4,330
Total current liabilities	<u>66,684</u>	<u>30,695</u>
Long-term debt	40,305	15,500
Deferred taxes	18,037	11,338
Other non-current liabilities	1,108	11,053
Total liabilities	<u>126,134</u>	<u>68,586</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 25,644,580 and 26,405,799 shares issued and outstanding at May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively	26	27
Additional paid-in capital	119,894	119,169
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	—	(267)
Retained earnings	29,822	17,126
Total stockholders' equity	<u>149,742</u>	<u>136,055</u>
Non-controlling interest	1,816	1,671
Total Equity	<u>151,558</u>	<u>137,726</u>
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 277,692</u>	<u>\$ 206,312</u>

*See accompanying notes.*

**LANDEC CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**  
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	<u>Year Ended May 27, 2012</u>	<u>Year Ended May 29, 2011</u>	<u>Year Ended May 30, 2010</u>
Revenues:			
Product sales	\$ 310,272	\$ 267,121	\$ 228,390
Services revenue, related party	3,138	3,391	3,699
License fees	2,700	5,400	5,400
Research, development and royalty revenues	1,442	817	735
Total revenues	<u>317,552</u>	<u>276,729</u>	<u>238,224</u>
Cost of revenue:			
Cost of product sales	257,213	223,613	198,075
Cost of product sales, related party	5,646	3,554	3,391
Cost of services revenue	2,555	2,867	2,992
Total cost of revenue	<u>265,414</u>	<u>230,034</u>	<u>204,458</u>
Gross profit	52,138	46,695	33,766
Operating costs and expenses:			
Research and development	9,625	9,275	4,361
Selling, general and administrative	26,515	24,608	17,698
Other operating expenses	1,421	4,780	3,725
Total operating costs and expenses	<u>37,561</u>	<u>38,663</u>	<u>25,784</u>
Operating income	14,577	8,032	7,982
Dividend income	1,125	328	—
Interest income	180	430	834
Interest expense	(929)	(820)	(88)
Other income	5,331	472	—
Net income before taxes	<u>20,284</u>	<u>8,442</u>	<u>8,728</u>
Income tax expense	<u>(7,185)</u>	<u>(4,181)</u>	<u>(4,262)</u>
Consolidated net income	13,099	4,261	4,466
Non controlling interest	(403)	(341)	(482)
Net Income applicable to Common Stockholders	<u>\$ 12,696</u>	<u>\$ 3,920</u>	<u>\$ 3,984</u>
Basic net income per share	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>
Diluted net income per share	<u>\$ 0.49</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>
Shares used in per share computation:			
Basic	<u>25,849</u>	<u>26,397</u>	<u>26,382</u>
Diluted	<u>26,126</u>	<u>26,626</u>	<u>26,633</u>

*See accompanying notes.*



**LANDEC CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN**  
**STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity	Non- controlling interest
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at May 31, 2009	26,326,889	\$ 26	\$ 116,158	\$ 9,222	—	\$ 125,406	\$ 1,790
Issuance of common stock at \$1.89 to \$6.75 per share, net of taxes paid by Landec on behalf of employees	121,442	1	378	—	—	379	—
Issuance of common stock for vested restricted stock units	41,928	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taxes paid by Company for stock swaps and RSUs	—	—	(339)	—	—	(339)	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	1,016	—	—	1,016	—
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense	—	—	517	—	—	517	—
Non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	482
Payments to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(581)
Net income and comprehensive loss	—	—	—	3,984	(179)	3,805	—
Balance at May 30, 2010	26,490,259	27	117,730	13,206	(179)	130,784	1,691
Issuance of common stock at \$3.38 to \$3.80 per share, net of taxes paid by Landec on behalf of employees	91,091	—	126	—	—	126	—
Issuance of common stock for vested restricted stock units	40,133	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stock repurchased on the open market	(215,684)	—	(1,184)	—	—	(1,184)	—
Taxes paid by Company for stock swaps and RSUs	—	—	(218)	—	—	(218)	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	1,951	—	—	1,951	—
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense	—	—	764	—	—	764	—
Non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	341
Payments to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(361)
Net income and comprehensive loss	—	—	—	3,920	(88)	3,832	—
Balance at May 29, 2011	26,405,799	27	119,169	17,126	(267)	136,055	1,671
Issuance of common stock at \$2.55 to \$6.95 per share, net of taxes paid by Landec on behalf of employees	72,572	—	61	—	—	61	—
Issuance of common stock for vested restricted stock units	83,453	—	—	—	—	—	—
Common stock repurchased on the open market	(917,244)	(1)	(5,005)	—	—	(5,006)	—
Taxes paid by Company for stock swaps and RSUs	—	—	(260)	—	—	(260)	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	1,872	—	—	1,872	—
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense	—	—	4,057	—	—	4,057	—
Non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	403
Payments to non-controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(258)
Net and comprehensive income	—	—	—	12,696	267	12,963	—
Balance at May 27, 2012	25,644,580	\$ 26	\$ 119,894	\$ 29,822	\$ —	\$ 149,742	\$ 1,816

*See accompanying notes*

**LANDEC CORPORATION**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands)

	Year Ended May 27, 2012	Year Ended May 29, 2011	Year Ended May 30, 2010
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Consolidated net income	\$ 13,099	\$ 4,261	\$ 4,466
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	5,621	5,313	3,364
Stock-based compensation expense	1,872	1,951	1,016
Deferred taxes	3,283	3,257	3,248
Change in investment in non-public company (fair market value)	(5,838)	(662)	—
Increase in long-term receivable	—	(800)	(800)
Tax benefit from stock based compensation	(4,057)	(764)	(517)
Net loss on disposal of property and equipment	12	26	—
Impairment charges	—	4,780	1,000
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable, net	(3,246)	(3,016)	(1,506)
Accounts receivable, related party	130	276	(97)
Income taxes receivable	4,581	878	(764)
Inventories, net	(441)	(4,054)	(1,269)
Issuance of notes and advances receivable	(3,699)	(3,073)	(3,030)
Collection of notes and advances receivable	3,704	3,314	2,975
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,588	602	(1,172)
Accounts payable	(544)	2,393	957
Related party accounts payable	476	(49)	50
Income taxes payable	—	—	1,162
Accrued compensation	2,701	1,038	(264)
Other accrued liabilities	3,434	532	703
Deferred revenue	(2,495)	(1,734)	(2,039)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>22,181</u>	<u>14,469</u>	<u>7,483</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,371)	(6,684)	(5,192)
Acquisition of Lifecore, net of cash acquired (Note 2)	—	—	(39,682)
Acquisition of GreenLine (Note 2)	(66,826)	—	—
Purchase of marketable securities	(30,723)	(59,833)	(67,433)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	31,104	24,843	59,970
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	27,743	27,287	9,540
Investment in non-public company (fair market value)	—	(15,000)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(44,073)</u>	<u>(29,387)</u>	<u>(42,797)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repurchase of outstanding common stock	(5,006)	(1,184)	—
Proceeds from sale of common stock	61	126	379
Taxes paid by Company for stock swaps and RSUs	(260)	(218)	(339)
Tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense	4,057	764	517
Net change in other assets/liabilities	(1,813)	49	—
Proceeds from long term debt	31,816	—	20,000
Proceeds from lines of credit	12,766	—	—
Payments on long term debt	(4,329)	(3,940)	(387)
Payments on lines of credit	(1,100)	—	—
Payments to non controlling interest	(258)	(361)	(498)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>35,934</u>	<u>(4,764)</u>	<u>19,672</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	14,042	(19,682)	(15,642)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	8,135	27,817	43,459
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 22,177</u>	<u>\$ 8,135</u>	<u>\$ 27,817</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flows information:			
Cash paid during the period for interest	<u>\$ 952</u>	<u>\$ 761</u>	<u>\$ 88</u>
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	<u>\$ 246</u>	<u>\$ 146</u>	<u>\$ 652</u>
Supplemental schedule of noncash operating and financing activities:			
Long-term receivable from Monsanto	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>	<u>\$ 800</u>
Accrued non controlling interest distribution	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 250</u>
Impairment charges	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4,780</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

*See accompanying notes.*

**LANDEC CORPORATION**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Organization**

Landec Corporation and its subsidiaries (“Landec” or the “Company”) design, develop, manufacture and sell polymer products for food and agricultural products, medical devices and licensed partner applications that incorporate Landec’s patented polymer technologies. The Company has two proprietary polymer technology platforms: 1) Intelimer® polymers, and 2) hyaluronan (“HA”) biopolymers. The Company’s HA biopolymers are proprietary in that they are specially formulated for specific customers to meet strict regulatory requirements. The Company’s polymer technologies, along with its customer relationships and trade names, are the foundation, and a key differentiating advantage upon which Landec has built its business. The Company sells specialty packaged fresh-cut vegetables and whole produce to retailers, club stores and foodservice operators, primarily in the United States, Canada and Asia through its Apio, Inc. (“Apio”) subsidiary, HA-based biomaterials through its Lifecore Biomedical, Inc. (“Lifecore”) subsidiary, and Intellicoat® coated seed products through its Landec Ag LLC (“Landec Ag”) subsidiary.

**Basis of Presentation**

**Basis of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include the accounts of Landec Corporation and its subsidiaries, Apio, Lifecore and Landec Ag. All material inter-company transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Arrangements that are not controlled through voting or similar rights are reviewed under the guidance for variable interest entities (“VIEs”). A company is required to consolidate the assets, liabilities and operations of a VIE if it is determined to be the primary beneficiary of the VIE.

An entity is a VIE and subject to consolidation, if by design: a) the total equity investment at risk is not sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support provided by any parties, including equity holders or b) as a group the holders of the equity investment at risk lack any one of the following three characteristics: (i) the power, through voting rights or similar rights to direct the activities of an entity that most significantly impact the entity’s economic performance, (ii) the obligation to absorb the expected losses of the entity, or (iii) the right to receive the expected residual returns of the entity. The Company reviewed the consolidation guidance and concluded that the non-public companies in which the Company holds equity investments are not VIEs.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain estimates and judgments that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. The accounting estimates that require management’s most significant and subjective judgments include revenue recognition; sales returns and allowances; recognition and measurement of current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities; the assessment of recoverability of long-lived assets; the valuation of intangible assets and inventory; the valuation of investments; and the valuation and recognition of stock-based compensation.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

These estimates involve the consideration of complex factors and require management to make judgments. The analysis of historical and future trends, can require extended periods of time to resolve, and are subject to change from period to period. The actual results may differ from management's estimates.

### Concentrations of Risk

Cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, trade accounts receivable, grower advances and notes receivable are financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk. Our Company policy limits, among other things, the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer and to any one type of investment, other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of customers and growers and, as a consequence, believes that trade receivables, grower advances and notes receivable credit risk exposure is limited. Credit losses for bad debt are provided for in the consolidated financial statements through a charge to operations. A valuation allowance is provided for known and anticipated credit losses. The recorded amounts for these financial instruments approximate their fair value.

Several of the raw materials we use to manufacture our products are currently purchased from a single source, including some monomers used to synthesize Intelimer® polymers, substrate materials for our breathable membrane products and raw materials for our HA products.

During the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, sales to the Company's top five customers accounted for approximately 45% of total revenue with the top customer from the Food Products Technology segment accounting for approximately 17% of total revenues. In addition, approximately 36% of the Company's total revenues were derived from product sales to international customers, one of whom individually accounted for more than 5% of total revenues. As of May 27, 2012, the top customer from the Food Products Technology segment represented approximately 11% of total accounts receivable.

During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011, sales to the Company's top five customers accounted for approximately 44% of total revenue with the top customer from the Food Products Technology segment accounting for approximately 16% of total revenues. In addition, approximately 38% of the Company's total revenues were derived from product sales to international customers, two of whom individually accounted for more than 5% of total revenues. As of May 29, 2011, the top customer from the Food Products Technology segment represented approximately 14% of total accounts receivable.

### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets is measured by comparison of the carrying amount of the asset to the net undiscounted future cash flow expected to be generated from the asset. If the future undiscounted cash flows are not sufficient to recover the carrying value of the assets, the assets' carrying value is adjusted to fair value.

The Company regularly evaluates its long-lived assets for indicators of possible impairment. On July 16, 2010, Aesthetic Science sold the rights to its Smartfil™ Injector System. The Company evaluated its cost method investment for impairment, utilizing a discounted cash flow analysis under the terms of the purchase agreement. Based on the terms of the agreement, the Company has determined that its investment was other than temporarily impaired and therefore recorded an impairment loss of \$1.0 million during the year ended May 30, 2010.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments are primarily composed of marketable debt securities, commercial-term trade payables, grower advances, and notes receivable, as well as long-term notes receivables and debt instruments. For short-term instruments, the historical carrying amount closely approximates fair value. Fair values for long-term financial instruments not readily marketable are estimated based upon discounted future cash flows at prevailing market interest rates. Based on these assumptions, management believes the fair market values of the Company's financial instruments are not materially different from their recorded amounts as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011.

### Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company carries its accounts receivable at their face amounts less an allowance for doubtful accounts. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, sales discounts and estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. The allowance for doubtful accounts is determined based on review of the overall condition of accounts receivable balances and review of significant past due accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is based on specific identification of past due amounts and a general reserve for accounts over 90-days past due. The changes in the Company's allowance for doubtful accounts are summarized in the following table (in thousands).

	<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	<b>Additions from acquisitions and additions from charges to costs and expenses</b>	<b>Deductions</b>	<b>Balance at end of period</b>
Year ended May 30, 2010	\$ 165	\$ 68	\$ (44)	\$ 189
Year ended May 29, 2011	\$ 189	\$ 209	\$ (56)	\$ 342
Year ended May 27, 2012	\$ 342	\$ 248	\$ (78)	\$ 512

### Revenue Recognition

Revenue from product sales is recognized when there is persuasive evidence that an arrangement exists, title has transferred, the price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Allowances are established for estimated uncollectible amounts, product returns, and discounts based on specific identification and historical losses.

The Company takes title to all produce it trades and/or packages, and therefore, records revenues and cost of sales at gross amounts in the Consolidated Statements of Income. Revenue recognition for produce generally occurs when the customer receives the product or at the time title passes to the customer. Customers generally do not have the right to return product unless damaged or defective. Net sales is comprised of gross sales reduced by customer returns and, consumer promotion allowances,

Licensing revenue is recognized in accordance with accounting guidance. Initial license fees are deferred and amortized to revenue over the period of the agreement when a contract exists, the fee is fixed and determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Noncancellable, nonrefundable license fees are recognized over the period of the agreement, including those governing research and development activities and any related supply agreement entered into concurrently with the license when the risk associated with commercialization of a product is non-substantive at the outset of the arrangement.

Contract revenue for research and development (R&D) is recorded as earned, based on the performance requirements of the contract. Non-refundable contract fees for which no further performance obligations exist, and there is no continuing involvement by the Company, are recognized on the earlier of when the payments are received or when collection is assured.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Shipping and Handling Costs

Amounts billed to third-party customers for shipping and handling are included as a component of revenues. Shipping and handling costs incurred are included as a component of cost of products sold and represent costs incurred by Dole to ship product from the sourcing locations to the end consumer markets.

### Other Accounting Policies and Disclosures

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company records all highly liquid securities with three months or less from date of purchase to maturity as cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist mainly of certificate of deposits (CDs), money market funds and U.S. Treasuries. The market value of cash equivalents approximates their historical cost given their short-term nature.

#### Marketable Securities

Short-term marketable securities consist of CDs that are FDIC insured and single A or better rated municipal bonds with original maturities of more than three months at the date of purchase regardless of the maturity date as the Company views the funds within its portfolio as available for use in its current operations. The Company classifies all debt securities with readily determined market values as "available for sale". The contractual maturities of the Company's marketable securities that are due in less than one year represent \$0 and \$21.5 million of its marketable securities and those due in one to two years represent the remaining \$0 and \$6.6 million of the Company's marketable securities as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively. Investments in marketable securities are carried at fair market value. Unrealized gains and losses are reported as a component of stockholders' equity. The cost of debt securities is adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts to maturity. This amortization is recorded to interest income. Realized gains and losses on the sale of available-for-sale securities are also recorded to interest income and were not significant for the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011. During fiscal years 2012 and 2011, the Company received proceeds of \$27.7 million and \$27.3 million, respectively, from the sale of marketable securities. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method.

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (using the first-in, first-out method) or market. As of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011 inventories consisted of (in thousands):

	<b>May 27, 2012</b>	<b>May 29, 2011</b>
Finished goods	\$ 9,406	\$ 10,261
Raw materials	9,876	7,999
Work in progress	2,729	1,901
Inventories, net	<u>\$ 22,011</u>	<u>\$ 20,161</u>

If the cost of the inventories exceeds their net realizable value, provisions are recorded currently to reduce them to net realizable value. The Company also provides a provision for slow moving and obsolete inventories.

#### Advertising Expense

Advertising expenditures for the Company are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense for the Company for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 was \$406,000, \$458,000 and \$557,000, respectively.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Notes and Advances Receivable

Apio makes advances to produce growers for crop and harvesting costs. Notes and advances receivable related to operating activities are for the sourcing of crops for Apio's business and notes and advances receivable related to investing activities are for financing transactions with third parties and there were no notes or advance at May 27, 2012. Typically operating advances are paid off within the growing season (less than one year) from proceeds from the sale of harvested crops. Advances not fully paid during the current growing season are converted to interest bearing obligations, evidenced by contracts and notes receivable. These notes and advances receivable are secured by perfected liens on land and/or crops and have terms that range from six to twelve months. Notes receivable are reviewed at least quarterly for collectability. A reserve is established for any note or advance deemed to not be fully collectible based upon an estimate of the crop value or the fair value of the security for the note or advance.

### Related Party Transactions

The Company provides cooling and distribution services to both a farm and Beachside Produce LLC ("Beachside"), a commodity produce distributor, in which the Chairman of Apio has a farming and ownership interest, respectively. During fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company recognized revenues of \$3.8 million, \$4.1 million, and \$4.6 million, respectively, which have been included in product sales and in service revenues in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income, from the sale of products and providing cooling services to these parties. The related receivable balances of \$323,000 and \$453,000 are included in accounts receivable in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively.

Additionally, unrelated to the revenue transactions above, the Company purchases produce from the farm in which the Chairman of Apio has an ownership interest, Beachside, and Windset (see Note 3) for sale to third parties. During fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010, the Company recognized cost of product sales of \$5.6 million, \$3.6 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, which have been included in product sales and in service revenues in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Income, from the sale of products purchased from these parties. The related accounts payable of \$776,000 and \$300,000 are included in accounts payable, related party in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively.

All related party transactions are monitored quarterly by the Company and approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Expenditures for major improvements are capitalized while repairs and maintenance are charged to expense. Depreciation is expensed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, generally three to thirty years for buildings and leasehold improvements and three to seven years for furniture and fixtures, computers, capitalized software, capitalized leases, machinery, equipment and autos. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the economic life of the improvement or the life of the lease.

The Company capitalizes software development costs for internal use in accordance with accounting guidance. Capitalization of software development costs begins in the application development stage and ends when the asset is placed into service. The Company amortizes such costs using the straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of three to seven years. During fiscal years 2012 and 2011, the Company did not capitalize any software development costs.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Intangible Assets

Property, plant and equipment and finite-lived intangible assets are reviewed for possible impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances occur that indicate that the carrying amount of an asset (or asset group) may not be recoverable. The Company's impairment review requires significant management judgment including estimating the future success of product lines, future sales volumes, revenue and expense growth rates, alternative uses for the assets and estimated proceeds from the disposal of the assets. The Company conducts quarterly reviews of idle and underutilized equipment, and reviews business plans for possible impairment indicators. Impairment occurs when the carrying amount of the asset (or asset group) exceeds its estimated future undiscounted cash flows and the impairment is viewed as other than temporary. When impairment is indicated, an impairment charge is recorded for the difference between the asset's book value and its estimated fair value. Depending on the asset, estimated fair value may be determined either by use of a discounted cash flow model or by reference to estimated selling values of assets in similar condition. The use of different assumptions would increase or decrease the estimated fair value of assets and would increase or decrease any impairment measurement.

The Company's intangible assets are comprised of customer relationships with an estimated useful life of twelve to thirteen years and trademarks/trade names and goodwill with indefinite lives (collectively, "intangible assets"). Accounting guidance defines goodwill as "the excess of the cost of an acquired entity over the net of the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at date of acquisition." All intangible assets, including goodwill, associated with the acquisitions of Lifecore, Apio and GreenLine, were allocated to our HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit and our Food Products Technology reporting unit, respectively, based upon the allocation of assets and liabilities acquired and consideration paid for each reporting unit. As of May 27, 2012, the HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit had \$13.9 million of goodwill and the Food Products Technology reporting unit had \$35.7 million of goodwill.

The Company tests its indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment at least annually. When evaluating indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment the Company compares the fair value of the asset to its carrying value to determine if there is an impairment loss. When evaluating goodwill for impairment the Company first compares the fair value of the reporting unit to its carrying value to determine if there is an impairment loss. If the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds its carrying value, goodwill is not considered impaired; thus application of the second step of the two-step approach under accounting guidance is not required. Application of the intangible assets impairment tests requires significant judgment by management, including identification of reporting units, assignment of assets and liabilities to reporting units, assignment of intangible assets to reporting units, and the determination of the fair value of each indefinite-lived intangible asset and reporting unit based upon projections of future net cash flows, discount rates and market multiples, which require significant judgments and estimates.

The Company tested its indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill for impairment as of July 22, 2012 and determined that no adjustments to the carrying values of the intangible assets were necessary as of that date. On a quarterly basis, the Company considers the need to update its most recent annual tests for possible impairment of its intangible assets, based on management's assessment of changes in its business and other economic factors since the most recent annual evaluation. Such changes, if significant or material, could indicate a need to update the most recent annual tests for impairment of the intangible assets during the current period. The results of these tests could lead to write-downs of the carrying values of the intangible assets in the current period.

The Company uses the discounted cash flow ("DCF") approach to develop an estimate of fair value. The DCF approach recognizes that current value is premised on the expected receipt of future economic benefits. Indications of value are developed by discounting projected future net cash flows to their present value at a rate that reflects both the current return requirements of the market and the risks inherent in the specific investment. The market approach is not used to value the Food Products Technology and the HA-based Biomaterials reporting units (the "reporting units") because insufficient market comparables exist to enable the Company to develop a reasonable fair value of its intangible assets due to the unique nature of each of the Company's Reporting Units.

The DCF approach requires the Company to exercise judgment in determining future business and financial forecasts and the related estimates of future net cash flows. Future net cash flows depend primarily on future product sales, which are inherently difficult to predict. These net cash flows are discounted at a rate that reflects both the current return requirements of the market and the risks inherent in the specific investment.



## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The DCF associated with the Food Products Technology reporting unit is based on management's five-year projection of revenues, gross profits and operating profits by fiscal year and assumes a 37% effective tax rate for each year. Management takes into account the historical trends of Apio and the industry categories in which Apio operates along with inflationary factors, current economic conditions, new product introductions, cost of sales, operating expenses, capital requirements and other relevant data when developing its projection. The estimated fair value of the Food Products Technology reporting units as of July 22, 2012 exceeded its net book value by 118% and therefore, no intangible asset impairment was deemed to exist. For the test performed as of July 24, 2011, the projected cash flow from operations for determining the DCF for fiscal year 2012 was \$21.7 million for the Food Products Technology reporting unit. The actual cash flow from operations for fiscal year 2012 was \$19.4 million. The difference of \$2.3 million was primarily due to the timing of working capital changes.

The DCF associated with the HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit is based on management's five-year projections of revenues, gross profits and operating profits by fiscal year and assumes a 37% effective tax rate for each year. Management takes into account the historical trends of Lifecore and the industry categories in which Lifecore operates along with inflationary factors, current economic conditions, new product introductions, cost of sales, operating expenses, capital requirements and other relevant data when developing its projection. The trade name intangible asset was valued using the relief from royalty valuation method and the customer relationship intangible asset was valued using the multi-period excess earnings method. The fair value of goodwill was calculated as the excess of consideration paid, including the fair value of contingent consideration under the terms of the purchase agreement, over the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired less liabilities assumed. The Company updated its analysis of the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible assets and goodwill as of its annual impairment analysis date, concluding that the fair value of the Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials reporting unit, as determined by the DCF approach, exceeded its net book value by 143%, and therefore, no intangible asset impairment was deemed to exist. For the test performed as of July 24, 2011, the projected cash flow from operations for determining the DCF for fiscal year 2012 was a negative \$5.0 million (due to the projected earn out payment, see Note 2) for the HA-based Biomaterials reporting unit. The actual cash flow from operations for fiscal year 2012 was a positive \$5.6 million. The difference of \$10.6 million is primarily due to Lifecore paying the \$10 million earn out payment in June 2012 rather than in May 2012, as originally forecasted.

### Investment in Non-Public Company

The Company's investment in Aesthetic Science is carried at cost and adjusted for impairment losses. Since there is no readily available market value information, the Company periodically reviews this investment to determine if any other than temporary declines in value have occurred based on the financial stability and viability of Aesthetic Science.

Aesthetic Science sold the rights to its Smartfil™ Injector System on July 16, 2010. As a result, Landec evaluated its cost method investment for impairment, utilizing a discounted cash flow analysis. Based on the terms of the agreement, the Company determined that its investment was other than temporarily impaired and therefore, recorded an impairment loss of \$1.0 million as of May 30, 2010, which is classified as part of other operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income. The Company's carrying value of its investment in Aesthetic Sciences, net of the impairment loss, is \$793,000 at May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011.

On February 15, 2011, the Company made an investment in Windset Holdings 2010 Ltd., a Canadian corporation ("Windset"), which is reported as an investment in non-public company, fair value, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011. The Company has elected to account for its investment in Windset under the fair value option (see Note 3).

### Deferred Revenue

Cash received in advance of services performed (principally related to upfront license fees) are recorded as deferred revenue. At May 27, 2012, \$162,000 was recognized as advances from customers. At May 29, 2011, \$2.3 million was recognized as deferred license fee revenues and \$357,000 as advances from customers.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Comprehensive Loss

Comprehensive loss consists of net income and other comprehensive loss and is reported as a component of stockholders' equity.

Prior to May 23, 2012, the Company accounted for its interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge and included the fair market value of the swap in comprehensive loss. As discussed in Note 9, on May 23, 2012, the Company extinguished its debt with Wells Fargo but did not terminate the swap. As a result of extinguishing the debt, the swap was no longer an effective hedge and therefore, the fair value of the swap at the time the debt was extinguished of \$347,000 was reversed from other comprehensive income and recorded in other expense. For the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011, the comprehensive loss from the unrealized loss on the interest rate swap, net of \$159,000 of income taxes, was \$267,000. For the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010, the comprehensive loss from the unrealized loss on the interest rate swap, net of \$105,000 of income taxes, was \$179,000.

### Non Controlling Interest

The Company reports all non controlling interests as a separate component of stockholders' equity, the reporting of consolidated net income (loss) as the amount attributable to both the parent and the non controlling interests and the separate disclosure of net income (loss) attributable to the parent and to the non controlling interests.

In connection with the acquisition of Apio, Landec acquired Apio's 60% general partner interest in Apio Cooling, a California limited partnership. Apio Cooling is included in the consolidated financial statements of Landec for all periods presented. The non-controlling interest balance of \$1.8 million at May 27, 2012 and \$1.7 million at May 29, 2011 is comprised of the limited partners' interest in Apio Cooling.

### Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with accounting guidance which requires that deferred tax assets and liabilities be recognized using enacted tax rates for the effect of temporary differences between the book and tax basis of recorded assets and liabilities. The Company maintains valuation allowances when it is likely that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Changes in valuation allowances from period to period are included in the Company's income tax provision in the period of change. In determining whether a valuation allowance is warranted, the Company takes into account such factors as prior earnings history, expected future earnings, unsettled circumstances that, if unfavorably resolved, would adversely affect utilization of a deferred tax asset, carryback and carryforward periods, and tax strategies that could potentially enhance the likelihood of realization of a deferred tax asset. At May 27, 2012, the Company had \$419,000 valuation allowance against deferred tax assets.

In addition to valuation allowances, the Company establishes accruals for uncertain tax positions. The tax-contingency accruals are adjusted in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the progress of tax audits, case law and emerging legislation. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense. The Company's effective tax rate includes the impact of tax-contingency accruals as considered appropriate by management.

A number of years may elapse before a particular matter, for which the Company has accrued, is audited and finally resolved. The number of years with open tax audits varies by jurisdiction. While it is often difficult to predict the final outcome or the timing of resolution of any particular tax matter, the Company believes its tax-contingency accruals are adequate to address known tax contingencies. Favorable resolution of such matters could be recognized as a reduction to the Company's effective tax rate in the year of resolution. Unfavorable settlement of any particular issue could increase the effective tax rate. Any resolution of a tax issue may require the use of cash in the year of resolution. The Company's tax-contingency accruals are presented in the balance sheet within accrued liabilities.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### Per Share Information

Accounting guidance requires the presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Basic earnings per share excludes any dilutive effects of options, warrants and convertible securities and is computed using the weighted average number of common share outstanding. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock. Diluted common equivalent shares consist of stock options using the treasury stock method.

The following table sets forth the computation of diluted net income per share (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012	Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011	Fiscal Year Ended May 30, 2010
Numerator:			
Net income applicable to Common Stockholders	\$ 12,696	\$ 3,920	\$ 3,984
Denominator:			
Weighted average shares for basic net income per share	25,849	26,397	26,382
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options and restricted stock units	277	229	251
Weighted average shares for diluted net income per share	26,126	26,626	26,633
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15

Options to purchase 1,855,167, 2,032,867 and 1,016,239 shares of Common Stock at a weighted average exercise price of \$6.72, \$6.67 and \$7.62 per share were outstanding during fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010, respectively, but were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share because the options' exercise price were greater than the average market price of the Common Stock and, therefore, their inclusion would be antidilutive.

### Cost of Sales

The Company includes in cost of sales all the costs related to the sale of products in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. These costs include the following: raw materials (including produce, seeds, packaging, syringes and fermentation and purification supplies), direct labor, overhead (including indirect labor, depreciation, and facility related costs) and shipping and shipping related costs.

### Research and Development Expenses

Costs related to both research contracts and Company-funded research is included in research and development expenses. Costs to fulfill research contracts generally approximate the corresponding revenue. Research and development costs are primarily comprised of salaries and related benefits, supplies, travel expenses, consulting expenses and corporate allocations.

### Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

The Company records compensation expense for stock-based awards issued to employees and directors in exchange for services provided based on the estimated fair value of the awards on their grant dates and is recognized over the required service periods. The cash flows resulting from the tax benefit due to tax deductions in excess of the compensation expense recognized for those options (excess tax benefit) are classified as financing activities with the statement of cash flows. The Company's stock-based awards include stock option grants and restricted stock unit awards (RSUs).

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

During the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1,872,000 which included \$826,000 for restricted stock unit awards and \$1,046,000 for stock option grants. During the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1,951,000 which included \$857,000 for restricted stock unit awards and \$1,094,000 for stock option grants. During the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010, the Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$1,016,000 which included \$474,000 for restricted stock unit awards and \$542,000 for stock option grants.

The following table summarizes the stock-based compensation by income statement line item:

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 30, 2010</b>
Research and development	\$ 530,000	\$ 565,000	\$ 185,000
Sales, general and administrative	1,342,000	1,386,000	831,000
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 1,872,000	\$ 1,951,000	\$ 1,016,000

The estimated fair value for stock options, which determines the Company's calculation of compensation expense, is based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Company uses the straight line single option method to calculate and recognize the fair value of stock-based compensation arrangements. In addition, the Company uses historical data to estimate pre-vesting forfeitures and records stock-based compensation expense only for those awards that are expected to vest and revises those estimates in subsequent periods if the actual forfeitures differ from the prior estimates.

As of May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010, the fair value of stock option grants was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used:

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 30, 2010</b>
Expected life (in years)	3.76	3.76	3.56
Risk-free interest rate	0.59%	1.16%	1.47%
Volatility	0.53	0.52	0.52
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%

The Black-Scholes option pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility.

The weighted average estimated fair value of Landec employee stock options granted at grant date market prices during the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010 was \$2.65, \$2.42 and \$2.52 per share, respectively. No stock options were granted above or below grant date market prices during the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010.

### Fair Value Measurements

The Company uses fair value measurement accounting for financial assets and liabilities and for financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Company has elected the fair value option for its investment in a non-public company (see Note 3). The Company has not elected the fair value option for any of its other eligible financial assets or liabilities.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The accounting guidance established a three-tier hierarchy for fair value measurements, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1 – observable inputs such as quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable either directly or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data.

Level 3 – unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which would require the Company to develop its own assumptions.

As of May 27, 2012, the Company held certain assets and liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, marketable securities, interest rate swap and liability for contingent consideration in connection with the acquisition of GreenLine and its minority interest investment in Windset.

The fair value of the Company's cash equivalents and marketable securities is determined based on observable inputs that are readily available in public markets or can be derived from information available in publicly quoted markets. Therefore, the Company has categorized its cash equivalents and marketable securities as Level 1.

The fair value of the Company's interest rate swap is determined based on model inputs that can be observed in a liquid market and key inputs include yield curves and are categorized as Level 2 inputs.

The fair value of the Company's liability for contingent consideration is based on significant inputs not observed in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement. The Company determined the fair value of the liability for the contingent consideration based on a probability-weighted discounted cash flow analysis, as further discussed in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company has elected the fair value option of accounting for its investment in Windset. The fair value of the Company's investment in Windset utilizes significant unobservable inputs in the discounted cash flow models, including projected cash flows, growth rates and the discount rate, and is therefore, considered Level 3, as further discussed in Note 3.

Imprecision in estimating unobservable market inputs can affect the amount of gain or loss recorded for a particular position. The use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

#### *Intangibles-Goodwill and Other*

In September 2011, the FASB issued new guidance that will allow an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. Under this amendment, an entity would not be required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The amendment includes a number of events and circumstances for an entity to consider in conducting the qualitative assessment. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011 with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this update will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

## 1. Organization, Basis of Presentation, and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

### *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*

In December 2011, the FASB issued new guidance that improves the comparability, consistency, and transparency of financial reporting and increases the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income by eliminating the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. The amendments in this standard require that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Under either method, adjustments must be displayed for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income ("OCI") to net income, in both net income and OCI. The standard does not change the current option for presenting components of OCI gross or net of the effect of income taxes, provided that such tax effects are presented in the statement in which OCI is presented or disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Additionally, the standard does not affect the calculation or reporting of earnings per share. For public entities, the amendments in this ASU are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011 and are to be applied retrospectively, with early adoption permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

### *Fair Value Measurement*

In May 2011, the FASB issued new guidance which is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. This guidance amends certain accounting and disclosure requirements related to fair value measurements. Additional disclosure requirements in the update include: (1) for Level 3 fair value measurements, quantitative information about unobservable inputs used, a description of the valuation processes used by the entity, and a qualitative discussion about the sensitivity of the measurements to changes in the unobservable inputs; (2) for an entity's use of a nonfinancial asset that is different from the asset's highest and best use, the reason for the difference; (3) for financial instruments not measured at fair value but for which disclosure of fair value is required, the fair value hierarchy level in which the fair value measurements were determined; and (4) the disclosure of all transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The new guidance will become effective for the Company on December 1, 2012. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements, however, presentation of disclosures around fair value measurements will be expanded to conform to the requirements of the new guidance for all periods presented.

### *Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*

In November 2011, the FSB issued new guidance which is effective for annual reporting periods beginning January 1, 2013. This guidance amends the disclosure requirements around offsetting to enable users of the financial statements to understand the effect of those arrangements on its financial position. Entities are required to disclose both gross and net information about the instruments and transactions eligible for offset in the statement of financial position and instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Acquisitions

### ***GreenLine Holding Company***

On April 23, 2012 (the "GreenLine Acquisition Date"), Apio acquired all of the outstanding equity of GreenLine Holding Company ("GreenLine") under a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "GreenLine Purchase Agreement") in order to expand its product offerings and enter into new markets such a foodservice. GreenLine, headquartered in Perrysburg, Ohio, was a privately-held company and is the leading processor and marketer of value-added, fresh-cut green beans in North America. GreenLine has four processing plants one each in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida and California and distribution centers in New York and South Carolina.

## 2. Acquisitions (continued)

Under the GreenLine Purchase Agreement, the aggregate consideration paid at closing consisted of \$62.9 million in cash, including \$4.7 million that is held in an escrow account to secure the indemnification rights of Landec with respect to certain matters, including breaches of representations, warranties and covenants. In addition, the Company may be required to pay in cash up to an additional \$7.0 million in earn out payments in the event that GreenLine achieves certain revenue targets during calendar year 2012. The earn out is comprised of \$4.0 million for achieving a certain revenue target during calendar year 2012, and up to an additional \$3.0 million for exceeding the revenue target by \$3.0 million or more. The Company has performed an analysis of projected revenues for GreenLine and has concluded that there is a more likely than not probability that GreenLine will meet, but not exceed, the initial revenue target and therefore, the Company has recorded \$3.9 million, representing the present value of the fair market value of the expected earn out payment.

The operating results of GreenLine are included in the Company's financial statements beginning April 23, 2012, in the Food Products Technology operating segment. Included in the Company's results for the fiscal year 2012 was \$9.1 million of GreenLine's net sales.

The following table provides unaudited pro forma results of operations of the Company for fiscal years 2012 and 2011 as if the acquisition of GreenLine had occurred as of the beginning of each of the fiscal periods presented.

The unaudited pro forma results include certain recurring purchase accounting adjustments such as depreciation and amortization expense on acquired tangible and intangible assets and assumed interest costs. However, unaudited pro forma results do not include certain transaction-related costs including the effect of a step-up of the value of acquired inventory, cost savings or other effects of potential integration of GreenLine. Accordingly, such results of operations are not necessarily indicative of the actual results as if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the dates indicated or that may result in the future.

	Year ended May 27, 2012	Year ended May 29, 2011
(in thousands)		
Pro forma revenues	\$ 401,766	\$ 368,831
Pro forma net income	\$ 14,324	\$ 6,766
Basic net income per share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.26
Diluted net income per share	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.25

These amounts have been calculated after applying the Company's accounting policies and adjusting the results of GreenLine to reflect the adjustments to depreciation expense and amortization expense assuming the fair value adjustments to property and equipment and intangible assets had been applied on May 31, 2010 and the adjustments to interest expense on long-term debt entered into in conjunction with the acquisition as if the debt had been borrowed on May 31, 2010. The proforma adjustments were tax affected at the Company's effective tax rate for the periods presented. For the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, the proforma net income includes actual expenses at GreenLine incurred prior to the close of the acquisition of \$2.7 million for writing-off a related party receivable and for direct acquisition related expenses, primarily professional services and legal expenses.

The acquisition date fair value of the total consideration transferred was \$66.8 million, which consisted of the following (in thousands):

Cash	\$ 62,900
Contingent consideration	3,926
Total	<u>\$ 66,826</u>

The assets and liabilities of GreenLine were recorded at their respective estimated fair values as of the date of the acquisition using generally accepted accounting principles for business combinations. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired has been allocated to goodwill. Goodwill represents a substantial portion of the acquisition proceeds because of the workforce in-place at acquisition and because of GreenLine's long history and future prospects. Management believes that there is further growth potential by extending GreenLine's product lines into new channels, such as club stores.

## 2. Acquisitions (continued)

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of GreenLines assets acquired and liabilities assumed and related deferred income taxes, effective April 23, 2012, the date the Company obtained control of GreenLine (in thousands).

Accounts receivable, net	\$ 7,057
Inventories, net	1,409
Property and equipment	11,669
Other tangible assets	306
Intangible assets	43,500
Total identifiable assets acquired	<u>63,941</u>
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(8,391)
Deferred taxes	(1,882)
Total liabilities assumed	<u>(10,273)</u>
Net identifiable assets acquired	53,668
Goodwill	13,158
Net assets acquired	<u><u>\$ 66,826</u></u>

The Company used a combination of the market and cost approaches to estimate the fair values of the GreenLine assets acquired and liabilities assumed. During the measurement period (which is not to exceed one year from the acquisition date), the Company is required to retrospectively adjust the provisional assets or liabilities if new information is obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have resulted in the recognition of those assets or liabilities as of that date.

### *Inventory*

Inventory of \$86,000 was recorded in the allocation of the purchase price based on the market value of the inventories less the estimated costs to sell the inventories. During fiscal year 2012, all of the step up was charged to cost of product sales as the inventories were sold before fiscal year ended May 27, 2012.

### *Intangible Assets*

The fair value of indefinite and finite-lived intangible assets was determined using a DCF model, under an income valuation methodology, based on management's five-year projections of revenues, gross profits and operating profits by fiscal year and assumes a 40% effective tax rate for each year. Management takes into account the historical trends of GreenLine and the industry categories in which GreenLine operates along with inflationary factors, current economic conditions, new product introductions, cost of sales, operating expenses, capital requirements and other relevant data when developing its projection. The Company believes that the level and timing of cash flows appropriately reflect market participant assumptions. The projected cash flows from these intangibles were based on key assumptions such as estimates of revenues and operating profits related to the intangibles over their respective forecast periods. The resultant cash flows were then discounted using a rate the Company believes is appropriate given the inherent risks associated with each intangible asset and reflect market participant assumptions.

The Company identified two intangible assets in connection with the GreenLine acquisition: trade names and trademarks valued at \$36.0 million, which is considered to be an indefinite life asset and therefore, will not be amortized; and customer base valued at \$7.5 million with a thirteen year useful life. The trade name/trademark intangible asset was valued using the relief from royalty valuation method and the customer relationship intangible asset was valued using the distributor method.



## 2. Acquisitions (continued)

### *Goodwill*

The excess of the consideration transferred over the fair values assigned to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed was \$13.2 million, which represents the goodwill amount resulting from the acquisition which can be attributable to GreenLine's long history, future prospects and the expected operating synergies from combining GreenLine with our Apio fresh-cut, value-added vegetable business. None of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. The Company will test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or sooner, if indicators of impairment are present. As of May 27, 2012, there have been no changes to the amount of goodwill initially recognized upon the acquisition of GreenLine.

### *Liability for Contingent Consideration*

In addition to the cash consideration paid to the former shareholder of GreenLine, the Company may be required to pay up to an additional \$7.0 million in earn out payments based on GreenLine achieving certain revenue targets in calendar year 2012. The fair value of the liability for the contingent consideration recognized on the acquisition date was \$3.9 million and is classified as a non-current liability in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of May 27, 2012. The Company determined the fair value of the liability for the contingent consideration based on a probability-weighted discounted cash flow analysis. This fair value measurement is based on significant inputs not observed in the market and thus represents a Level 3 measurement. The Company expects to pay \$4.0 million of the potential earn out during the third quarter of fiscal year 2013.

### *Deferred Tax Liabilities*

The \$1.9 million of net deferred tax liabilities resulting from the acquisition was primarily related to the difference between the book basis and tax basis of the intangible assets and net operating losses that were assumed by the Company in the acquisition.

### *Acquisition-Related Transaction Costs*

The Company recognized \$1.4 million of acquisition-related expenses that were expensed in the year ended May 27, 2012 and are included in other operating expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended May 27, 2012. These expenses included investment banker fees, legal, accounting and tax service fees and appraisals fees.

### ***Lifecore Biomedical, Inc.***

On April 30, 2010, the Company acquired all of the common stock of Lifecore Biomedical, Inc. ("Lifecore") under a Stock Purchase Agreement ("Lifecore Purchase Agreement") in order to expand its product offerings and enter into new markets. Lifecore was a privately-held hyaluronan-based biomaterials company located in Chaska, Minnesota. Lifecore is principally involved in the development and manufacture of products utilizing hyaluronan, a naturally occurring polysaccharide that is widely distributed in the extracellular matrix of connective tissues in both animals and humans.

Under the Lifecore Purchase Agreement, the Company paid to the former Lifecore stockholder at closing \$40.0 million in cash, which included \$6.6 million held in an escrow account. Half of the escrow or \$3.3 million was released and paid to the former Lifecore shareholder in May 2011, the other half was released and paid to the former Lifecore shareholder in May 2012. In addition to the cash consideration paid to the former shareholder of Lifecore, the Lifecore Purchase Agreement included an earn out payment of up to an additional \$10.0 million based on Lifecore achieving certain revenue targets in calendar years 2011 and 2012. These revenue targets were achieved in calendar year 2011 and the \$10.0 million earn out payment was paid by the Company to the former shareholder of Lifecore on May 29, 2012.

### 3. Investments in non-public companies

In December 2005, Landec entered into an exclusive licensing agreement with Aesthetic Sciences for the exclusive rights to use Landec's Intelimer® materials technology for the development of dermal fillers worldwide under the agreement. The Company received shares of preferred stock in exchange for the license with a valuation of \$1.8 million. Aesthetic Sciences sold the rights to its Smartfil™ Injector System on July 16, 2010. Landec has evaluated its investment in Aesthetic Sciences for impairment, utilizing a discounted cash flow analysis under the terms of the purchase agreement. Based on the terms of the sale, the Company determined that its investment was other than temporarily impaired and therefore recorded an impairment charge of \$1.0 million as of May 30, 2010. The Company's carrying value of its investment in Aesthetic Sciences is \$793,000 as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011. No additional impairment has been determined for the Company's investment in Aesthetic Sciences.

On February 15, 2011, Apio entered into a share purchase agreement (the "Windset Purchase Agreement") with Windset. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Apio purchased 150,000 senior preferred shares for \$15 million and 201 common shares for \$201 that were issued by Windset (the "Purchased Shares"). The Company's common shares represent a 20.1% interest in Windset. The non-voting senior preferred shares yield a cash dividend of 7.5% annually. The dividend is payable within 90 days of each anniversary of the execution of the Purchase Agreement, the first dividend payment of \$1.1 million was made in May 2012. The Windset Purchase Agreement includes a put and call option, which can be exercised on the sixth anniversary of the Windset Purchase Agreement whereby Apio can exercise the put to sell its Purchased Shares to Windset, or Windset can exercise the call to purchase the Purchased Shares from Apio, in either case, at a price equal to 20.1% of the appreciation in the fair market value of Windset from the date of the Company's investment through the put and call date, plus the purchase price of the Purchased Shares. Under the terms of the arrangement with Windset, the Company is entitled to designate one of five members on the Board of Directors of Windset.

In accordance with accounting guidance, the investment in Windset does not qualify for equity method accounting as the investment does not meet the criteria of in-substance common stock due to returns through the annual dividend on the non-voting senior preferred shares that are not available to the common stock holders. As the put and call options require the Purchased Shares to be put or called in equal proportions, the Company has deemed that the investment, in substance, should be treated as a single security for purposes of accounting. The Company has adopted fair value option in the accounting for its investment in Windset effective on the acquisition date. The fair value of the Company's investment in Windset utilizes significant unobservable inputs in the discounted cash flow models, including projected cash flows, growth rates and the discount rate, and is therefore considered a Level 3 for fair value measurement purposes (see Note 1). The Company believes that reporting its investment at fair value provides its investors with useful information on the performance of the Company's investment and the anticipated appreciation in value as Windset expands its business.

The fair value of the Company's investment in Windset was determined utilizing a discounted cash flow model based on projections developed by Windset, and considers the put and call conversion options. These features impact the duration of the cash flow utilized to derive the estimated fair value of the investment. Assumptions included in the discounted cash flow model will be evaluated quarterly based on Windset's actual and projected operating results to determine the change in fair value.

During fiscal year 2012, the Company recorded and received in cash \$1.1 million in dividend income and the Company recorded \$5.8 million of income, which is included in other income in the Consolidated Statements of Income, from the increase in the fair market value of the Company's investment in Windset for the twelve months ended May 27, 2012. From the close of the Windset Purchase Agreement on February 15, 2011 to May 29, 2011, the Company recorded \$328,000 in dividend income and \$662,000 from the increase in the fair market value of the Company's investment in Windset.

The Company also entered into an exclusive license agreement with Windset, which was executed in June 2010, prior to contemplation of Apio's investment in Windset (see Note 4).

#### 4. License Agreements

##### *Monsanto*

On December 1, 2006, Landec entered into a five-year co-exclusive technology license and polymer supply agreement (“the Monsanto Agreement”) with Monsanto Company (“Monsanto”) for the use of Landec’s Intellicoat polymer seed coating technology. Under the terms of the Monsanto Agreement, Monsanto agreed to pay Landec Ag \$2.6 million per year. The Monsanto Agreement was amended in November 2009. Under the terms of the amended Monsanto Agreement, Monsanto continued to have an exclusive license to use Landec’s Intellicoat polymer technology for specific seed treatment applications. Along with regaining the use of the Intellicoat technology outside of the specific applications licensed to Monsanto under the amended Monsanto Agreement, Landec also assumed responsibility for Landec Ag’s operating expenses and realizes all the revenues and profits from the sales of existing and new Intellicoat seed coating products.

Prior to the expiration of the Monsanto Agreement, Monsanto informed the Company that it intended to allow the Monsanto Agreement to expire in accordance with its terms on December 1, 2011 and therefore, Monsanto did not exercise its purchase option. Upon termination, Monsanto paid Landec Ag a \$4.0 million termination fee and all rights to the Intellicoat seed coating technology reverted to Landec.

For fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010, Landec recognized license revenues from the Monsanto Agreement of \$2.7 million, \$5.4 million and \$5.4 million, respectively.

##### *Air Products*

In March 2006, Landec entered into an exclusive license and research and development agreement with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. (“Air Products”). In accordance with the agreement, Landec receives 40% of the direct profit generated from the sale of products by Air Products occurring after April 1, 2007, that incorporate Landec’s Intelimer materials.

##### *Chiquita*

In September 2007, the Company amended its licensing and supply agreement with Chiquita Brands International, Inc. (“Chiquita”). Under the terms of the amendment, the license for bananas was expanded to include additional exclusive fields using Landec’s BreatheWay® packaging technology, and a new exclusive license was added for the sale and marketing of avocados and mangos using Landec’s BreatheWay packaging technology. The agreement with Chiquita, which Chiquita has elected to renew for another five years through December 2016, requires Chiquita to pay annual gross profit minimums to Landec in order for Chiquita to maintain its exclusive license for bananas, avocados and mangos. Under the terms of the agreement, Chiquita must notify Landec before December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year whether it is going to maintain its exclusive license for the following calendar year and thus agree to pay the minimums for that year. Landec was notified by Chiquita in November 2011 that Chiquita had chosen to maintain its exclusive license for calendar year 2012 and thus agreed at that time to pay the minimum gross profit for calendar year 2012.

##### *Windset*

In June 2010, Apio entered into an exclusive license agreement with Windset for Windset to utilize Landec’s proprietary breathable packaging to extend the shelf life of greenhouse grown cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes (“Exclusive Products”). In accordance with the agreement, Apio received and recorded a one-time upfront research and development fee of \$100,000 and will receive license fees equal to 3% of net revenue of the Exclusive Products utilizing the proprietary breathable packaging technology, with or without the BreatheWay® trademark. The ongoing license fees are subject to annual minimums of \$150,000 for each of the three types of exclusive product as each is added to the agreement. As of May 27, 2012, one product has been added to the agreement and the minimum payment of \$150,000 for that product was received by the Company in April 2012.

## 5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following (in thousands):

	Years of Useful Life	May 27, 2012	May 29, 2011
Land and building	15-30	\$ 51,993	\$ 43,885
Leasehold improvements	3-20	1,103	1,082
Computer, capitalized software, machinery, equipment and auto	3-7	43,094	35,024
Furniture and fixtures	5-7	551	513
Construction in process		727	6
Gross property and equipment		97,468	80,510
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(33,973)	(28,731)
Net property and equipment		<u>\$ 63,495</u>	<u>\$ 51,779</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for property and equipment for the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010 was \$5.3 million, \$5.0 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Equipment under capital leases totaled \$158,000 at May 27, 2012 and the related accumulated amortization as of May 27, 2012 was zero as these leases were assumed in the acquisition of GreenLine on April 23, 2012. There were no capital leases as of May 29, 2011. Amortization related to capitalized software was \$136,000, \$136,000 and \$39,000 for fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010, respectively. The unamortized computer software costs at May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011 were \$468,000 and \$491,000, respectively.

## 6. Intangible Assets

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010 by reportable segment, are as follows (in thousands):

	Food Products Technology	Technology Licensing	Hyaluronan- based Biomaterials	Total
Balance as of May 31, 2009	\$ 22,581	\$ 4,780	\$ —	\$ 27,361
Goodwill acquired during the period	—	—	13,793	13,793
Balance as of May 30, 2010	22,581	4,780	13,793	41,154
Goodwill acquired/reclassified during the period	—	—	88	88
Goodwill impaired during the period	—	(4,780)	—	(4,780)
Balance as of May 29, 2011	22,581	—	13,881	36,462
Goodwill acquired during the period	13,158	—	—	13,158
Balance as of May 27, 2012	<u>\$ 35,739</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 13,881</u>	<u>\$ 49,620</u>

Information regarding Landec's other intangible assets is as follows (in thousands):

	Trademarks & Trade names	Customer Relationships	Total
Balance as of May 31, 2009	\$ 8,228	\$ —	\$ 8,228
Acquired during the period	4,200	3,700	7,900
Amortization expense	—	(26)	(26)
Balance as of May 30, 2010	12,428	3,674	16,102
Amortization expense	—	(308)	(308)
Balance as of May 29, 2011	12,428	3,366	15,794
Acquired during the period	36,000	7,500	43,500
Amortization expense	—	(309)	(309)
Balance as of May 27, 2012	<u>\$ 48,428</u>	<u>\$ 10,557</u>	<u>\$ 58,985</u>

## 6. Intangible Assets (continued)

Accumulated amortization as of May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010 was \$4.1 million, \$3.8 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. Accumulated impairment losses through May 27, 2012 were \$4.8 million. Lifecore's customer relationships amount of \$3.7 million is being amortized over 12 years and GreenLine's customer relationships amount of \$7.5 million is being amortized over 13 years. The amortization expense for the next five fiscal years will be \$885,000 per year.

## 7. Stockholders' Equity

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share.

### Convertible Preferred Stock

The Company has authorized two million shares of preferred stock, and as of May 27, 2012 has no outstanding preferred stock.

### Common Stock and Stock Option Plans

At May 27, 2012, the Company had 2.8 million common shares reserved for future issuance under Landec equity incentive plans.

On October 15, 2009, following stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") became effective and replaced the Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Employees (including officers), consultants and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates are eligible to participate in the Plan.

The Plan provides for the grant of stock options (both nonstatutory and incentive stock options), stock grants, stock units and stock appreciation rights. Awards under the Plan will be evidenced by an agreement with the Plan participants and 1.9 million shares of the Company's Common Stock ("Shares") were initially available for award under the Plan. Under the Plan, no recipient may receive awards during any fiscal year that exceeds the following amounts: (i) stock options covering in excess of 500,000 Shares; (ii) stock grants and stock units covering in excess of 250,000 Shares in the aggregate; or (iii) stock appreciation rights covering more than 500,000 Shares. In addition, awards to non-employee directors are discretionary. However, a non-employee director may not be granted awards in excess of 30,000 Shares in the aggregate during any fiscal year. The exercise price of the options was the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted.

On October 14, 2005, following stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan ("2005 Plan") became effective. The 2005 Plan replaced the Company's four then existing equity plans and no shares remain available for grant under those plans. Employees (including officers), consultants and directors of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates were eligible to participate in the 2005 Plan. The 2005 Plan provided for the grant of stock options (both nonstatutory and incentive stock options), stock grants, stock units and stock appreciation rights. Under the 2005 Plan, 861,038 Shares were initially available for awards, and as of May 27, 2012, 591,333 shares and options to purchase shares remain outstanding. The exercise price of the options was the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted.

The 1995 Directors' Stock Option Plan (the "Directors' Plan") provided that each person who became a non-employee director of the Company, who had not received a previous grant, be granted a nonstatutory stock option to purchase 20,000 shares of Common Stock on the date on which the optionee first became a non-employee director of the Company. Thereafter, on the date of each annual meeting of the stockholders each non-employee director was granted an additional option to purchase 10,000 shares of Common Stock if, on such date, he or she had served on the Company's Board of Directors for at least six months prior to the date of such annual meeting. The exercise price of the options was the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted. Options granted under this plan were exercisable and vested upon grant.

## 7. Stockholders' Equity (continued)

The 1996 Non-Executive Stock Option Plan authorized the Board of Directors to grant non-qualified stock options to employees, including executive officers, and outside consultants of the Company. The exercise price of the options was equal to the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date the options were granted. Options were generally exercisable upon vesting and generally vested ratably over four years and were subject to repurchase if exercised before being vested.

The 1996 Stock Option Plan authorized the Board of Directors to grant stock purchase rights, incentive stock options or non-statutory stock options to Landec executives. The exercise price of the stock purchase rights, incentive stock options and non-statutory stock options could be no less than 100% of the fair market value of Landec's Common Stock on the date the options were granted. Options generally were exercisable upon vesting, generally vested ratably over four years and were subject to repurchase if exercised before being vested.

On July 14, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the establishment of a stock repurchase plan which allows for the repurchase of up to \$10 million of the Company's Common Stock. The Company may repurchase its common stock from time to time in open market purchases or in privately negotiated transactions. The timing and actual number of shares repurchased is at the discretion of management of the Company and will depend on a variety of factors, including stock price, corporate and regulatory requirements, market conditions, the relative attractiveness of other capital deployment opportunities and other corporate priorities. The stock repurchase program does not obligate Landec to acquire any amount of its common stock and the program may be modified, suspended or terminated at any time at the Company's discretion without prior notice. During fiscal year 2012, the Company repurchased on the open market 917,244 shares of its Common Stock for \$5.0 million and retired those shares. During fiscal year 2011, the Company repurchased on the open market 215,684 shares of its Common Stock for \$1.2 million and retired those shares.

Activity under all Landec equity incentive plans is as follows:

### Stock-Based Compensation Activity

	RSU's and Options Available for Grant	Restricted Stock Outstanding		Stock Options Outstanding	
		Number of Restricted Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Number of Stock Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Balance at May 31, 2009	75,808	177,004	\$ 7.88	1,932,541	\$ 6.19
Additional shares reserved	1,900,000	—			
Granted	(1,193,022)	307,272	\$ 5.80	885,750	\$ 5.78
Awarded/Exercised	—	(51,671)	\$ 8.11	(190,962)	\$ 4.32
Forfeited	—	(1,000)	\$ 13.32	(1,000)	\$ 13.32
Plan shares expired	—	—	—	(169,500)	\$ 7.01
Terminated plan	(12,475)	—	—	—	—
Balance at May 30, 2010	770,311	431,605	\$ 6.35	2,456,829	\$ 6.13
Granted	(129,335)	32,335	\$ 6.00	97,000	\$ 6.00
Awarded/Exercised	—	(48,855)	\$ 9.48	(217,076)	\$ 3.46
Forfeited	—	—	—	(18,000)	\$ 10.63
Balance at May 29, 2011	640,976	415,085	\$ 5.96	2,318,753	\$ 6.34
Granted	(191,333)	47,833	\$ 6.67	143,500	\$ 6.67
Awarded/Exercised	—	(111,252)	\$ 6.36	(371,727)	\$ 5.40
Forfeited	—	(3,500)	\$ 5.84	(5,657)	\$ 5.76
Plan shares expired	—	—	—	(38,437)	\$ 8.23
Balance at May 27, 2012	449,643	348,166	\$ 5.93	2,046,432	\$ 6.50

## 7. Stockholders' Equity (continued)

Upon vesting of certain RSUs and the exercise of certain options during fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010, certain RSUs and exercised options were net share-settled to cover the required exercise price and withholding tax and the remaining amounts were converted into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock. The Company withheld shares with value equivalent to the exercise price for options and the employees' minimum statutory obligation for the applicable income and other employment taxes, and remitted the cash to the appropriate taxing authorities. The total shares withheld for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 were 326,954, 136,374 and 79,263 RSUs and options, respectively, which was based on the value of the option and/or RSUs on their exercise or vesting date as determined by the Company's closing stock price. Total payments for the employees' tax obligations to the taxing authorities were approximately \$290,000. These net-share settlements had the effect of share repurchases by the Company as they reduced and retired the number of shares that would have otherwise have been issued as a result of the vesting and did not represent an expense to the Company.

The following table summarizes information concerning stock options outstanding and exercisable at May 27, 2012:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding				Options Exercisable		
	Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Number of Shares Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
1.66-2.55	15,000	0.66	\$ 2.25	\$ 72,250	15,000	\$ 2.25	\$ 72,250
2.82-4.67	72,082	1.03	\$ 3.49	\$ 258,288	72,082	\$ 3.49	\$ 258,288
5.63-5.63	667,406	4.99	\$ 5.63	\$ 961,065	445,257	\$ 5.63	\$ 641,170
5.65-6.22	514,944	4.48	\$ 6.16	\$ 471,065	437,730	\$ 6.17	\$ 395,032
6.35-8.86	694,000	3.44	\$ 7.17	\$ 195,875	567,493	\$ 7.29	\$ 139,673
13.32-13.32	83,000	2.09	\$ 13.32	\$ —	83,000	\$ 13.32	\$ —
1.66-13.32	2,046,432	4.05	\$ 6.50	\$ 1,958,543	1,620,562	\$ 6.62	\$ 1,506,413

The weighted average remaining contractual life of options exercisable as of May 27, 2012 was 3.65 years.

At May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011 options to purchase 1,620,562 and 1,588,187 shares of Landec's Common Stock were vested, respectively. No options have been exercised prior to being vested. The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total pretax intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing stock price of \$7.07 on May 25, 2012, which would have been received by holders of stock options had all holders of stock options exercised their stock options that were in-the-money as of that date. The total number of in-the-money stock options exercisable as of May 27, 2012, was 1,311,156 shares. The aggregate intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the fiscal year 2012 was \$438,000.

## 7. Stockholders' Equity (continued)

### Shares Subject to Vesting

The following table summarizes the activity relating to unvested stock option grants and RSUs during the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012:

	Stock Options		Restricted Stock	
	Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value	Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value
Unvested at May 29, 2011	730,566	\$ 2.69	415,085	\$ 5.96
Granted	143,500	\$ 2.65	47,833	\$ 6.67
Vested/Awarded	(442,539)	\$ 2.89	(111,252)	\$ 6.36
Forfeited	(5,657)	\$ 5.76	(3,500)	\$ 5.84
Unvested at May 27, 2012	425,870	\$ 2.43	348,166	\$ 5.93

As of May 27, 2012, there was \$1.9 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested equity compensation awards granted under the Company's incentive stock plans. Total expense is expected to be recognized over the weighted-average period of 1.8 years for stock options and 1.6 years for restricted stock awards.

## 8. Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following (in thousands):

	May 27, 2012	May 29, 2011
Real estate loan agreement with General Electric Capital Corporation ("GE Capital"); due in monthly principal and interest payments of \$133,060 through May 1, 2022 with interest based on a fixed rate of 4.02% per annum	\$ 17,957	\$ —
Real estate bridge loan agreement with GE Capital; due in monthly principal and interest payments of \$8,902 with a lump sum final principal payment due on May 1, 2013 with interest based on a fixed rate of 4.02% per annum	1,200	—
Capital equipment loan with GE Capital; due in monthly principal and interest payments of \$175,356 through May 1, 2019 with interest based on a fixed rate of 4.39% per annum	12,660	—
Term note with BMO Harris; due in monthly payments of \$250,000 through May 23, 2016 with interest payable monthly at LIBOR plus 2% per annum	12,000	—
Industrial revenue bonds ("IRBs") issued by Lifecore; due in annual payments through 2020 with interest at a variable rate set weekly by the bond remarketing agent (0.42% and 0.40% at May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively)	3,500	3,830
Credit agreement with Wells Fargo; due in monthly payments of \$333,333 through April 30, 2015 with interest payable monthly at Libor plus 2% per annum	—	16,000
Total	47,317	19,830
Less current portion	(7,012)	(4,330)
Long-term portion	\$ 40,305	\$ 15,500



## 8. Debt (continued)

The future minimum principal payments of the Company's debt for each year presented are as follows (in thousands):

	GE				Total
	GE RE Loans	Equipment	BMO Harris	IRB	
FY 2013	\$ 2,091	\$ 1,581	\$ 3,000	\$ 340	\$ 7,012
FY 2014	928	1,651	3,000	355	5,934
FY 2015	966	1,725	3,000	365	6,056
FY 2016	1,005	1,801	3,000	375	6,181
FY 2017	1,047	1,882	—	390	3,319
Thereafter	13,120	4,020	—	1,675	18,815
Total	<u>\$ 19,157</u>	<u>\$ 12,660</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>	<u>\$ 47,317</u>

In addition to entering into the GE real estate and equipment loans mentioned above, on April 23, 2012 in connection with the acquisition of GreenLine, Apio also entered into a five-year, \$25.0 million asset-based working capital revolving line of credit, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 2%, with availability based on the combination of the eligible accounts receivable and eligible inventory. Apio's revolving line of credit has an unused fee of 0.375% per annum. At May 27, 2012, Apio had \$11.7 million outstanding under its revolving line of credit.

The GE real estate, equipment and line of credit agreements (collectively the "GE Debt Agreements") are secured by liens on all of the property of Apio and its subsidiaries. The GE Debt Agreements contain customary events of default under which obligations could be accelerated or increased. The GE Debt Agreements are guaranteed by Landec and Landec has pledged its equity interest in Apio as collateral under the agreements. Apio was in compliance with all financial covenants as of May 27, 2012. Loan origination fees for the GE Debt Agreements were \$1.3 million at May 27, 2012 and are included in other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

On May 23, 2012, Lifecore entered into two financing agreements with BMO Harris Bank N.A. and/or its affiliates ("BMO Harris"), collectively (the "Lifecore Loan Agreements"):

- 1) A Credit and Security Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") which includes (a) a one-year, \$8.0 million asset-based working capital revolving line of credit, with an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.85%, with availability based on the combination of Lifecore's eligible accounts receivable and inventory balances and with no unused fee (at May 27, 2012, no amounts were outstanding under the line of credit) and (b) a \$12.0 million term loan which matures in four years due in monthly payments of \$250,000 with interest payable monthly based on a variable interest rate of LIBOR plus 2% (the "Term Loan").
- 2) A Reimbursement Agreement pursuant to which BMO Harris caused its affiliate Bank of Montreal to issue an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$3.5 million (the "Letter of Credit") which is securing the IRB described below.

The obligations of Lifecore under the Lifecore Loan Agreements are secured by liens on all of the property of Lifecore. The Lifecore Loan Agreements contain customary covenants, such as limitations on the ability to (1) incur indebtedness or grant liens or negative pledges on Lifecore's assets; (2) make loans or other investments; (3) pay dividends or repurchase stock or other securities; (4) sell assets; (5) engage in mergers; (6) enter into sale and leaseback transactions; (7) adopt certain benefit plans; and (8) make changes in Lifecore's corporate structure. In addition, under the Credit Agreement, Lifecore must maintain (a) a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.10 to 1.0 and a minimum quick ratio of 1.25 to 1.00, both of which must be satisfied as of the end of each fiscal quarter commencing with the fiscal quarter ending August 26, 2012 and (b) a minimum tangible net worth of \$29,000,000, measured as of May 28, 2013, and as of the end of each fiscal year thereafter. Loan origination fees for the Lifecore Loan Agreements were \$139,000 as of May 27, 2012 and are included in other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Term Loan was used to repay Lifecore's former credit facility with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo"). The Letter of Credit (which replaces a letter of credit previously provided by Wells Fargo) provides liquidity and credit support for the IRBs.

## 8. Debt (continued)

On August 19, 2004, Lifecore issued variable rate industrial revenue bonds (“IRBs”). These IRBs were assumed by Landec in the acquisition of Lifecore (see Note 2). The IRBs are collateralized by a bank letter of credit which is secured by a first mortgage on the Company’s facility in Chaska, Minnesota. In addition, the Company pays an annual remarketing fee equal to 0.125% and an annual letter of credit fee of 0.75%. The maturities on the IRBs are held in a sinking fund account, recorded in Other Current Assets in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, and are paid out each year on September 1st.

## 9. Derivative Financial Instruments

In May 2010, the Company entered into a five-year interest rate swap agreement under the credit agreement with Wells Fargo which expires on April 30, 2015. The interest rate swap was designated as a cash flow hedge of future interest payments of LIBOR and had a notional amount of \$20 million. As a result of the interest rate swap transaction, the Company fixed for a five-year period the interest rate at 4.24% subject to market based interest rate risk on \$20 million of borrowings under the credit agreement with Wells Fargo. The Company’s obligations under the interest rate swap transaction as to the scheduled payments were guaranteed and secured on the same basis as is its obligations under the credit agreement with Wells Fargo at the time the agreement was consummated. As mentioned in Note 8, upon entering into the new Term Loan with BMO Harris the Company used the proceeds from that loan to pay off the Wells Fargo credit facility. The swap with Wells Fargo was not terminated upon the extinguishment of the debt with Wells Fargo. As a result of extinguishing the debt with Wells Fargo as of May 23, 2012, the swap was no longer an effective hedge and therefore, the fair value of the swap at the time the debt was extinguished of \$347,000 was reversed from other comprehensive income and recorded in other expense. The fair value of the swap arrangement at May 27, 2012 of \$347,000 is included in other accrued liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet.

## 10. Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Year ended May 27, 2012	Year ended May 29, 2011	Year ended May 30, 2010
Current:			
Federal	\$ 4,597	\$ 881	\$ 844
State	(586)	176	170
Foreign	56	—	—
Total	<u>4,067</u>	<u>1,057</u>	<u>1,014</u>
Deferred:			
Federal	2,641	3,140	3,186
State	477	(16)	62
Total	<u>3,118</u>	<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,248</u>
Income tax expense	<u>\$ 7,185</u>	<u>\$ 4,181</u>	<u>\$ 4,262</u>

## 10. Income Taxes (continued)

The actual provision for income taxes differs from the statutory U.S. federal income tax rate as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended May 27, 2012	Year Ended May 29, 2011	Year Ended May 30, 2010
Provision at U.S. statutory rate (1)	\$ 6,958	\$ 2,835	\$ 2,886
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	451	213	217
Goodwill impairment charge	—	1,849	—
Change in valuation allowance	1	(7)	390
Tax-exempt interest	(40)	(115)	(209)
Tax credit carryforwards	(368)	(637)	(102)
Transaction Costs	322	—	982
Domestic Manufacturing Deduction	(208)	—	—
Other	69	43	98
Total	<u>\$ 7,185</u>	<u>\$ 4,181</u>	<u>\$ 4,262</u>

(1) Statutory rate was 35% for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010.

The increase in the income tax expense in fiscal year 2012 compared to fiscal year 2011 is due to a 187% increase in taxable income partially offset by a decrease in the Company's effective tax rate to 36% down from 52% in fiscal year 2011, the increase in taxable income over prior year is attributable to a 140% increase in net income before taxes. The decrease in the income tax expense in fiscal year 2011 compared to fiscal year 2010 is due to a 2% decrease in taxable income partially offset by an increase in the Company's effective tax rate to 52% in fiscal year 2011 up from 51% in fiscal year 2010.

The effective tax rates for fiscal year 2012 differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent as a result of several factors, including state taxes, non-deductible stock-based compensation expense, tax exempt interest, domestic manufacturing deduction and the benefit of federal and state research and development credits and accounting for transaction costs associated with the GreenLine acquisition in fiscal year 2012. The effective tax rates for fiscal year 2011 differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent as a result of several factors, including state taxes, non-deductible stock-based compensation expense, tax exempt interest and the goodwill impairment charge. In addition to the above, the Company was able to further reduce the effective tax rate for fiscal year 2011 as a result of being a recipient of a therapeutic drug credit award and the extension of the federal research and development credit. The effective tax rates for the fiscal year 2010 differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent as a result of several factors, including state taxes, non-deductible stock-based compensation expense, tax exempt interest and accounting for transaction costs associated with the Lifecore acquisition in fiscal year 2010.

## 10. Income Taxes (continued)

Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<u>May 27, 2012</u>	<u>May 29, 2011</u>
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 3,954	\$ 6
Research and AMT credit carryforwards	328	892
Accruals and reserves, not currently deductible for tax	2,191	627
Stock-based compensation	981	837
Other	428	396
Gross deferred tax assets	<u>7,882</u>	<u>2,758</u>
Valuation allowance	(419)	(383)
Net deferred tax assets	<u>7,463</u>	<u>2,375</u>
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Basis difference in trading securities	(2,510)	(253)
Depreciation and amortization	(5,575)	(4,293)
Goodwill and other indefinite life intangibles	(15,339)	(8,625)
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(23,424)</u>	<u>(13,171)</u>
Net deferred tax (liabilities) assets	<u>\$ (15,961)</u>	<u>\$ (10,796)</u>

Valuation allowances are reviewed each period on a tax jurisdiction by jurisdiction basis to analyze whether there is sufficient positive or negative evidence to support a change in judgment about the realizability of the related deferred tax assets. Based on this analysis and considering all positive and negative evidence, we determined that a valuation allowance of \$419,000 and \$383,000 as of May 27, 2012 and May 29, 2011, respectively, should be recorded as a result of a book impairment loss on the Company's investment in Aesthetic Sciences as it is more likely than not that a portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized in the foreseeable future. The valuation allowance increase of \$36,000 from the prior year was due to a change in the Company's apportionment.

As of May 27, 2012, the Company had federal, California and other state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$9.3 million, \$6.1 million and \$12.2 million, respectively. These losses expire in different periods through 2031, if not utilized. Such net operating losses consist of excess tax benefits from employee stock option exercises and have not been recorded in the Company's deferred tax assets. The Company will record approximately \$6.1 million of the gross California net operating loss as a credit to additional paid in capital as and when such excess tax benefits are ultimately realized. The Company acquired additional net operating losses through the acquisition of GreenLine. Utilization of these acquired net operating losses in a specific year is limited due to the "change in ownership" provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and similar state provisions. The net operating losses presented above for federal and state purposes is net of any such limitation.

The Company also had federal and state research and development tax credits carryforwards of approximately \$2.2 million and \$800,000, respectively. The research and development tax credit carryforwards expire in different periods through 2032 for federal purposes and have an unlimited carryforward period for state purposes. The Company also has a federal therapeutic drug tax credit carryforward of \$244,000 that will expire in 2030. Furthermore, the Company has federal alternative minimum tax credits of approximately \$900,000 that can be carried forward indefinitely. Certain tax credit carryovers are attributable to excess tax benefits from employee stock option exercises and have not been recorded in the Company's deferred tax assets. The Company will record \$3.3 million of the above Federal credit and \$188,000 of the gross California credit will be recorded to additional paid in capital as and when such excess tax benefits are ultimately realized.

The accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and the derecognition of tax benefits, classification on the balance sheet, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition.

## 10. Income Taxes (continued)

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows (in thousands):

	As of		
	May 27, 2012	May 29, 2011	May 30, 2010
Unrecognized tax benefits – beginning of the period	\$ 760	\$ 868	\$ 619
Gross increases – tax positions in prior period	1	280	138
Gross decreases – tax positions in prior period	(1)	(310)	(203)
Gross increases – current-period tax positions	246	75	332
Settlements	—	—	(18)
Lapse of statute of limitations	(240)	(153)	—
Unrecognized tax benefits – end of the period	\$ 766	\$ 760	\$ 868

The unrecognized tax benefits at May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010 were \$766,000, \$760,000 and \$868,000, of which \$593,000, \$601,000 and \$708,000, respectively, will impact the effective tax rate. The Company accrues interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in its provision for income taxes. The total amount of penalties and interest is not significant as of May 27, 2012. Additionally, the Company expects its unrecognized tax benefits related to the expiration of tax attributes to change by \$8,000 within the next 12 months.

Due to tax attribute carryforwards, the Company is subject to examination for tax years 1997 and later for U.S. tax purposes. The Company was also subject to examination in various state jurisdictions for tax years 1998 and later, none of which were individually material.

## 11. Commitments and Contingencies

### Operating Leases

Landec leases facilities and equipment under operating lease agreements with various terms and conditions, which expire at various dates through fiscal year 2019.

The approximate future minimum lease payments under these operating leases, excluding land leases, at May 27, 2012 are as follows (in thousands):

	Amount
FY2013	\$ 1,543
FY2014	1,210
FY2015	892
FY2016	717
FY2017	508
Thereafter	371
	<u>\$ 5,241</u>

Rent expense for operating leases, including month to month arrangements was \$1.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 27, 2012, \$1.2 million for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2011 and \$1.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 30, 2010.

### Capital Leases

Landec leases equipment under capital lease agreements with various terms and conditions, which expire at various dates through fiscal year 2013 and the minimum lease payment for 2013 is \$158,000.

## 11. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

### Employment Agreements

Landec has entered into employment agreements with certain key employees. These agreements provide for these employees to receive incentive bonuses based on the financial performance of certain divisions in addition to their annual base salaries. The accrued incentive bonuses amounted to \$1.6 million at May 27, 2012 and \$347,000 at May 29, 2011.

### Purchase Commitments

At May 27, 2012, the Company was committed to purchase \$1.9 million of produce during fiscal year 2013 in accordance with contractual terms at market rates. Payments of \$8.7 million were made in fiscal year 2012 under these arrangements.

### Loss Contingencies

As of May 27, 2012, the Company is not a party to any legal proceedings.

## 12. Employee Savings and Investment Plans

The Company sponsors a 401(k) plan which is available to substantially all of the Company's employees. Landec's Corporate Plan, which is available to all Landec employees ("Landec Plan"), allows participants to contribute from 1% to 50% of their salaries, up to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitation into designated investment funds. In June 2006, the Company amended the plan to increase the company match from 50% on the first 6% contributed by an employee to 67% on the first 6% contributed. Participants are at all times fully vested in their contributions. The Company's contribution vests annually over a four-year period at a rate of 25% per year. The Company retains the right, by action of the Board of Directors, to amend, modify, or terminate the plan. For the fiscal years ended May 27, 2012, May 29, 2011 and May 30, 2010, the Company contributed \$789,000, \$720,000 and \$368,000, respectively, to the Landec Plan.

## 13. Business Segment Reporting

The Company manages its business operations through four strategic business units. Based upon the information reported to the chief operating decision maker, who is the Chief Executive Officer, the Company has the following reportable segments: the Food Products Technology segment, the Food Export segment, the Hyaluronan-based Biomaterials segment and the Technology Licensing segment.

The Food Products Technology segment markets and packs specialty packaged whole and fresh-cut vegetables that incorporate the BreatheWay specialty packaging for the retail grocery, club store and food services industry. In addition, the Food Products Technology segment sells BreatheWay packaging to partners for non-vegetable products. The Food Export segment consists of revenues generated from the purchase and sale of primarily whole commodity fruit and vegetable products to Asia and domestically. The HA-based Biomaterials segment sells products utilizing hyaluronan, a naturally occurring polysaccharide that is widely distributed in the extracellular matrix of connective tissues in both animals and humans for medical use primarily in the Ophthalmic, Orthopedic and Veterinary markets. The Technology Licensing segment licenses Landec's patented Intellicoat seed coatings to the farming industry and licenses the Company's Intelimer polymers for personal care products and other industrial products. Corporate includes corporate general and administrative expenses, non Food Products Technology and non HA-based Biomaterials interest income and Company-wide income tax expenses.

### 13. Business Segment Reporting (continued)

All of the assets of the Company are located within the United States of America. The Company's international sales were as follows (in millions):

	May 27, 2012	May 29, 2011	May 30, 2010
Taiwan	\$ 22.7	\$ 21.3	\$ 20.3
Indonesia	\$ 23.0	\$ 20.2	\$ 13.7
Canada	\$ 20.8	\$ 18.4	\$ 15.5
Belgium	\$ 15.6	\$ 16.7	\$ 0.3
Japan	\$ 11.1	\$ 8.4	\$ 8.8
All Other Countries	\$ 21.3	\$ 18.8	\$ 10.0

Operations by segment consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Food Products Technology	Food Export	Hyaluronan- based Biomaterials	Technology Licensing	Corporate	TOTAL
<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 27, 2012</b>						
Net sales	\$ 207,582	\$ 71,485	\$ 34,283	\$ 4,202	\$ —	\$ 317,552
International sales	\$ 20,528	\$ 71,054	\$ 22,904	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 114,486
Gross profit	\$ 25,237	\$ 4,900	\$ 17,994	\$ 4,007	\$ —	\$ 52,138
Net income (loss)	\$ 17,527	\$ 2,269	\$ 7,672	\$ (269)	\$ (14,503)	\$ 12,696
Identifiable assets	\$ 169,541	\$ 18,425	\$ 81,927	\$ 7,713	\$ 86	\$ 277,692
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,191	\$ 7	\$ 2,242	\$ 181	\$ —	\$ 5,621
Capital expenditures	\$ 2,498	\$ —	\$ 2,798	\$ 75	\$ —	\$ 5,371
Dividend income	\$ 1,125	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,125
Interest income	\$ 30	\$ —	\$ 129	\$ —	\$ 21	\$ 180
Interest expense	\$ 178	\$ —	\$ 751	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 929
Income tax expense	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 7,185	\$ 7,185
<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 29, 2011</b>						
Net sales	\$ 175,664	\$ 61,663	\$ 32,505	\$ 6,897	\$ —	\$ 276,729
International sales	\$ 18,580	\$ 61,214	\$ 24,024	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 103,818
Gross profit	\$ 18,888	\$ 3,901	\$ 17,231	\$ 6,675	\$ —	\$ 46,695
Net income (loss)	\$ 8,200	\$ 1,617	\$ 7,278	\$ (2,504)	\$ (10,671)	\$ 3,920
Identifiable assets	\$ 88,241	\$ 16,320	\$ 83,954	\$ 7,527	\$ 10,270	\$ 206,312
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,174	\$ 8	\$ 1,972	\$ 159	\$ —	\$ 5,313
Capital expenditures	\$ 3,620	\$ —	\$ 2,817	\$ 247	\$ —	\$ 6,684
Dividend income	\$ 328	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 328
Interest income	\$ 129	\$ —	\$ 164	\$ —	\$ 137	\$ 430
Interest expense	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ 818	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 820
Income tax expense	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,181	\$ 4,181
Impairment charges	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,780	\$ —	\$ 4,780
<b>Fiscal Year Ended May 30, 2010</b>						
Net sales	\$ 175,046	\$ 54,926	\$ 1,457	\$ 6,795	\$ —	\$ 238,224
International sales	\$ 15,714	\$ 52,319	\$ 603	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 68,636
Gross profit	\$ 22,514	\$ 3,906	\$ 815	\$ 6,531	\$ —	\$ 33,766
Net income (loss)	\$ 11,051	\$ 1,789	\$ 13	\$ 2,647	\$ (11,516)	\$ 3,984
Identifiable assets	\$ 75,280	\$ 13,979	\$ 79,604	\$ 11,848	\$ 19,486	\$ 200,197
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 3,055	\$ 8	\$ 141	\$ 160	\$ —	\$ 3,364
Capital expenditures	\$ 4,212	\$ —	\$ 739	\$ 241	\$ —	\$ 5,192
Interest income	\$ 223	\$ —	\$ 8	\$ —	\$ 603	\$ 834
Interest expense	\$ 12	\$ —	\$ 76	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 88
Income tax expense	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 4,262	\$ 4,262
Impairment charges	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,000	\$ —	\$ 1,000

#### 14. Quarterly Consolidated Financial Information (unaudited)

The following is a summary of the unaudited quarterly results of operations for fiscal years 2012, 2011 and 2010 (in thousands, except for per share amounts):

FY 2012	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	FY 2012
Revenues	\$ 73,301	\$ 81,570	\$ 80,064	\$ 82,617	\$ 317,552
Gross profit	\$ 11,250	\$ 13,010	\$ 13,172	\$ 14,706	\$ 52,138
Net income	\$ 1,812	\$ 3,340	\$ 4,765	\$ 2,779	\$ 12,696
Net income per basic share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.49
Net income per diluted share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.49

FY 2011	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	FY 2011
Revenues	\$ 64,953	\$ 70,168	\$ 73,508	\$ 68,100	\$ 276,729
Gross profit	\$ 11,817	\$ 11,855	\$ 12,477	\$ 10,546	\$ 46,695
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,304	\$ 2,055	\$ 2,298	\$ (2,737)	\$ 3,920
Net income (loss) per basic share	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.15
Net income (loss) per diluted share	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.15

FY 2010	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	FY 2010
Revenues	\$ 60,943	\$ 60,933	\$ 58,133	\$ 58,215	\$ 238,224
Gross profit	\$ 8,870	\$ 7,417	\$ 8,127	\$ 9,352	\$ 33,766
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,184	\$ 1,534	\$ 1,734	\$ (1,468)	\$ 3,984
Net income (loss) per basic share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.15
Net income (loss) per diluted share	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.07	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.15

#### 15. Subsequent Events

##### *Lifecore earn out payment*

The Lifecore Purchase Agreement included an earn out payment of up to an additional \$10.0 million based on Lifecore achieving certain revenue targets in calendar years 2011 and 2012. These revenue targets were achieved in calendar year 2011 and the \$10.0 million earn out payment was paid by the Company to the former shareholder of Lifecore on May 29, 2012 (see Note 2).

##### *Sale of Landec Ag*

On June 24, 2012, Landec entered into three agreements with INCOTEC® Coating and Seed Technology Companies, a leading provider of seed and coating technology products and services to the seed industry.

In the first agreement, Landec sold its seed subsidiary, Landec Ag LLC, to INCOTEC Holding North America, Inc. for \$600,000, which will result in a gain of approximately \$90,000, a majority of which will be recognized over the life of the Pollinator Plus® license agreement.

In the second agreement, Landec entered into a seven-year exclusive technology license and polymer supply agreement with INCOTEC for the use of Landec's Intellicoat® polymer seed coating technology for male inbred corn which is sold under the Pollinator Plus® label. This license does not include the use of Intellicoat for the controlled release of an active ingredient for agricultural applications which will be retained by Landec. Landec will be the exclusive supplier of Pollinator Plus polymer to INCOTEC during the term of the license agreement and Landec will receive a royalty equal to 20% of the revenues realized by INCOTEC from the sale of or sublicense of Pollinator Plus coatings during the first four years of the agreement and 10% for the last three years of the agreement.

In the third agreement, Landec entered into a five-year exclusive technology license and polymer supply agreement with INCOTEC for the joint development of new polymer and unique coatings for use in seed treatment



formulations. In this agreement, Landec will receive a value share which will be mutually agreed to by both parties prior to each application being developed.

(b) Index of Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number:</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 7, 2008.
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Registrant, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 18, 2011.
10.1	Form of Indemnification Agreement, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 29, 2005.
10.2*	Form of Option Agreement for 1995 Directors' Stock Option Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996.
10.3	Industrial Real Estate Lease dated March 1, 1993 between the Registrant and Wayne R. Brown & Bibbits Brown, Trustees of the Wayne R. Brown & Bibbits Brown Living Trust dated December 30, 1987, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 33-80723) declared effective on February 12, 1996.
10.4*	Form of Option Agreement for the 1996 Non-Executive Stock Option Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1996.
10.5*	1996 Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 29, 2001.
10.6*	Form of Option Agreement for 1996 Amended and Restated Stock Option Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended April 30, 1997.
10.7*	New Executive Stock Option Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 29, 2000.
10.8*	1996 Non-Executive Stock Option Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 28, 2001.
10.9*	Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Gary T. Steele effective as of January 1, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 15, 2012.
10.10	Supply Agreement between the Registrant and Apio Fresh LLC and the Growers listed therein, dated as of July 3, 2003, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 3, 2003.
10.11*	1995 Directors' Stock Option Plan, as amended, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.53 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 25, 2003.
10.12#	License and research and development agreement between the Registrant and Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. dated March 14, 2006, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.63 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 28, 2006.

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10.13*	2005 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 14, 2005.
10.14*	Form of Stock Grant Agreement for 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 14, 2005.
10.15*	Form of Notice of Stock Option Grant and Stock Option Agreement for 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.66 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 28, 2006.
10.16*	Form of Stock Unit Agreement for 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.67 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 28, 2006.
10.17*	Form of Stock Appreciation Right Agreement for 2005 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 14, 2005.
10.20	Agreement and Plan of Merger between Landec Corporation, a California corporation, and the Registrant, dated as of November 6, 2008, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 7, 2008.
10.21*	2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 19, 2009.
10.22*	Form of Stock Grant Agreement for 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 19, 2009.
10.23*	Form of Notice of Stock Option Grant and Stock Option Agreement for 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 19, 2009.
10.24*	Form of Stock Unit Agreement for 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 19, 2009.
10.25*	Form of Stock Appreciation Right Agreement for 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 19, 2009.
10.26	Stock Purchase Agreement by and among the Registrant, Lifecore Biomedical, Inc., Lifecore Biomedical, LLC and Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P., dated April 30, 2010, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 5, 2010.
10.27	Credit Agreement by and between Lifecore Biomedical, LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated April 30, 2010, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 5, 2010.
10.28	Continuing Guaranty Agreement by and between the Registrant and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated April 30, 2010, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 5, 2010.
10.29	Amendment No. 1 to the Credit Agreement by and between Lifecore Biomedical, LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated August 9, 2010.
10.30	Amended and Restated License, Supply and R&D Agreement dated November 27, 2009 by and among the Registrant, Landec Ag, LLC and Monsanto Company, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 3, 2009.

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10.31	Amendment No. 2 to the Credit Agreement by and between Lifecore Biomedical, LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated September 14, 2010, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.32 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended August 29, 2010.								
10.32	Share Purchase Agreement, dated February 15, 2011, by and between Apio, Inc. and Windset Holdings 2010 Ltd., incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 18, 2011.								
10.33*	2013 Cash Bonus Plan, incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 20, 2012.								
10.34	Stock Purchase Agreement by and among Apio, Inc., GreenLine Holding Company and 2003 Riverside Capital Appreciation Fund, L.P., dated April 23, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 27, 2012.								
10.35	Loan agreements by and between the Registrant, Apio, Inc. and General Electric Capital Corporation dated April 23, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibits 10.1 through 10.9 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 27, 2012.								
10.36	Credit Agreement and Reimbursement Agreement by and between Lifecore Biomedical, LLC and BMO Harris Bank N.A. dated May 23, 2012, incorporated herein by reference to Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 29, 2012.								
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- \* Represents a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this report pursuant to Item 15(b) of Form 10-K.
- \*\* Information is furnished and not filed or a part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these sections.
- + Filed herewith.
- # Confidential treatment requested as to certain portions. The term “confidential treatment” and the mark “\*” as used throughout the indicated Exhibit means that material has been omitted.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Menlo Park, State of California, on August 8, 2012.

### LANDEC CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gregory S. Skinner

Gregory S. Skinner  
Vice President of Finance and Administration  
and Chief Financial Officer

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Gary T. Steele and Gregory S. Skinner, and each of them, as his attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution, for him in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorney to any and all amendments to said Report on Form 10-K.**

**Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report on Form 10-K has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:**

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Gary T. Steele</u> Gary T. Steele	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 8, 2012
<u>/s/ Gregory S. Skinner</u> Gregory S. Skinner	Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 8, 2012
<u>/s/ Nicholas Tompkins</u> Nicholas Tompkins	Chairman of the Board of Apio, Inc. and Director	August 8, 2012
<u>/s/ Robert Tobin</u> Robert Tobin	Director	August 8, 2012
<u>/s/ Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D</u> Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D	Director	August 8, 2012
<u>/s/ Frederick Frank</u> Frederick Frank	Director	August 8, 2012
<u>/s/ Stephen E. Halprin</u> Stephen E. Halprin	Director	August 8, 2012
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Duke K. Bristow, Ph.D.**

*Economist*  
Marshall School of Business at USC

### **Frederick Frank**

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Peter J. Solomon Company

### **Steven Goldby**

*Partner*  
Venrock

### **Stephen Halprin**

*Retired General Partner*  
OSCCO Ventures

### **Dean Hollis**

*Retired President and Chief Operating Officer*  
ConAgra Foods

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*Chairman of the Board,  
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Landec Corporation

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*Retired CEO*  
AHOLD USA

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## CORPORATE MANAGEMENT

### **Gary T. Steele**

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### **Steven P. Bitler, Ph.D.**

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### **Molly A. Hemmeter**

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### **Damian A. Hajduk, Ph.D.**

*Chief Scientific Officer*

## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Ernst & Young LLP  
San Francisco, CA

## CORPORATE COUNSEL

Ropes & Gray LLP  
San Francisco, CA

## SHAREHOLDERS' INFORMATION

### *Transfer Agent and Registrar*

The stock transfer agent and registrar for Landec Corporation is Broadridge. Shareholders who wish to transfer their stock, or change the name in which the shares are registered, should contact:

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Philadelphia, PA 19103  
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Fax 215-553-5402  
shareholder@broadridge.com

## CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

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650-306-1650

## STOCK LISTING

The Company's common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol LNDC. The Company has filed an annual report on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders may obtain a copy of this report and Form 10-K without charge by writing the Company at:

3603 Haven Avenue  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Attn: Investor Relations

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in the enclosed materials are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially including risks detailed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## TRADEMARKS

The following are official trademarks and service marks of the Landec Corporation and its subsidiaries:

Landec®	Cal Ex®
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Apio™	Lifecore®
Clearly Fresh®	Lurocoat® Ophthalmic Viscoelastic
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