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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 10-Q**

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

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FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

Commission File Number 1-10741

**PROVENA FOODS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**California**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**95-2782215**  
(I.R.S. employer identification number)

**5010 Eucalyptus Avenue, Chino, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**91710**  
(ZIP Code)

**(909) 627-1082**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The number of shares of Provena Foods Inc. Common Stock outstanding as April 30, 2005 was:

**Common Stock 3,481,937 shares**

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## ITEM I. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## PROVENA FOODS INC.

## Condensed Statements of Operations

(Unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net sales	\$ 15,144,637	12,318,552
Cost of sales	14,207,782	11,848,906
Gross profit	936,855	469,646
Operating expenses:		
Distribution	438,822	504,581
General and administrative	635,016	504,187
Operating loss	(136,983)	(539,122)
Interest expense, net	(193,147)	(123,392)
Other income, net	84,254	65,617
Loss before income taxes	(245,876)	(596,897)
Income tax benefit	83,200	236,200
Net loss	\$ (162,676)	(360,697)
Loss per share:		
Basic and diluted	\$ (.05)	(.11)
Shares used in computing loss per share:		
Basic and diluted	3,345,664	3,219,047

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.



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## Condensed Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>December 31, 2004</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,682	120,446
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$12,000 at 2005 and \$0 at 2004	3,500,088	4,224,481
Inventories	5,509,691	5,001,454
Prepaid expenses	11,262	55,585
Income tax receivable	294,680	294,680
Deferred tax assets	548,534	457,534
	<u>9,882,937</u>	<u>10,154,180</u>
Total current assets	9,882,937	10,154,180
Property and equipment, net	15,749,768	15,972,363
Other assets	231,262	223,559
	<u>25,863,967</u>	<u>26,350,102</u>
	<b>\$ 25,863,967</b>	<b>26,350,102</b>
<b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Line of credit	\$ 3,603,591	3,225,000
Current portion of long-term debt	8,436,592	8,716,562
Current portion of capital lease obligation	58,000	58,000
Accounts payable	3,415,010	3,299,310
Accrued liabilities	1,397,551	1,981,764
	<u>16,910,744</u>	<u>17,280,636</u>
Total current liabilities	16,910,744	17,280,636
Capital lease obligation, net of current portion	303,151	314,935
Deferred tax liability	258,647	258,647
	<u>17,472,542</u>	<u>17,854,218</u>
Total liabilities	17,472,542	17,854,218
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Capital stock, no par value; authorized 10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 3,470,573 at 2005 and 3,441,814 at 2004	5,446,034	5,421,817
Deferred compensation	(136,000)	(170,000)
Retained earnings	3,081,391	3,244,067
	<u>8,391,425</u>	<u>8,495,884</u>
Total shareholders' equity	8,391,425	8,495,884
	<u>\$ 25,863,967</u>	<u>26,350,102</u>
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See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.



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## Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (162,676)	(360,697)
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Stock based compensation related to employee stock grant	34,000	34,000
Depreciation and amortization	247,582	222,088
Decrease in accounts receivable	724,393	774
Increase in inventories	(508,237)	(942,193)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	44,323	(57,606)
Increase in income taxes receivable		(236,200)
Increase in other assets	(7,703)	(49,219)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	115,700	(759,722)
Decrease in accrued liabilities	(584,213)	(651,499)
Increase in deferred tax asset	(91,000)	
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(187,831)</b>	<b>(2,800,274)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Additions to property and equipment	(24,987)	(144,817)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(24,987)</b>	<b>(144,817)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Payments on long term debt	(279,970)	(142,022)
Payments on capital lease obligation	(11,784)	(20,014)
Proceeds from line of credit	378,591	3,138,973
Proceeds from sale of capital stock	24,217	
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>111,054</b>	<b>2,976,937</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(101,764)</b>	<b>31,846</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	120,446	83,094
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 18,682</b>	<b>114,940</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:</b>		
<b>Cash paid during the period for:</b>		
Interest	\$ 193,234	123,392

Income taxes

\$ 800

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See accompanying Notes to Condensed Financial Statements.

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## Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

March 31, 2005

(1) **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all information and footnotes which would be presented were such financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for annual financial statement purposes. These statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements presented in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. In the opinion of management, the accompanying financial statements reflect all adjustments which are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods presented. Such adjustments consisted only of normal recurring items. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2005 are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

(2) **Inventories**

Inventories at March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 consist of:

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Raw materials	\$ 1,735,232	1,743,685
Work-in-process	1,385,835	1,340,801
Finished goods	2,388,624	1,916,968
	<u>\$ 5,509,691</u>	<u>5,001,454</u>

(3) **Segment Data**

Business segment sales and operating loss for the three months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 and assets at March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 are as follows:

Three Months Ended March 31,

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	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Net sales to unaffiliated customers:</b>		
Swiss American Sausage Division	\$ 13,124,084	10,709,333
Royal-Angelus Macaroni Division	2,020,553	1,609,219
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total net sales</b>	<b>\$ 15,144,637</b>	<b>12,318,552</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Operating loss:</b>		
Swiss American Sausage Division	\$ (38,712)	(316,440)
Royal-Angelus Macaroni Division	(162,460)	(257,204)
Corporate	64,189	34,522
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>\$ (136,983)</b>	<b>(539,122)</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Identifiable assets:</b>		
Swiss American Sausage Division	\$ 20,163,454	20,570,546
Royal-Angelus Macaroni Division	4,754,747	4,956,193
Corporate	945,766	823,363
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 25,863,967</b>	<b>26,350,102</b>
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

(4) Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for employee stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, under which no compensation expense has been recognized. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, as amended by SFAS No. 140, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure, the Company adopted the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 148. On December 16, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FSAB ) issued FSAB Statement No. 123R (revised 2004), Share-based Payment. This Statement requires entities to expense the estimated fair value of employee stock options and similar awards and provides certain changes to the method for valuing stock-based compensation, among other changes. SFAS No. 123R will be effective for interim periods and fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company does not anticipate granting options in the foreseeable future. The reported net losses equal pro forma losses consistent with SFAS No. 123 for the periods covered by this report because no options vested or were granted in such periods.

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(5) Loss per Share

Basic loss per share is net loss divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period, and diluted loss per share is net loss divided by the sum of the weighted average plus an incremental number of shares attributable to outstanding options. During the periods covered by this report, the Company's outstanding options for 107,111 shares resulted in no dilution and basic loss per share and diluted loss per share were the same. On February 26, 2004, the Company issued 150,000 shares of its common stock (the Grant) to its Chief Executive Officer which vest 1/6 immediately and 1/6 on each of the next five anniversaries, contingent on the Chief Executive Officer's continued employment. The computations of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the periods covered by this report include only the shares vested under the terms of the Grant.

(6) Debt

The Company has a credit facility with Comerica Bank which governs all of the Company's borrowings and letters of credit between the bank and the Company. All parts of the credit facility are secured by substantially all of the Company's assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, equipment and fixtures, the Company's two pasta buildings and the meat plant, none of which is otherwise encumbered. On March 28, 2005, Comerica demanded payment of the obligations under the credit facility and agreed to a forbearance from judicial action to collect the obligations which forbearance expires no later than December 15, 2005. Accordingly, the Company has classified \$1,649,316 of debt outstanding at March 31, 2005 under the credit facility as a current liability.

Additionally, the Company has classified as a current liability \$6,145,000 outstanding variable rate demand bonds because they are supported by a letter of credit governed by the credit facility. A default under the credit facility allows the bank to require a cash security deposit from the Company in the amount of the bank's potential liability under the letter of credit. The Company has also classified as a current liability an equipment loan with General Electric Capital Corporation of \$642,276 because the loan contains a cross-default provision with the credit facility, which permits General Electric Capital Corporation to call the loan.

On April 13, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its two pasta buildings for a gross price of \$6,113,776 and the leaseback of the buildings for ten years, with two 5 year options to renew, at \$39,543 per month, increasing annually by 3% compounded. Net proceeds of the transaction of \$5,554,246 were applied to the credit facility, including repayment of the above \$1,649,316 of debt.

(7) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*, long-lived assets such as property and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to estimated fair value. The Company determines fair value using estimates of undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of would be separately presented in the balance sheet and reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated. The assets and liabilities of a disposed group classified as held for sale would be presented separately in the appropriate asset and liability sections of the balance sheet.

The Company's evaluation of the recoverability of property and equipment includes estimates of future cash flows that are expected to arise as a direct result of the use and eventual disposition of the assets. A significant part of the estimation process involves estimating future operating

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cash flows and the fair value of the property and equipment at the eventual disposition date. The Company has recently incurred operating losses and the return to profitability may depend in part on factors outside the Company's control (see note (8) to the unaudited condensed financial statements). Future property and equipment impairment charges may result if actual cash flows, or changes in estimates of cash flows, from the use and eventual disposition of the property and equipment vary from the estimates used to support the value of the assets at each reporting date.

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(8) Liquidity

The Company's material operating losses and negative operating cash flows for 2004 and the first quarter of 2005 and Comerica Bank's March 28, 2005 demand for payment of the obligations under the credit facility raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to fund its reasonably foreseeable working capital, capital expenditure and debt service requirements and to continue as a going concern. The Company's ability to fund these cash requirements will require finding a new lender to refinance the credit facility and improvement in the Company's operating results and operating cash flow.

Comerica Bank has agreed to a forbearance from judicial action which expires no later than December 15, 2005. On April 12, 2005, the Company accepted a preliminary proposal from a new lender to refinance the credit facility. The Company is aggressively pursuing improvements in its cash flow and operating results, including specific steps directed at conserving cash, increasing margins and reducing costs and is committed to take all feasible actions to achieve these goals. The improvement of its results for the first quarter of 2005 over the first quarter of 2004 and the \$5,554,246 of net proceeds from the April 13, 2005 sale and leaseback of its pasta buildings are favorable steps directed to meeting the Company's cash requirements. The Company believes that its efforts will succeed in enabling it to meet its cash requirements, improve its financial position and obtain a new lender to refinance the credit facility.

(9) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amounts of property and equipment, determining the allowance for doubtful accounts and valuing inventory and deferred tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

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	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(amounts in thousands)</b>	
<b>(Unaudited)</b>		
Net sales by division:		
<b>Swiss American</b>	\$ 13,124	\$ 10,709
<b>Royal-Angelus</b>	2,021	1,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,145</b>	<b>\$ 12,319</b>
Sales in thousands of pounds by division:		
<b>Swiss American</b>	6,791	6,479
<b>Royal-Angelus</b>	3,486	3,222

**Forward-Looking Statements**

The discussions throughout this report contain forward-looking statements which express or imply expectations of future performance, developments or occurrences. There can be no assurance that these expectations will be fulfilled, since actual events may differ materially due to uncertainties relating to the Company's performance, the economy, competition, demand, commodities, credit markets, energy supplies and other factors.

**Swiss American Sausage Co. Meat Division**

Sales by the processed meat division increased about 23% in dollars and 5% in pounds in the 1st three months of 2005 over the same period in 2004. Sales in dollars increased proportionately more than in pounds because of higher selling prices resulting from higher meat and other costs. Swiss operated at a \$38,712 loss in the 1st quarter of 2005 compared to a \$316,440 loss for the 1st quarter of 2004. The principal causes of Swiss's losses were increased plant labor, health insurance, utility and meat costs, the continuing high level of workers' compensation cost and the failure of increasing selling prices to recover the increasing costs. Swiss reduced its losses from the 1st quarter of 2004 to the 1st quarter of 2005 by increasing its selling prices. But the selling price increases were still inadequate to produce an operating profit for the 1st quarter of 2005. Swiss has been attempting to raise its selling prices to fully reflect its increased costs but is constrained by competition and resistance to price increases.

**Royal-Angelus Macaroni Company Pasta Division**



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The pasta division's sales increased about 26% in dollars and 8% in pounds in the 1st quarter of 2005 compared to the 1st quarter of 2004. The percentage increases were higher in dollars than in pounds because of higher selling prices reflecting an increased proportion of sales of value-added products and slightly higher flour costs. Royal operated at a \$162,460 loss for the 1st quarter of 2005 compared to a \$257,204 loss for the 1st quarter of 2004. Sales and

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operating results continue to be adversely affected by intense competition in an industry already with an excess capacity experiencing a decrease in demand. The major cause of the decreased operating loss was the increased average selling prices. Royal failed to operate at a profit in the 1st quarter of 2005 because of increased plant labor, flour, health insurance and utility costs and a continuing high level of workers' compensation expense.

## The Company

Company net sales were up about 23% and the Company realized net loss of \$162,676 in the 1st quarter of 2005 compared to a net loss of \$360,697 for the 1st quarter of 2004. Both divisions contributed to the increased sales and the decreased loss. The Company's gross profit margin for the 1st quarter of 2005 was 6.2% compared to 3.8% a year ago. The Company's margin increased from a year ago because the margins at both divisions increased due to increased selling prices.

General and administrative expenses were up about \$131,000 for the 1st quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004 primarily because of consulting and auditing fees and increased health insurance costs. Distribution expenses were down about \$66,000 because of decreased salesman payroll and billing more freight to customers. Net interest expense increased about \$70,000 because of higher interest rates and higher borrowings under the bank line of credit in the 1st quarter of 2005 versus the 1st quarter of 2004. Other income increased about \$19,000 because of asset sales at Royal.

Meat plant employees are represented by United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 588, AFL-CIO, CLC under a collective bargaining agreement dated April 1, 2002 which expires April 2, 2006. Pasta plant employees are represented by United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 1428, AFL-CIO, CLC under a collective bargaining agreement dated October 2, 2002 which expires September 30, 2006. There has been no significant labor unrest at the division's plants and the Company believes it has a satisfactory relationship with its employees.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has previously satisfied its normal working capital requirements with funds derived from operations and borrowings under its bank line of credit, which is part of a credit facility with Comerica Bank. The Company's recent material operating losses and negative operating cash flows raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to fund its reasonably foreseeable working capital requirements and to continue as a going concern. Because of the Company's poor operating results, Comerica demanded to be replaced, the Company commenced seeking a new lender for the credit facility, and on March 28, 2005, Comerica demanded payment of the obligations under the credit facility and agreed to a conditional forbearance until December 15, 2005.

The line of credit was payable on demand, was subject to annual review, and bears interest at a variable annual rate which is 1.25% over the bank's Base Rate. At March 31, 2005 the Base Rate was 5.75% per annum. In January 2005 the bank authorized a \$500,000 Overformula Amount resulting in a maximum amount for the line of credit of the lesser of \$4,500,000, or 30% of eligible inventories plus 80% of eligible receivables, with a limit of \$1,500,000 for inventories, determined monthly. The amounts of letters of credit from Comerica supporting

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the Company's obligations to pay workers' compensation claims are applied in reduction of the borrowings available under the line of credit. At March 31, 2005, the Company had \$3,603,591 of borrowings outstanding under the line of credit, and there were no borrowings available.

As part of the credit facility, on December 30, 2003, the Company borrowed \$6,300,000 by the issuance of variable rate demand bonds under an indenture supported by a \$6,378,750 letter of credit issued by Comerica. At March 31, 2005, the outstanding balance of the bonds was \$6,145,000. The bonds are demand obligations remarketed upon repayment and bear a variable rate of interest payable monthly and set weekly at a market rate 2.94% per annum at March 31, 2005. The Company must make monthly interest payments on the new bonds and monthly principal payments into a sinking fund used annually to reduce the aggregate outstanding principal of the new bonds. The monthly principal payments for the first 5 years began at about \$12,900 and are currently about \$15,000 with annual increases calculated to amortize the bonds over 20 years. The monthly principal payments and amortization after the first 5 years are subject to agreement between the Company and Comerica. The Company pays a 1.25% per annum fee on the amount of the letter of credit and fees of the bond indenture trustee estimated at 0.5% of the bond principal per year. Bonds may be issued under the indenture for 30 years. The \$6,378,750 letter of credit expires December 30, 2008 and Comerica is not obligated to renew it. If an agreement to renew a letter of credit is not reached prior to expiration, the Company is obligated to pay all outstanding bonds.

Also as part of the credit facility, the bank made four loans to the Company in 1999 for the meat plant, a \$1,280,000 real estate loan and three equipment loans totalling \$2,614,788. The real estate loan was made in December 1999, bears a fixed rate of interest of 9.1% per annum and is payable in equal monthly payments of principal and interest over its 25 year term. Each equipment loan bore a variable rate of interest and was payable in equal monthly payments of principal plus interest over its term, with issue date, initial amount, term and rate as follows: July 1999, \$1,000,000, 7 year, bank's Base Rate; September 1999, \$1,200,000, 7 year, bank's Base Rate plus 0.25%; and December 1999, \$414,788, 5 year, bank's Base Rate plus 0.75%. The December 1999 equipment loan was repaid in 2004.

All parts of the credit facility are secured by substantially all of the Company's assets, including accounts receivable, inventory, equipment and fixtures, and real property, none of which is otherwise encumbered. The credit facility prohibits, without the bank's consent, dividends, mergers, acquisitions, purchase or disposal of assets, borrowing, granting security interests, and changes of management and contains financial covenants requiring, at the end of each month, a tangible net worth greater than \$9,300,000; a debt to tangible net worth ratio of not more than 2 to 1; cash flow coverage not less than 1.06 to 1; and a quick ratio of cash and account receivables to current liabilities of 0.5 to 1. The Company was in default under all of the financial covenants at March 31, 2005 and the bank has waived the financial covenants through May 31, 2005.

On April 13, 2005, the Company completed the sale of its two pasta buildings for a gross price of \$6,113,776 and the leaseback of the buildings for ten years, with two 5 year options to renew, at \$39,543 per month, increasing annually by 3% compounded.

On March 28, 2005, the bank demanded payment of all of the obligations under the credit facility and agreed to a conditional forbearance from judicial action to collect the obligations

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until December 15, 2005. The bank has the right to terminate the forbearance upon any new defaults under the credit facility or defaults under the terms of the forbearance, upon further deterioration in the Company's financial condition or the bank's collateral position or if the bank believes that its prospect of payment is impaired. Under the terms of the forbearance, the net proceeds from the sale of the two pasta buildings of \$5,554,246 (after applying \$23,726 to pro-rated rent and \$120,000 to a security deposit under the lease) were applied \$1,649,316 to retire the real estate and two equipment loans, \$1,217,244 to reduce the balance of the line of credit, \$2,682,785 to deposit with the bank cash collateral to secure liabilities under the credit facility, primarily the Company's liabilities with respect to the outstanding letters of credit, and \$4,901 to accrued interest. The forbearance provides that on the close of the sale of the two pasta buildings, the limit for inventories under the line of credit was reduced from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000, the \$500,000 Overformula Amount was eliminated and the maximum amount of the line of credit was reduced to \$3,500,000. During the forbearance, the Company is to make payments of principal, interest and letter of credit fees in the amounts and on the dates specified in the credit facility documents. The Company must pay a forbearance fee of \$100,000 plus \$15,000 per month beginning July 1, 2005 and continuing until the credit facility is refinanced. Upon any new default under the credit facility or default under the terms of the forbearance, the interest rates of all obligations under the credit facility are increased by 3%. The bank issued the \$775,000 workers' compensation letter of credit for 2005. Because the bank's forbearance expires no later than December 15, 2005, the Company's real estate and equipment loans from the bank and the variable rate demand bonds are reflected as current liabilities rather than long-term debt in the March 31, 2005 financial statements.

The Company purchased a second long-goods line for the pasta plant in 2003 and financed part of the cost on October 28, 2003 by an \$866,750 five-year term equipment loan from General Electric Capital Corporation bearing interest at 3.65% over a Federal Reserve rate and payable in equal monthly payments of principal plus interest. Because a cross-default provision in the loan results in the loan being in default when the credit facility is in default, it is reflected as a current liability rather than as long-term debt in the March 31, 2005 financial statements.

On April 12, 2005, the Company accepted a preliminary proposal from a new lender to refinance the credit facility. The preliminary proposal is not a commitment and the Company may be unable find a new lender to refinance the credit facility. Under the terms of the proposal, the Company would have a \$14,000,000 revolving line of credit covering: advances limited to 85% of eligible accounts receivable and 50% of eligible inventories; letters of credit up to \$7,513,000 to support the demand bonds and workers' compensation insurance; a five year term loan up to the lesser of \$1,500,000 or 80% of orderly liquidation value of eligible equipment; and four year term loans aggregating up to \$300,000 equal to 80% of eligible equipment purchases. Loans and advances under the revolving line would bear interest at the annual rate of 0.5% over the lender's base rate or LIBOR plus 3.25%. Fees on outstanding letters of credits would be 1.875% per annum. In addition, there is a 0.50% per annum fee on the total revolving line amount. The line would have a term of five years, and the lender would have the right to extend the term from year to year.

Cash decreased \$101,764 in the 1st quarter of 2005 compared to a \$31,846 increase in the 1st quarter of 2004. Operating activities used \$187,831 of cash primarily from the net loss,

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increases in inventories, deferred tax asset and other assets and a decrease in accrued liabilities, partially offset by depreciation and amortization, decreases in accounts receivable and prepaid expenses and an increase in accounts payable. Inventories increased on increased sales. Accounts receivable decreased because intense collection efforts. Accrued liabilities decreased, in part, because of payment of union pension contributions. Investing activities used \$24,987 of cash for additions to property and equipment and financing activities provided \$111,054 of cash primarily from increased borrowing under the bank line.

The Company is aggressively pursuing improvements in its cash flow and operating results, including specific steps directed at conserving cash, increasing margins and reducing costs and is committed to take all feasible actions to achieve these goals. The improvement of the Company's results for the first quarter of 2005 over the first quarter of 2004, the April 12, 2005 acceptance of a preliminary proposal from a new lender to refinance the credit facility, though not a commitment and the \$5,554,246 of net proceeds from the April 13, 2005 sale and leaseback of its pasta buildings are favorable steps directed to meeting the Company's cash requirements. The Company believes that its efforts will succeed in enabling it to meet its cash requirements, improve its financial position and obtain a new lender to refinance the credit facility.

## Critical Accounting Policies

The Securities and Exchange Commission defines a critical accounting policy as one which is both important to the portrayal of the registrant's financial condition and results of operations and requires management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Critical for the Company are determining the allowance for doubtful accounts and valuing inventory.

*Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.* The Company sells to its customers on credit and grants credit to those who are deemed credit worthy based on the Company's analysis of their credit history. The Company's standard payment terms are net 30 days. The Company reviews its accounts receivable balances and the collectibility of those balances on a periodic basis. Based on the Company's analysis of the length of time that the balances have been outstanding, the pattern of customer payments, its understanding of the general business conditions of its customers and its communications with its customers, the Company estimates the recoverability of those balances. When recoverability is uncertain and the unrecoverable amounts can be reasonably estimated, the Company records bad debt expense and increases the allowance for accounts receivable by the amounts estimated to be unrecoverable. If the data the Company uses to assist in the calculation of the allowance for doubtful accounts does not reflect its future ability to collect outstanding receivables, additional provisions for doubtful accounts may be needed and the Company's future results of operations could be materially affected. At March 31, 2005, the Company had a \$12,000 allowance for doubtful accounts based on the factors stated above. Additionally, based on the Company's analysis, there is no indication that a material amount of receivables is uncollectible.

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*Inventory.* Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market, where market is generally the fair value less the cost to sell. The Company reviews the carrying value of its inventory on a periodic basis by determining the market value for the items in inventory and comparing the market value to the carrying value. In instances where the market value is lower than the carrying value, the Company writes down the inventory accordingly. If circumstances change (e.g. unexpected shifts in market demand) there could be a material impact on the net realizable value of the inventory.

Estimates involving critical accounting policies are based on historical data and anticipated future events, and actual results may differ from the Company's estimates.

## New Accounting Standards

New accounting standards and interpretations are adopted by the Company as they become effective. In the opinion of management, recently released standards and interpretations not effective at March 31, 2005, will not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

## **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK**

The variable rate demand bonds, the bank line of credit, and the equipment loans bear variable rates of interest (see **Liquidity and Capital Resources** under **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**) which tend to follow market interest rates and change the Company's interest expense in the same direction as changes in interest rates. A 1% per annum change in the rate borne by the variable rate demand bonds would change annual interest expense by almost \$62,000. Assuming an average line of credit balance of \$4,000,000 plus \$1,200,000 average principal balance of equipment loans, a 1% per annum change in the rate borne by those borrowings would change annual interest expense by \$52,000.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

*Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act.

*Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.* The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, also conducted an evaluation of the Company's internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any

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changes occurred during the Company's fourth fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that there have been no such changes during the Company's fourth fiscal quarter.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS** No significant litigation.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS** None.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES** None.

**ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS** None.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Common Stock Repurchase and Sale**

During the 1st three months of 2005, the Company did not purchase any shares of its common stock under its stock repurchase program.

During the 1st three months of 2005, the Company sold 28,759 shares under its 1988 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. From inception of the Plan through March 31, 2005, employees have purchased a total of 842,119 shares.

**American Stock Exchange Listing**

The Company's common stock trades on the American Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol PZA .

**Cash Dividends Paid**

No cash dividends were paid in the 1st quarter of 2005.

**Management Stock Transactions**

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No purchases or sales of the Company's common stock by officers or directors were reported during the 1st quarter of 2005.

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**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

<b><u>Exhibit Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Documents</u></b>
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32	Certification of CEO and CFO pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

**SIGNATURE**

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

Date: May 13, 2005

**PROVENA FOODS INC.**

By */s/* THOMAS J. MULRONEY  
Thomas J. Mulroney  
  
Vice President and  
  
Chief Financial Officer