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To Our Stockholders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Tractor Supply Company. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at the Company's Store Support Center in Brentwood, Tennessee. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. (central time).

The following pages contain the formal notice of the Annual Meeting and our Proxy Statement, which describes the specific business to be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting. The meeting will include a report on Tractor Supply Company's activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, and there will be an opportunity for comments and questions from stockholders.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, it is important that you be represented and that your shares be voted. After reviewing the Proxy Statement, I ask you to complete, sign and date the proxy card and return it as soon as possible in the envelope provided.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr.
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

March 27, 2006

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD MAY 4, 2006

Please join us for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Tractor Supply Company. The meeting will be held at the Company's Store Support Center, 200 Powell Place, Brentwood, Tennessee, on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

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(central time).

The purposes of the meeting are:

1. To elect ten directors to serve a one-year term ending at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
2. To approve the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan;
3. To ratify the reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 30, 2006; and
4. To transact any other business as may be properly introduced at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

You must own shares at the close of business on March 15, 2006, to vote at the meeting. Regardless of whether you plan to attend, please vote by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card at your earliest convenience. You may, of course, revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the meeting. However, completing, signing and returning the proxy will assure your representation at the meeting if you do not attend.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David C. Lewis
ASSISTANT CORPORATE SECRETARY

Brentwood, Tennessee
March 27, 2006

 YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN,
 DATE AND RETURN YOUR PROXY.

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PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD MAY 4, 2006

INTRODUCTION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

This proxy statement and accompanying proxy card are being mailed beginning March 27, 2006, in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Tractor Supply Company, a Delaware corporation, for use at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting will be held at the Company's Store Support Center, 200 Powell Place, Brentwood, Tennessee, on Thursday, May 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. (central time).

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The Board of Directors solicits your proxy. The Company pays the cost of soliciting your proxy and reimburses brokers and others for forwarding proxy material to you.

VOTING INFORMATION

WHO MAY VOTE?

You may vote if you owned shares of the Company's Common Stock at the close of business on March 15, 2006. You are entitled to one vote for each share you owned on that date on each matter presented at the meeting. At March 15, 2006, Tractor Supply Company had 39,898,186 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

WHAT AM I VOTING ON?

You will be voting on the following:

- o The election of ten directors to serve a one-year term ending at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders;
- o The approval of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan;
- o The ratification of the reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditor; and
- o Any other matters properly introduced at the Meeting.

HOW DO I VOTE?

If you plan to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and wish to vote in person, the Company will give you a ballot at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. However, if your Shares are held in the name of a broker, bank, or other nominee and you want to vote in person, you will need to obtain a legal proxy from the institution that holds your Shares indicating that you were the beneficial owner of Shares on March 15, 2006, which is the record date for voting at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

If your Shares are held in your name, there are three ways for you to vote by proxy:

- o Call 1-800-652-VOTE (1-800-652-8683),
- o Log on to the internet at: WWW.COMPUTERSHARE.COM/EXPRESSVOTE and follow the instructions at that site, or
- o Mail the proxy card in the enclosed return envelope.

Telephone and internet voting will close at 11:00 p.m. (CST) on May 3, 2006.

If your Shares are held in the name of a broker, bank, or other nominee, you

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should receive separate instructions from the holder of your Shares describing how to vote your Shares.

CAN I VOTE AT THE MEETING?

You may vote your shares at the Meeting if you attend in person. Even if you plan to attend the Meeting, we encourage you to vote your shares by proxy.

IS MY VOTE CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. Your proxy card, ballot and voting records will not be disclosed to Tractor Supply Company unless required by law, requested by you, or your vote is cast in a contested election. If you write

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comments on your proxy card, your comments will be forwarded to Tractor Supply Company, but how you voted will be kept confidential.

WHO COUNTS THE VOTES?

ComputerShare will count the votes. The Board has appointed a representative of ComputerShare as the independent inspector of the election.

CAN I REVOKE MY PROXY?

Yes. You can revoke your proxy by:

- o Filing written notice of revocation with Tractor Supply Company's Corporate Secretary before the meeting;
- o Signing a proxy bearing a later date; or
- o Voting in person at the Meeting.

WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED TO PASS AN ITEM OF BUSINESS?

The holders of the majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock must be present in person or represented by proxy for a quorum to be present at the Meeting. Except for the election of directors (which is described below), the proposals in this Proxy Statement will be approved if they receive the following number of votes: (i) each of the director nominees must receive the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares issued and outstanding as of the record date, (ii) the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan will be approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present, either in person or by proxy, at the Meeting, and (iii) the ratification of the reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent accountants will be approved if it receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes present, either in person or by proxy, at the Meeting.

If you submit your proxy or attend the Meeting, but choose to abstain from voting on any proposal, you will be considered present at the Meeting and not voting in favor of the proposal. This will not affect the election of directors. But since the other proposals described herein pass only if they receive favorable votes from a majority of votes present at the Meeting, the fact that you are abstaining and not voting in favor of a proposal will have the same effect as if you had voted against the proposal.

Brokers and nominees may exercise their voting discretion without receiving instructions from the beneficial owner of shares on proposals that are deemed to be routine matters. If a proposal is not a routine matter, the broker or nominee may not vote the shares with respect to the proposal without receiving instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares. If a broker turns in a proxy card expressly stating that the broker is not voting on a nonroutine matter, such action is referred to as a "broker nonvote." Since the election of directors and the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditor are routine matters, a broker may turn in a proxy card voting shares at the discretion of the broker on both matters. Because the approval of the Tractor

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Supply Company 2006 Stock Incentive Plan is not a routine matter, your broker or nominee may not vote your shares on this matter without receiving instructions.

Thus, if you do not give your broker or nominee specific instructions, your shares may not be voted on non-routine matters such as the approval of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and will not

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be counted in determining the number of shares necessary for the approval of such plan. Shares represented by such "broker non-votes" will, however, be counted in determining whether there is a quorum at the meeting.

Unless you indicate otherwise on your proxy card, the persons named as your proxies will vote your shares (a) FOR all ten nominees for director, (b) FOR the approval of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and (c) FOR the ratification of the reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Tractor Supply Company's independent auditor.

The Annual Report to Stockholders of the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, including audited financial statements, is being mailed with this Proxy Statement to all holders of record of Common Stock at the close of business on March 15, 2006. In addition, the Company has provided brokers, dealers, banks, voting trustees and their nominees, at Company expense, with additional copies of the Annual Report, so that such record holders may supply such material to beneficial owners as of March 15, 2006. Additional copies of the Annual Report and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, are available on the Company's website or may be obtained without charge upon request to the Company's investor relations department.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

GENERAL

The Company believes that good corporate governance is important to ensure that Tractor Supply Company is managed for the long-term benefit of its stockholders. During the past year, the Company has continued to review its corporate governance policies and practices and to compare them to those suggested by various authorities in corporate governance and the practices of other public companies. The Company has also continued to review the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market.

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, which outline the composition, operations and responsibilities of the Board of Directors. The Company's Board of Directors also ensures that an annual review of its charters for the Company's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance Committee and Nominating Committee is conducted. You may access the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and current committee charters in the "Corporate Governance" section of the Company's website - WWW.MYTSCSTORE.COM.

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DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE AND OPERATIONS

The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines require that a majority of the Company's Board of Directors consist of independent directors within the meaning of the NASDAQ listing standards. The Board has determined that each of the following directors is an "independent director" within the meaning of the NASDAQ listing standards.

Jack C. Bingleman
S.P. Braud
Cynthia T. Jamison
Gerard E. Jones

Edna K. Morris
Sam K. Reed
Joseph M. Rodgers

Our Chairman in consultation with our Chief Executive Officer usually proposes the agenda for the Board meetings. Directors receive the agenda and supporting information in advance of the meetings. Directors may raise other matters to be included in the agenda or at the meetings. Our Chief Executive Officer and other members of senior management make presentations to the Board at the meetings and a substantial portion of the meeting time is devoted to the Board's discussion of these presentations. Executive sessions for non-management and independent directors are scheduled at each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Directors have regular access to senior management. They may also seek independent, outside advice. The Board has established four standing committees so that certain areas can be addressed in more depth than might be possible at a full Board meeting. Committee assignments are reassessed annually. The Directors participated in Board and committee evaluations and assessments regarding 2005 performance.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee, which is comprised solely of independent directors, considers candidates for Board membership suggested by its members and other Board members, as well as management and stockholders. A stockholder who wishes to recommend a prospective nominee for the Board should notify the Company's Corporate Secretary in writing with whatever supporting material the stockholder considers appropriate pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Bylaws relating to stockholder proposals as described in "Stockholder Proposals," below.

Once the Nominating Committee has identified a prospective nominee, the Committee makes an initial determination as to whether to conduct a full evaluation of the candidate. This initial determination is based on whatever information is provided to the Committee with the recommendation of the prospective candidate, as well as the Committee's own knowledge of the prospective candidate, which may be supplemented by inquiries to the person making the recommendation or others. The preliminary determination is based primarily on the need for additional Board members to fill vacancies or expand the size of the Board and the likelihood that the prospective nominee can satisfy the evaluation factors described below. The Committee then evaluates the prospective nominee against the standards and qualifications set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Policies, including:

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- o Personal characteristics:
 - o highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values;
 - o an inquiring and independent mind; and
 - o practical wisdom and mature judgment.
- o Expertise that is useful to the Company and complementary to the

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- background and experience of other Board members, so that an optimum balance of members on the Board can be achieved and maintained.
- o Broad training and experience at the policy-making level in business, government, education or technology.
 - o Willingness to devote the required amount of time to carrying out the duties and responsibilities of Board membership.
 - o Commitment to serve on the Board over a period of several years to develop knowledge about the Company's principal operations.
 - o Willingness to represent the best interests of all stockholders and objectively appraise management performance.
 - o Involvement only in activities or interests that do not create a conflict with the director's responsibilities to the Company and its stockholders.

The Committee also considers such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate, including the current composition of the Board, the balance of management and independent directors, the need for Audit Committee expertise and the evaluations of other prospective nominees. In connection with this evaluation, the Committee determines whether to interview the prospective nominee, and if warranted, one or more members of the Committee, and others as appropriate, interview prospective nominees in person or by telephone.

After completing this evaluation and interview, the Committee makes a recommendation to the full Board as to the persons who should be nominated by the Board, and the Board determines the nominees after considering the recommendation and report of the Committee.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Company has a Code of Ethics which covers all exempt employees, officers and directors of the Company, including the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer and the controller. The Code of Ethics is available on the Company's "Corporate Governance" section of its website - WWW.MYTSCSTORE.COM. The Company intends to post amendments to or waivers from its Code of Ethics (to the extent applicable to the Company's directors, chief executive officer, principal financial officer or controller) at this location on its website.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Stockholders interested in communicating directly with members of the Company's Board of Directors may do so by writing to Corporate Secretary, Tractor Supply Company, 200 Powell Place, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027. As set forth in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Corporate Secretary of the Company reviews all such correspondence and regularly forwards to the Board a summary of all such correspondence and copies of all correspondence that, in the opinion of the Corporate Secretary, deals with the functions of the Board or committees thereof

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or that the Corporate Secretary otherwise determines requires their attention. Directors may at any time review a log of all correspondence received by the Company that is addressed to members of the Board and request copies of any such correspondence. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls or auditing matters are immediately brought to the attention of the Company's internal audit department and handled in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee with respect to such matters.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING

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The Company strongly encourages each member of the Board of Directors to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. All of the Company's directors attended the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

ITEM 1 - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Tractor Supply Company's directors are elected at each annual stockholder's meeting and hold office until the next election. All nominees are presently directors of the Company. The Board has the authority under the Company's Bylaws to fill vacancies and to increase or decrease its size between annual meetings.

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTORS

The Board, upon recommendation of its Nominating Committee, has nominated each of the directors named below for election at this Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Such individuals were selected based on their broad experience, wisdom, integrity, understanding of the business environment, thorough appreciation for strong ethics and appropriate corporate governance, and their willingness to devote adequate time to Board duties.

The following table sets forth certain information concerning these nominees:

NAME AND AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	POSITIONS WITH COMPANY, DIRECTORSHIPS EXPERIENCE FOR LAST FIVE YEARS
Jack C. Bingleman, 63	2005	President of Indian River Asset Management. Previously served as President of Staples from 1997 to 2000. Served as President of American Stores from 1994 to 1997. Director of a public forest products company.

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NAME AND AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	POSITIONS WITH COMPANY, DIRECTORSHIPS EXPERIENCE FOR LAST FIVE YEARS
S.P. Braud, 75	1993	Vice President and director of Braud Design, a residential construction company located in Palm Beach, Florida, since October 1992. Previously served as Vice President and the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Service Merchandise Company, Inc. from 1993 to 1999.
Cynthia T. Jamison, 46	2002	Partner in Tatum, LLC since June, 1999. As previously served as Chief Financial Officer at several companies (Cosi, Inc., Savista, Inc., SurePayroll, Inc., Insurance, CultureWorx, Inc., and ISCO International, Inc.). Previously served as Chief Financial Officer of Chart House Enterprises from 1998 to 1999. Previous directorship: B&G Foods, Inc (also Chairperson).

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Committee) since October 2004.

Gerard E. Jones, 69	1999	Retired, after practicing law in New York for 40 years. Currently serves as Adjunct at the Vermont Law School and serves on Board of The Nature Conservancy of Vermont. Served as Partner of Corporate Governance Advisors, 2005. Previously served as a Partner in the law firm of Richards & O'Neil LLP from 1972 to 2003 and as Counsel to the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin from 2003 to 2003. Served as a director of several mutual funds sponsored by Morgan Stanley Investment Management, including the Morgan Stanley Institutional
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Joseph D. Maxwell, 67	1985	Retired as Vice President of Marketing of the Company in June 1996, having served as Vice President of the Company since 1984. Previously served in various capacities with the Company from 1980 to 1984.
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NAME AND AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	POSITIONS WITH COMPANY, DIRECTORSHIPS AND EXPERIENCE FOR LAST FIVE YEARS
Edna K. Morris, 54	2004	Served as President of Red Lobster, a seafood restaurant company, from 2002 to September 2003. Previously served as Executive Vice President/Operations at Red Lobster from 1998 to 2002. Prior to 1998, Ms. Morris was President of Advantica Restaurant Group and served as President of Quincy's Family Steakhouse from 1996 to 1998. Other directorships: Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of America and Founding President of the Foodservice Forum.
Sam K. Reed, 56	2000	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Kellogg Foods, Inc. from June 2005 to present. Served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Specialty Foods Company and Dean Foods Company from January 2005 to June 2005 and as Vice Chairman and a director of Kellogg Company from 2002 to 2002. From 1996 to 2001, served as Chief Executive Officer and director of the Keebler Foods Company, Inc. from 1995 to 1995, served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Western Bakery Group, a division of Spangdahlem Corporation. Other directorships: Weight Watchers International, since February 2002, and Calumet Mills Company from 1991 to 2005.
Joseph M. Rodgers, 72	1995	Chairman of The JMR Group, an investment management firm based in Nashville, Tennessee, since 1984. Previously served as United States Ambassador to France from 1981 to 1984.

Other directorships: AMR Corporation/American
 Inc., since 1989; Lafarge Corporation, since
 Bank, Nashville, N.A., since 1989.

NAME AND AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE	POSITIONS WITH COMPANY, DIRECTORSHIPS EXPERIENCE FOR LAST FIVE YEARS
Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr., 63	1982	Chairman of the Board of the Company since Previously served as Chairman and Chief Executive of the Company from February 1993 through Previously served in various senior executive with the Company from 1978 to 1993.
James F. Wright, 56	2002	President and Chief Executive Officer of the October 2004. Previously served as President Operating Officer of the Company from November September 2004. From 1997 to 2000, served as Chief Executive Officer of Tire Kingdom. From 1996, held senior management-level position Auto Supply Co. Other directorships: Spartan since August 2002.

If a nominee becomes unwilling or unable to serve, which is not expected, the proxies will be voted for a substitute person designated by the Board upon the recommendation of its Nominating Committee.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE NOMINEES.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

In fiscal 2005, the Company paid each director who was not also an employee of the Company an annual retainer of \$28,000 and \$3,000 for each Board meeting attended. The Company pays non-employee directors \$1,000 for each committee meeting attended (provided that \$2,000 is paid to each committee chairperson (other than the Audit Committee chairperson) for each committee meeting attended and \$4,000 is paid to the Audit Committee chairperson for each Audit Committee meeting attended). The Company pays non-employee directors one-half of these standard rates for each telephonic meeting attended. The Company reimburses all directors for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with their attendance at Board and committee meetings. In addition, each of the directors is eligible to participate in the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan under which non-qualified stock options for (i) 3,500 shares of Common Stock are automatically granted to each non-employee director of the Company upon their initial election to the Board, and (ii) 2,000 shares of Common Stock are

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automatically granted to each non-employee director annually upon reelection thereafter, with exercise prices equal to the fair market value of such shares at the time of grant. No director who is an employee of the Company receives compensation for services rendered as a director.

In the event that the Company's stockholders approve the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, the Company intends to grant stock options under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and not grant any additional stock options under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan following the effective date of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan are summarized below under "Item 2: Approval of 2006 Stock Incentive Plan." Unlike the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, options would not automatically be granted to directors under the terms of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. However, the Company anticipates that stock options would initially be granted to directors under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan in the same amounts as stock options have automatically been granted to directors under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan as described above.

BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES

HOW OFTEN DID THE BOARD MEET IN 2005?

The Board held seven regular meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, to review significant developments affecting the Company, engage in strategic planning and act on matters requiring Board approval.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, each incumbent director attended at least 75% of the Board meetings and at least 75% of the meetings of committees on which he or she served.

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WHAT ARE THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD?

COMMITTEE	MEMBERS	FUNCTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Audit	S.P. Braud * Jack C. Bingleman Cynthia T. Jamison Joseph M. Rodgers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Oversees financial reporting, policies, procedures and internal controls of the Company o Appoints the independent auditor o Evaluates the general scope of the annual audit and approves all fees paid to the independent auditor
Compensation	Cynthia T. Jamison* Edna K. Morris Joseph M. Rodgers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reviews and approves compensation of directors and executive officers o Reviews and approves grants of stock options to officers pursuant to stock incentive plans o Reviews salary and benefit issues
Corporate Governance	Sam K. Reed* Gerard E. Jones Edna K. Morris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Develops, sets and maintains corporate governance standards o Reviews and monitors activities of Board members o Evaluates the effectiveness of the Board

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process and committee activities

Nominating	Gerard E. Jones*	o	Makes recommendations for nominees for director
	Jack C. Bingleman		
	S.P. Braud	o	Evaluates qualifications for new candidates for director positions
	Sam K. Reed		

* Committee Chairperson

The Board has determined that each member of the Company's Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance Committee and Nominating Committee is an independent director within the meaning of the NASDAQ listing standards. In addition, the Board has determined that Mr. Braud, the chair of the Audit Committee, is qualified as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of SEC regulations and NASDAQ listing standards.

RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS WITH TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

The Company is a party to a lease agreement, dated January 1, 1986, with an entity controlled by Joseph D. Maxwell, a director of the Company. The lease is for one of the Company's stores, provides for annual rent of approximately \$74,000 and has a term ending December 31, 2006. The Company believes the terms of this lease are comparable to those which would have been available if such lease had been entered into with an unrelated party.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Tractor Supply Company's Audit Committee consists of four directors. The Board has adopted a charter that governs the Audit Committee. The members of the Audit Committee are S.P. Braud (Chairman), Jack C. Bingleman, Cynthia T. Jamison and Joseph M. Rodgers, and each is "independent" as defined by the NASDAQ listing standards and applicable Securities and Exchange Commission regulations.

Tractor Supply Company's management is primarily responsible for the Company's financial statements and financial reporting process, including assessing the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent auditor, is responsible for planning and carrying out annual audits and quarterly reviews of the Company's financial statements in accordance with standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, expressing an opinion on the conformity of the Company's audited financial statements with United States generally accepted accounting principles, evaluating and reporting on the fairness of management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and auditing and reporting on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee monitors and oversees these processes and is responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the Company's independent auditor.

To fulfill our responsibilities, we did the following:

- o We reviewed and discussed with Company management and the independent auditor the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.
- o We reviewed management's representations to us that those consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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- o We discussed with the independent auditor the matters that Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 90, rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other standards require them to discuss with us, including matters related to the conduct of the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements.
- o We received written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditor required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 relating to its independence from the Company and its management, and we have discussed with Ernst & Young LLP its independence from the Company and its management.
- o We considered whether Ernst & Young LLP's provision of non-audit services to the Company is compatible with maintaining its independence from the Company and its management.

The Audit Committee meets with the Company's independent auditor, with and without management present, to discuss the results of the audit of the financial statements, the audit of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, management's progress in assessing the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

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Based on the discussions we had with management and the independent auditor, the independent auditor's disclosures and letter to us, the representations of management to us and the report of the independent auditor, we approved the Company's audited annual consolidated financial statements for fiscal year 2005 for inclusion in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Audit Committee submits this report:

S.P. Braud (Chairperson)	Cynthia T. Jamison
Jack C. Bingleman	Joseph M. Rodgers

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jamison, Mr. Rodgers and Ms. Morris serve on the Compensation Committee of the Board. There are no, and during fiscal 2005 there were no, interlocking relationships between any officers of the Company and any entity whose directors or officers serve on the Compensation Committee, nor did any current or past officers of the Company serve on the Compensation Committee during fiscal 2005.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

COMPENSATION PHILOSOPHY

Tractor Supply Company's executive compensation program is designed to structure executive compensation consistent with the Company's overall business strategy, philosophy and objectives. To that end, the Company's compensation philosophy:

- o Embodies a "pay-for-performance" approach that rewards executives for long-term strategic management and enhancement of stockholder value;
- o Provides performance-based incentives that measure rewards against personal and Company goals; and
- o Promotes a competitive, market-driven design that provides incentives to

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attract and retain key executives.

The Company believes this philosophy attracts, retains and motivates key executives critical to the long-term success of the Company, all in a manner consistent with our stockholders' interests.

The Compensation Committee reviews and approves the salaries of Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr., Chairman of the Board; James F. Wright, President and Chief Executive Officer; Anthony F. Crudele, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Gerald W. Brase, Senior Vice President-Merchandising; and Stanley L. Ruta, Senior Vice President-Store Operations. As

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part of its oversight of the Company's compensation programs, the Committee also reviews the salaries paid to certain other Company officers.

This compensation philosophy is implemented through compensation packages that include various cash and non-cash components: (1) base salary, which is reviewed annually; (2) incentive payments under the Company's management incentive plans; and (3) equity compensation consisting of stock options. The Company has a Deferred Compensation Plan under which executives may defer compensation, with interest accruing on amounts deferred.

The Company believes, based on an analysis of compensation conducted by the Compensation Committee, supplemented by independent compensation surveys of the retail industry in general and the Company's survey of select retailers, that its base salaries are generally set somewhat below competitive levels; it therefore relies to a larger degree on annual and longer term "incentive" compensation.

BASE SALARY

In setting annual salaries, the Compensation Committee reviews and approves an annual salary plan for each of the Company's executive officers. The annual salary plan is based on numerous subjective factors, which include the officer's individual performance and responsibility level, and the Company's performance for the preceding fiscal year, as well as objective factors such as general wage and salary levels and matching the officer's position to comparable positions in the competitive marketplace by reference to the surveys referred to above. Generally, the salary goals for officers are targeted at or slightly below the salary range mid-point of the 50th percentile of salaries for comparable positions (based on the surveys referred to above) so that a larger portion of the officer's compensation is tied to Company performance, thereby more closely linking executive and stockholder interests. The annual salary plans are approved by the Compensation Committee based on its assessment of the foregoing factors, as well as its assessment of each officer's past performance and the Compensation Committee's expectation of each officer's future contributions in leading the Company.

INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

All executive officers participate in the Company's Cash Incentive Plan (the "CIP"), under which they are eligible to receive an incentive payment. The incentive payment is a percentage of their annual base salary and is calculated based on the Company's actual net income for the year in comparison to the Board-approved net income plan (the "profit performance"). The incentive payment can range from 0% of annual base salary if the Company's profit performance is less than 90% of the performance target established by the Compensation Committee to 150% of annual base salary if the Company's profit performance is

110% or more of the performance target.

The Compensation Committee may recommend, and the Board may award, at its discretion, bonuses based on other subjective factors such as the executive's individual performance, unusual factors and strategic long-term decisions affecting the Company's performance during the fiscal year. The Compensation Committee or the Board may amend or terminate the CIP at

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any time. For fiscal 2005, all of the named executive officers were awarded bonuses as reflected in the Summary Compensation Table contained elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

EQUITY PARTICIPATION

A large portion of the officers' total compensation is tied to stock performance, thus more closely aligning their interests with the long-term interests of the Company's stockholders. This is accomplished primarily through the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, which is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Stock options generally are granted annually to all officers and other key employees, have a 10-year term and have an exercise price equal to the market price on the date of grant. The stock option grant size is reviewed and approved by the Compensation Committee and generally is based on market data for comparable positions in both general and retailing industries, with the largest number of option shares being granted to senior executive officers, decreasing incrementally, based on position. The stock value is determined using the BLACK-SCHOLES option pricing method. The stock option grant size is also impacted by (1) the individual participant's past performance; (2) expectations of the individual's future contributions in leading the Company; and (3) the Company's overall performance. For stock options granted prior to 2001, the vesting is one-third each year, beginning on the third anniversary of the grant date, thus becoming 100% vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. For all stock options granted from 2001 through 2004 and after 2005, the vesting is one-third each year, beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, thus becoming 100% vested on the third anniversary of the grant date. For all stock options granted in 2005, the vesting is one-fourth on the second anniversary of the grant date and one-fourth on each of the third, fourth, and fifth anniversary dates of the grant date, thus becoming 100% vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

In the event that the Company's stockholders approve the Company's 2006 Stock Incentive Plan, the Company intends to grant any future equity incentives under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan and not grant any additional awards under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan following the effective date of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan. The terms of the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan are summarized below under "Item 2: Approval of 2006 Stock Incentive Plan." The Compensation Committee anticipates that the terms described in the paragraph above relating to stock options granted after 2005 under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan will also initially apply to stock options granted under the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Company's officers are also compensated, to a much lesser extent, pursuant to several other plans. The Executive Deferred Compensation Plan ("EDCP"), which is administered by the Compensation Committee, provides additional incentives for officers of the Company and enhances the Company's ability to attract and retain the services of qualified persons. The EDCP provides that designated participants (all officers and a select group of other highly compensated

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employees of the Company) may elect to defer up to 40% of their annual base salary and up to 100% of their annual incentive compensation under their respective bonus plans. To be eligible for the salary deferral, each participant must contribute the maximum amount of salary to the Company's 401(k) Plan subject to the Company's match. Under the EDCP, the participants' salary deferral is matched by the Company, 100% on the first 3% of base salary contributed and

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50% on the next 3% of base salary contributed limited to a maximum annual matching contribution of \$4,500. Each participant's account earns simple annual interest at the prime rate as in effect on January 1 of each year. Each participant is fully vested in all amounts credited to their deferred compensation account. Payments under the EDCP are made within 30 days following the earlier of the participant's (i) death, (ii) retirement, (iii) total and permanent disability, (iv) termination of employment with the Company or (v) some other date designated by the participant at the time of the initial deferral. Payments are made in cash and are paid in ten annual installments or in a single lump sum payment, at the election of the participant.

OTHER PLANS

Officers also participate in the Executive Life Insurance Plan, which provides for basic term life insurance coverage (equal to four times salary rounded to the next highest \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$1,000,000).

The Company's officers also participate in the various qualified and non-qualified employee benefit plans sponsored by the Company. The Company makes only nominal use of perquisites in compensating its executive officers.

COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

James F. Wright has been the Company's Chief Executive Officer since October 1, 2004. Mr. Wright's base salary as Chief Executive Officer was set at \$750,000 for fiscal 2005. Mr. Wright's base salary as Chief Executive Officer is determined by the Compensation Committee substantially in accordance with the policies described above relating to all executive officers of the Company. In particular, the base salary is based on a comparison of base salaries of chief executive officers of similar sized retailers participating in the compensation surveys referred to above, the Company's overall performance and the Compensation Committee's assessment of Mr. Wright's personal performance and accomplishments and expectations of Mr. Wright's future contributions in leading the Company. The Company believes that after considering Mr. Wright's base salary for fiscal 2005, Mr. Wright's base salary is still at or below the salary mid-point of salaries for chief executive officers for retail and wholesale companies of comparable size based on the compensation surveys referred to above.

Mr. Wright also received an incentive payment of \$697,500 under the CIP. The bonus was based on the Company's achievement of the net income performance goals established by the Committee and was paid in the current fiscal year but relates to performance in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

On February 2, 2005, the Committee awarded Mr. Wright an option to purchase 60,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$36.395 (representing the fair market value on the date of grant), with a ten-year term, vesting 25% in each of the second through fifth years following the date of grant.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TAX DEDUCTIBILITY

Under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, compensation paid by a publicly-held corporation to the chief executive officer and four other most highly paid executive officers in excess of \$1.0 million per year per officer is deductible only if paid pursuant to qualifying performance-based compensation plans approved by stockholders. Awards under the Company's Stock Incentive Plan and CIP are intended to qualify as performance-based. Because the amount and mix of individual compensation are based on competitive considerations as well as Company and individual performance, however, executive officer compensation that is not performance-based may exceed \$1.0 million in a given year. While considering the tax implications of its compensation decisions, the Committee believes its primary focus should be to attract, retain and motivate executives and to align the executives' interests with those of the Company's stockholders.

CONCLUSION

The Compensation Committee believes that the Company's compensation policies are strongly linked to the Company's performance and the enhancement of stockholder value. The Compensation Committee intends to continually evaluate the Company's compensation policies and plans to ensure that they are appropriately configured to align the interests of officers and stockholders and that the Company can attract, motivate and retain talented management personnel.

The Compensation Committee submits this report:

Cynthia T. Jamison (Chairperson)
Joseph M. Rodgers
Edna K. Morris

SUMMARY COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes information concerning cash and non-cash compensation paid to or accrued for the benefit of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, each of the four other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company who served as executive officers at the end of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and Calvin B. Massmann (the "named executive officers") for all services rendered in all capacities to the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005, December 25, 2004, and December 27, 2003:

NAME AND POSITION	FISCAL YEAR	SALARY \$(1)	BONUS \$(2)	OTHER ANNUAL	LONG-TERM
				COMPENSATION \$	COMPENSATION AWARDS STOCK OPTIONS (IN SHARES)
Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr.	2005	\$ 696,635	\$ 490,000	--	50,000
Chairman of the Board (4)	2004	\$ 676,250	\$ 245,700	--	50,000
	2003	\$ 644,808	\$ 773,500	--	100,000

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James F. Wright	2005	\$ 678,058	\$ 697,500	--	60,000
President and Chief Executive Officer (5)	2004	\$ 599,808	\$ 245,700	--	82,500
	2003	\$ 490,000	\$ 535,000	--	80,000
Anthony F. Crudele	2005	\$ 67,200	\$ 50,199	--	15,000
Sr. Vice President - Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (6)					
Gerald W. Brase	2005	\$ 282,962	\$ 203,777	--	15,000
Sr. Vice President -Merchandising	2004	\$ 279,402	\$ 33,955	--	15,000
	2003	\$ 263,210	\$ 198,338	--	30,000
Stanley L. Ruta	2005	\$ 271,472	\$ 174,000	--	15,000
Sr. Vice President - Store Operations	2004	\$ 261,229	\$ 64,308	--	15,000
	2003	\$ 231,077	\$ 174,750	--	30,000
Calvin B. Massmann	2005	\$ 294,144	\$ 199,200	--	15,000
Sr. Vice President ((7))	2004	\$ 296,272	\$ 71,635	--	15,000
	2003	\$ 285,654	\$ 215,250	--	30,000

- (1) This column includes portion of salary deferred at the named executive officer's election under the Tractor Supply Company Employee 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "401(k) Plan") and the Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) Incentive payments in this column relate to performance under the 2004 Cash Incentive Plan. This column includes any portion of bonuses deferred at the named executive officer's election under the 401(k) Plan and the Executive deferred Compensation Plan.
- (3) "All Other Compensation" for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, includes Company contributions to the 401(k) Plan, Company contributions and interest credited on deferred compensation and term life and long-term disability insurance premiums paid by the Company for the benefit of each officer. These amounts are shown in the following table:

NAME	COMPANY MATCH ON 401(K) PLAN	COMPANY MATCH AND INTEREST ON DEFERRED COMPENSATION	TERM LIFE AND LTD INSURANCE PREMIUMS
Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr.	\$ 9,450	\$ 34,626	\$7,920
James F. Wright	\$ 9,450	\$ 25,925	\$5,160
Anthony F. Crudele	-0-	\$ 4,574	-0-
Gerald W. Brase	\$ 9,450	\$ 2,671	\$2,760
Stanley L. Ruta	\$ 9,450	\$ 11,761	\$2,760
Calvin B. Massmann	\$ 9,450	\$ 23,374	\$7,920

- (4) Mr. Scarlett served as Chief Executive Officer through September 30, 2004.

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- (5) Mr. Wright was appointed Chief Executive Officer effective October 1, 2004.
- (6) Mr. Crudele was appointed Chief Financial Officer effective November 4, 2005. (Mr. Crudele's annual base salary is \$320,000.)
- (7) Mr. Massmann served as Chief Financial Officer through November 3, 2005.

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OPTION GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

The following table reflects certain information with respect to options to acquire shares of the Company's Common Stock granted under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan to the named executive officers.

INDIVIDUAL GRANTS (1)					POTENTIAL ANNUAL PRICE OPT
NAME	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDER-LYING OPTIONS GRANTED (#)	PERCENT OF TOTAL OPTIONS GRANTED TO EMPLOYEES IN FISCAL YEAR (%)	EXERCISE OR BASE PRICE (\$/SH)	EXPIRATION DATE	5% (\$)
Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr.	50,000	11.1	\$ 40.0345	2/2/10	\$ 553,
James F. Wright	60,000	13.4	\$ 36.3950	2/2/15	\$ 1,373,
Anthony F. Crudele	15,000	3.3	\$ 48.2050	9/26/15	\$ 454,
Gerald W. Brase	15,000	3.3	\$ 36.3950	2/2/15	\$ 343,
Stanley L. Ruta	15,000	3.3	\$ 36.3950	2/2/15	\$ 343,
Calvin B. Massmann	15,000	3.3	\$ 36.3950	2/2/15	\$ 343,

- (1) The exercise price of the options granted is equal to the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. Options generally have a ten-year term. Options vest one-fourth each year, beginning on the second anniversary of the grant date, thus becoming 100% vested on the fifth anniversary of the grant date. Options granted to Mr. Scarlett have an exercise price of 110% of the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant and have a five-year term.
- (2) The potential realizable value amounts shown illustrate the values that might be realized upon exercise immediately prior to the expiration date using 5% and 10% appreciation rates set by the Securities and Exchange Commission, compounded annually, and, therefore, are not intended to forecast possible future appreciation, if any, of the Company's Common Stock price. Additionally, these values do not take into consideration

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the terms of the options providing for nontransferability, vesting, or termination of the options following termination of employment.

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AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN LAST FISCAL YEAR AND FISCAL YEAR-END OPTION VALUES

The following table reflects all stock options exercised by the named executives during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, and the number and value of unexercised options they held at fiscal year end:

NAME	SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE (#)	VALUE REALIZED (\$ (1))	NUMBER OF SHARES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS AT FISCAL YEAR END		FISCAL EXERCISA
			EXERCISABLE	UNEXERCISABLE	
Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr.	-0-	-0-	283,333	116,667	\$ 10,817
James F. Wright	44,676	\$1,748,695	432,825	208,333	\$ 19,013
Anthony F. Crudele	-0-	-0-	-0-	15,000	
Gerald W. Brase	66,668	\$2,850,321	136,467	60,733	\$ 9,738
Stanley L. Ruta	54,036	\$2,399,362	92,608	67,267	\$ 8,472
Calvin B. Massmann	136,466	\$5,215,753	-0-	60,733	

(1) The value realized equals the difference between the option exercise price and the closing price of the Company's stock on the date of exercise, multiplied by the number of shares to which the exercise relates.

(2) The value of unexercised in-the-money options is calculated based on the difference between the option exercise price and the closing price of the Company's stock at fiscal year end, multiplied by the number of shares underlying the options. The closing price of the Company's Common Stock as reported on The NASDAQ National Market on December 31, 2005, was \$52.94.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, James F. Wright, is party to an employment agreement (the "Agreement") with the Company dated July 12, 2004 setting forth the terms of Mr. Wright's employment with the Company, the financial obligations of the Company to Mr. Wright and certain rights, responsibilities, and duties of Mr. Wright. The Agreement provides that Mr. Wright will serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and provides for a minimum base salary of \$682,500 (currently \$825,000), subject to annual review by the Compensation Committee, eligibility to participate in such

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bonus plans as the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors may determine appropriate for executive officers of the Company, stock options, and employee benefits.

The initial term of the Agreement is from July 12, 2004 through December 31, 2007, with automatic renewals for successive three year periods unless either party provides written notice of non-renewal at least one year prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term as applicable. The Agreement may be terminated at any time by the Company without cause upon 30 days notice, and by Mr. Wright at any time. In the event of termination by the Company of

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Mr. Wright's employment without "cause" (as defined in the Agreement) or by Mr. Wright for "good reason" (as defined in the Agreement), Mr. Wright would receive as severance two years of his then current base salary, bonus equal to the aggregate bonus paid to Mr. Wright for the two fiscal years immediately preceding the termination date, paid health insurance benefits through the second anniversary date of termination, any other unpaid benefits through the second anniversary of the date of termination, and outplacement services not to exceed \$50,000 or for a period exceeding the earlier of one year from the termination date or the first acceptance by Mr. Wright of an offer of employment. The Company's obligation to make such payments will be reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount of compensation earned by Mr. Wright from other employment during the period the Company is required to make any severance payments. The Agreement also provides that upon such a termination, Mr. Wright will be fully vested in all then outstanding options to acquire stock of the Company, and all then outstanding restricted shares of stock of the Company and such options shall remain exercisable until the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of termination and (ii) the otherwise applicable normal expiration date of such option. In the event of a termination other than a termination by the Company without cause or a termination by Mr. Wright for good reason, Mr. Wright would receive only base salary and benefits through the date of termination. The Agreement acknowledges that Mr. Wright is party to a Change in Control Agreement dated as of August 1, 2002 (explained in further detail below) and provides that in the event of termination for any reason following a change in control of the Company during the term of the Change in Control Agreement, the provisions of the Change in Control Agreement shall control and provide the exclusive means for determining severance benefits payable to Mr. Wright. The Agreement contains certain covenants by Mr. Wright, including covenants regarding the confidentiality of the Company's trade secrets and nonsolicitation of Company employees and noncompetition with the Company for a period of two years following any termination of his employment.

Independent members of the Board of Directors negotiated the terms of the employment agreement with Mr. Wright. The Company and Mr. Wright were each represented by separate legal counsel for the purposes of negotiating the Agreement. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors reviewed and approved the terms of the Agreement subject to approval by the full Board of Directors. The Board of Directors subsequently reviewed the terms of the Agreement and approved the recommendation of the Compensation Committee.

CHANGE IN CONTROL AGREEMENTS

Messrs. Scarlett, Wright, Crudele, Brase and Ruta are each party to an agreement with the Company whereby, in the event the employment of such executive officer is terminated during the term of the agreement following a change of control of the Company (other than (i) by the Company for Cause (as defined therein), (ii) by reason of death or disability, or (iii) by the executive officer without good reason (as defined therein)), certain severance benefits will be paid in

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exchange for a commitment from the executive officer for continued employment with the Company for six months following such change in control and an agreement not to compete for a one-year period thereafter. The benefits to be paid to each executive officer, which vary by position, include (1) the equivalent of 1.5 or two times the annual base salary and target incentive for the year in which the date of termination falls (two times for both Messrs. Scarlett and Wright and 1.5 times for Messrs. Crudele, Brase and Ruta); (2) proration of the base salary and target incentive for the year in which the date of termination occurs; (3) provision of existing life,

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disability and medical benefits for a period of eighteen months or two years beyond the date of termination; and (4) the stock options outstanding at the date of termination will continue to be exercisable for a period of two years beyond the date of termination or, at the Company's election, may be canceled upon lump sum payment of the cash equivalent of the excess of the fair market value of all existing options on the date of termination over the exercise price of the related options. Further, each agreement provides for an additional "gross-up" payment to cover applicable excise tax and federal, state, and local income and employment taxes. These agreements expire in June 2007, except in the case of Mr. Crudele, whose agreement expires in September 2010.

For purposes of these agreements, "change in control" is defined as (1) any person who becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 30% of the combined voting power of the Company; (2) any change in the majority of the Board of Directors during any two consecutive years during the term; (3) consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation of the Company whereby more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding shares of the Company changes; or (4) a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (unless such sales do not result in a change in the proportional ownership existing immediately prior to such sale or disposition).

STOCK PERFORMANCE CHART

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on the Company's Common Stock from December 30, 2000 to December 31, 2005 (the Company's fiscal year-end) with the cumulative total returns of the S&P 500 Index and the S&P Retail Index over the same period. The comparison assumes that \$100 was invested on December 30, 2000 in the Company's Common Stock and in each of the foregoing indices. The historical stock price performance shown on this graph is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

	12/30/00	12/29/01	12/28/02	12/27/03	12/25/04
Tractor Supply Company	\$ 100.00	\$ 387.53	\$ 884.94	\$ 1,832.94	\$ 1,690.82
S&P 500	\$ 100.00	\$ 87.94	\$ 66.30	\$ 83.00	\$ 91.66
S&P Retail Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.54	\$ 30.54	\$ 43.64	\$ 53.15

SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's executive officers and directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of each report is furnished to Tractor Supply Company.

Securities and Exchange Commission regulations require Tractor Supply Company to identify in its proxy statement those individuals for whom any such report was not filed on a timely basis during the most recent fiscal year. To the Company's knowledge, based solely on a 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 December 31, 2005, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to directors, executive officers and greater than 10% beneficial owners were complied with by such persons.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN
BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Stock as of January 31, 2006, by (i) each person who is known by the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock; (ii) each director or person nominated to be a director; (iii) each named executive officer; and (iv) all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. The determinations of "beneficial ownership" of the Common Stock are based upon responses to Company inquiries that cited Rule 13d-3 under the 1934 Act. Such Rule provides that shares shall be deemed to be "beneficially owned" where a person has, either solely or in conjunction with others, the power to vote or to direct the voting of shares and/or the power to dispose, or to direct the disposition, of shares; or where a person has the right to acquire any such beneficial ownership within 60 days after the date of determination. Except as disclosed in the notes to the table, each named person has sole voting and investment power with respect to the number of shares shown as beneficially owned by him. There were 39,464,891 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on January 31, 2006.

CLASS	NAME OF BENEFICIAL OWNER	NUMBER OF SHARES	S
Common Stock	Joseph H. Scarlett, Jr. ((1)) ((2)).....	4,869,110	
	James F. Wright	64,623	
	Anthony F. Crudele.....	-0-	
	Gerald W. Brase	27,373	
	Stanley L. Ruta	32,455	

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Calvin B. Massmann	33,014
Morgan Stanley (5).....	2,351,728
William Blair & Company, L.L.C. (6).....	2,080,980
Jack C. Bingleman.....	10,000
S.P. Braud	2,000
Cynthia T. Jamison	-0-
Gerard E. Jones	8,000
Joseph D. Maxwell ((7)).....	379,888
Edna K. Morris	1,877
Sam K. Reed	2,500
Joseph M. Rodgers	-0-
All directors and executive officers as a group (14 persons)	
(1) (2).....	5,430,840

* Less than 1% of Tractor Supply Company's outstanding common stock.

- (1) Shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Scarlett and the directors and executive officers as a group include approximately 104,616 shares of Common Stock allocated to Mr. Scarlett's 401(k) Plan account, with respect to which Mr. Scarlett has investment and voting power on a pass through basis.
- (2) Includes 400,000 shares owned by Mr. Scarlett's wife with respect to which Mrs. Scarlett has investment and voting power and Mr. Scarlett disclaims beneficial ownership. Mr. Scarlett's address is c/o Tractor Supply Company; 200 Powell Place; Brentwood, TN 37027.
- (3) Reflects the number of shares that could be purchased by exercise of options exercisable on January 31, 2006 or within 60 days of January 31, 2006.
- (4) Pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, shares of common stock that an individual owner has a right to acquire within 60 days pursuant to the exercise of stock options are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the ownership of that owner, but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the ownership of any other individual owner. Likewise, shares of common stock that directors or executive officers as a group have a right to acquire within 60 days pursuant to the exercise of stock options are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the ownership of such group, but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the ownership of such group or any individual owner.
- (5) Based solely on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 15, 2006, these shares are owned by various client accounts for which Morgan Stanley serves as investment advisor. Such Schedule 13G indicated that Morgan Stanley had sole power to vote and direct the investment in 2,351,728 of such shares, and shared power to vote and direct the investment in 358 of such shares.
- (6) Based solely on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2006, these shares are owned by various client accounts for which William Blair & Company, L.L.C. serves as investment advisor. Such Schedule 13G indicated that William Blair & Company, L.L.C. had sole power to vote and direct the investment in all of such 2,080,980 shares.
- (7) Includes 189,944 shares owned by Mr. Maxwell's wife with respect to which Mrs. Maxwell has investment and voting power and Mr. Maxwell

disclaims beneficial ownership.

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ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF 2006 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

Our Board of Directors has adopted and recommends that the stockholders approve the Tractor Supply Company 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan") to replace our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2000 Plan"). If approved by the stockholders, the 2006 Plan will authorize awards in respect of an aggregate of 3,000,000 shares of common stock which includes approximately 2,250,000 newly authorized shares. If approved by our stockholders, the 2006 Plan will become effective as of May 4, 2006, and no further awards will be granted under the 2000 Plan.

The primary purpose of the 2006 Plan is to promote the interests of the Company and its stockholders by (i) attracting and retaining key officers, employees and directors of, and consultants to, the Company and its affiliates, (ii) motivating such individuals by means of performance-related incentives to achieve long-range performance goals, (iii) enabling such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company, (iv) encouraging ownership of stock in the Company by such individuals, and (v) linking the compensation of those individuals to the long-term interests of the Company and its stockholders.

As was the case with the 2000 Plan, we believe this authorization will enable us to implement our long-term equity incentive program for approximately the next five years. We believe five years is an appropriate cycle that will allow us to periodically review our equity compensation programs and respond to periodic evolutions in compensation and governance best practices and trends to the extent we believe such practices or trends to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. As of March 15, 2006, we had an aggregate of 2,731,376 options outstanding under our plans, with a weighted average exercise price of \$26.27 and a weighted average term to expiration of 7.6 years.

We believe that our equity programs and our emphasis on employee stock ownership have been integral to our success in the past and are important to our ability to achieve our corporate performance goals in the years ahead. We believe that the ability to attract, retain and motivate talented employees is critical to long-term company performance and shareholder returns. We believe that the 2006 Plan will allow us the flexibility to implement our current long-term incentive philosophy in future years and will better align executive and stockholder interests. For these reasons, we consider approval of the 2006 Plan important to our future success and encourage you to vote FOR approval of the 2006 Plan.

The following is a brief summary of the principal features of the 2006 Plan, which is qualified in its entirety by reference to the 2006 Plan itself, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

SHARES AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS UNDER THE 2006 PLAN. Under the 2006 Plan, awards may be made in common stock of the Company. Subject to adjustment as provided by the terms of the 2006 Plan, the maximum number of shares of common stock with respect to which awards may be granted under the 2006 Plan is 3,000,000 shares (which includes 747,203 shares with respect to which awards under the 2000 Plan were authorized but not awarded). Except as adjusted in

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accordance with the terms of the 2006 Plan, no more than 1,500,000 shares authorized under the 2006 Plan may be awarded as awards other than SARs and options. The maximum number of shares with respect to which awards may be granted under the 2006 Plan shall be increased by the number of shares with respect to which options or other awards were granted under the 2000 Plan, but which terminate, expire unexercised, or are settled for cash, forfeited, withheld to satisfy withholding obligations or cancelled without the delivery of shares under the terms of the 2000 Plan after the effective date of the 2006 Plan.

Shares covered by an award granted under the 2006 Plan, or to which such an award relates, that are forfeited, or if any such award is settled for cash or otherwise terminates, expires unexercised or is cancelled without the delivery of shares, then the shares covered by such award, or to which such award relates, or the number of shares otherwise counted against the aggregate number of shares with respect to which awards may be granted, to the extent of any such settlement, forfeiture, termination, expiration or cancellation, shall again become shares with respect to which awards may be granted. Shares of common stock issued under the 2006 Plan may be either newly issued shares or shares which have been reacquired by the Company. Shares issued by the Company as substitute awards granted solely in connection with the assumption of outstanding awards previously granted by a company acquired by the Company, or with which the Company combines ("Substitute Awards"), do not reduce the number of shares available for awards under the Plan.

In addition, the 2006 Plan imposes individual limitations on the amount of certain awards in order to comply with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Under these limitations, no single participant may receive options or stock appreciation rights ("SARS") in any calendar year that, taken together, relate to more than 250,000 shares, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances.

With certain limitations, awards made under the Plan may be adjusted by a committee of the Board composed of not less than two non-employee directors (the "Committee") in its sole discretion. The initial Committee will be the compensation committee of the Board of Directors.

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMINISTRATION. Current and prospective officers and employees, and directors of, and consultants to, the Company and its affiliates are eligible to be granted awards under the 2006 Plan. As of March 15, 2006, approximately 150 individuals were eligible to participate in the 2006 Plan. The Committee will administer the 2006 Plan, except with respect to awards to non-employee directors, for which the 2006 Plan will be administered by the Board of Directors. The Committee will be composed of not less than two non-employee directors, each of whom will be a "Non-Employee Director" for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act and Rule 16b-3 thereunder, an "outside director" within the meaning of Section 162(m) and the regulations promulgated under the Code, and will be an independent director as defined by the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market. Subject to the terms of the 2006 Plan, the Committee is authorized to (i) designate participants, (ii) determine the type and number of awards to be granted, (iii) determine the number of shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights or other matters are to be calculated in connection with awards, (iv) determine the timing, terms and conditions of any award, (v) accelerate the time at which all or any part of an award may be settled or exercised, (vi) determine whether, to what extent, and

under what circumstances awards may be settled or exercised in cash, shares,

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other securities, other awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited or suspended and the method or methods by which awards may be settled, exercised, canceled, forfeited or suspended; (vii) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances cash, shares, other securities, other awards, other property, and other amounts payable with respect to an award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the Committee; (viii) interpret and administer the 2006 Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or award made under, the 2006 Plan; (ix) in certain circumstances, amend or modify the terms of any award at or after grant with the consent of the holder of the award; (x) establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the 2006 Plan; and (xi) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the 2006 Plan, subject to the exclusive authority of the Board of Directors set forth in the 2006 Plan to amend or terminate the 2006 Plan.

STOCK OPTIONS AND STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS. The Committee is authorized to grant stock options, including both incentive stock options, which can result in potentially favorable tax treatment to the participant, and non-qualified stock options. The Committee may specify the terms of such grants subject to the terms of the 2006 Plan. The Committee is also authorized to grant SARs, either with or without a related option. The exercise price per share subject to an option is determined by the Committee, but may not be less than the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of the grant, except in the case of Substitute Awards. The maximum term of each option or SAR, the times at which each option or SAR will be exercisable, and the provisions requiring forfeiture of unexercised options at or following termination of employment generally are fixed by the Committee, except that no option or SAR relating to an option may have a term exceeding ten years. Incentive stock options that are granted to holders of more than 10% of the Company's voting securities are subject to certain additional restrictions, including a five-year maximum term and a minimum exercise price of 110% of fair market value.

A stock option or SAR may be exercised in whole or in part at any time, with respect to whole shares only, within the period permitted thereunder for the exercise thereof. Stock options and SARs shall be exercised by written notice of intent to exercise the stock option or SAR and, with respect to options, payment in full to the Company of the amount of the option price for the number of shares with respect to which the option is then being exercised.

Payment of the option price must be made in cash or cash equivalents, or, at the discretion of the Committee, (i) by transfer, either actually or by attestation, to the Company of shares that have been held by the participant for at least six months (or such lesser period as may be permitted by the Committee) which have a fair market value on the date of exercise equal to the option price, together with any applicable withholding taxes, or (ii) by a combination of such cash or cash equivalents and such shares; provided, however, that a participant is not entitled to tender shares pursuant to successive, substantially simultaneous exercises of any stock option of the Company. Subject to applicable securities laws and Company policy, the Company may permit an option to be exercised by delivering a notice of exercise and simultaneously selling the shares thereby acquired, pursuant to a brokerage or similar agreement approved in advance by proper officers of

the Company, using the proceeds of such sale as payment of the option price, together with any applicable withholding taxes. Until the participant has been issued the shares subject to such exercise, he or she shall possess no rights as

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a stockholder with respect to such shares. At the Committee's discretion, the amount payable as a result of the exercise of SARS may be settled in cash, shares or a combination of cash and shares.

RESTRICTED SHARES AND RESTRICTED SHARE UNITS. The Committee is authorized to grant restricted shares of common stock and restricted share units. Restricted shares are shares of common stock subject to transfer restrictions as well as forfeiture upon certain terminations of employment prior to the end of a restricted period or other conditions specified by the Committee in the award agreement. A participant granted restricted shares of common stock generally has most of the rights of a stockholder of the Company with respect to the restricted shares, including the right to receive dividends and the right to vote such shares. None of the restricted shares may be transferred, encumbered or disposed of during the restricted period or until after fulfillment of the restrictive conditions.

Each restricted share unit has a value equal to the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of grant. Restricted share units will be paid in cash, shares, other securities or other property, as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, upon the lapse of restrictions applicable thereto, or otherwise in accordance with the applicable award agreement. The Committee determines, in its sole discretion, the restrictions applicable to the restricted share units. A participant will be credited with dividend equivalents on any vested restricted share units at the time of any payment of dividends to stockholders on shares of common stock. Except as determined otherwise by the Committee, restricted share units may not be transferred, encumbered or disposed of, and such units shall terminate, without further obligation on the part of the Company, unless the participant remains in continuous employment of the Company for the restricted period and any other restrictive conditions relating to the restricted share units are met.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS. A performance award consists of a right that is denominated in cash or shares of common stock, valued in accordance with the achievement of certain performance goals during certain performance periods as established by the Committee, and payable at such time and in such form as the Committee shall determine. Performance awards may be paid in a lump sum or in installments following the close of a performance period or on a deferred basis, as determined by the Committee. Termination of employment prior to the end of any performance period, other than for reasons of death or total disability, will result in the forfeiture of the performance award. A participant's rights to any performance award may not be transferred, encumbered or disposed of in any manner, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

Performance awards are subject to certain specific terms and conditions under the 2006 Plan. Unless the Committee determines that a performance award to be granted to a "Covered Officer" (which is generally defined to mean to any individual who is, or is reasonably expected to be, a "covered employee" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code) should not qualify as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of Section 162(m), each award granted to a Covered Officer under the 2006 Plan is intended to be performance-based compensation within

the meaning of Section 162(m). Performance goals for Covered Officers will be limited to one or more of the following financial performance measures relating to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, operating units, business segments or divisions: (a) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization; (b) operating income or profit; (c) operating efficiencies; (d) return on equity, assets, capital, capital employed or investment; (e) after-tax

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operating income; (f) net income; (g) earnings or book value per share; (h) cash flow(s); (i) total sales or revenues or sales or revenues per employee (j) production (separate work units or SWUs); (k) stock price or total stockholder return; (l) dividends; (m) debt reduction; (n) strategic business objectives, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified cost targets, business expansion goals, and goals relating to acquisitions or divestitures; or (o) any combination thereof. Each goal may be expressed on an absolute and/or relative basis, may be based on or otherwise employ comparisons based on internal targets, the past performance of the Company or any subsidiary, operating unit or division of the Company and/or the past or current performance of other companies, and in the case of earnings-based measures, may use or employ comparisons relating to capital, stockholders' equity and/or shares outstanding, or to assets or net assets. The Committee may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under criteria set forth in the 2006 Plan to exclude any of the following events that occurs during a performance period: (i) asset write-downs, (ii) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (iii) the effect of changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results, (iv) accruals for reorganization and restructuring programs and (v) any extraordinary non-recurring items as described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in the Company's annual report to stockholders for the applicable year.

To the extent necessary to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, with respect to grants of performance awards, no later than 90 days following the commencement of each performance period (or such other time as may be required or permitted by Section 162(m)), the Committee will, in writing, (1) select the performance goal or goals applicable to the performance period, (2) establish the various targets and bonus amounts which may be earned for such performance period, and (3) specify the relationship between performance goals and targets and the amounts to be earned by each Covered Officer for such performance period. Following the completion of each performance period, the Committee will certify in writing whether the applicable performance targets have been achieved and the amounts, if any, payable to Covered Officers for such performance period. In determining the amount earned by a Covered Officer for a given performance period, subject to any applicable award agreement, the Committee shall have the right to reduce (but not increase) the amount payable at a given level of performance to take into account additional factors that the Committee may deem relevant to the assessment of individual or corporate performance for the performance period. With respect to any Covered Officer, the maximum annual number of shares in respect of which all performance awards may be granted under the 2006 Plan is 250,000 and the maximum annual amount of all performance awards that may be settled in cash is \$5,000,000.

OTHER STOCK-BASED AWARDS. The Committee is authorized to grant any other type of awards that are denominated or payable in, valued by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to shares

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of common stock. The Committee will determine the terms and conditions of such awards, consistent with the terms of the 2006 Plan.

NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR AWARDS. The Board of Directors may provide that all or a portion of a non-employee director's annual retainer and/or retainer fees or other awards or compensation as determined by the Board be payable in non-qualified stock options, restricted shares, restricted share units and/or other stock-based awards, including unrestricted shares, either automatically or at the option of the non-employee directors. The Board of Directors will

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determine the terms and conditions of any such awards, including those that apply upon the termination of a non-employee director's service as a member of the Board. Non-employee directors are also eligible to receive other awards pursuant to the terms of the 2006 Plan, including options and SARs, restricted shares and restricted share units, and other stock-based awards upon such terms as the Committee may determine; provided, however, that with respect to awards made to members of the Committee, the 2006 Plan will be administered by the Board of Directors.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. The Committee will determine the terms and conditions that apply to any award upon the termination of employment with the Company and affiliates, and provide such terms in the applicable award agreement or in its rules or regulations.

CHANGE IN CONTROL. Unless otherwise provided in an agreement making an award or other contractual agreement between the Company and a participant, if, within one (1) year following a Change in Control (as defined in the 2006 Plan), a participant's employment with the Company (or its successor) is terminated by reason of (a) death; (b) disability; (c) Normal Retirement (as defined in the 2006 Plan) or Early Retirement (as defined in the 2006 Plan); (d) for Good Reason (as defined in the 2006 Plan) by the participant; or (e) involuntary termination by the Company for any reason other than for Cause (as defined in the 2006 Plan), all outstanding awards of such participant shall vest, become immediately exercisable and payable and have all restrictions lifted.

AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION. The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue or terminate the 2006 Plan or any portion of the 2006 Plan at any time, except that stockholder approval must be obtained for any such action if such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement with which the Board of Directors deems it desirable or necessary to comply. The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate any award, either prospectively or retroactively. Except in connection with recapitalization events as described in Section 4.2 of the Plan, the Committee does not have the power, however, to amend the terms of previously granted options to reduce the exercise price per share subject to such option or to cancel such options and grant substitute options with a lower exercise price per share than the cancelled options. The Committee also may not materially and adversely affect the rights of any award holder without the award holder's consent.

OTHER TERMS OF AWARDS. The Company may take action, including the withholding of amounts from any award made under the 2006 Plan, to satisfy withholding and other tax obligations. The Committee may provide for additional cash payments to participants to defray any tax arising from the grant, vesting, exercise or payment of any award. Awards granted under the 2006 Plan

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generally may not be pledged or otherwise encumbered and are not transferable except by will or by the laws of descent and distribution.

EFFECTIVE DATE. No new awards may be granted under the 2006 Plan after the tenth anniversary of the effective date of such plan.

CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES. The following is a brief description of the Federal income tax consequences generally arising with respect to awards under the 2006 Plan.

Tax consequences to the Company and to participants receiving awards will vary with the type of award. Generally, a participant will not recognize income, and

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the Company is not entitled to take a deduction, upon the grant of an incentive stock option, a nonqualified option, a reload option, an SAR or a restricted share award. A participant will not have taxable income upon exercising an incentive stock option (except that the alternative minimum tax may apply). Upon exercising an option other than an incentive stock option, the participant must generally recognize ordinary income equal to the difference between the exercise price and fair market value of the freely transferable and non-forfeitable shares of common stock acquired on the date of exercise.

If a participant sells shares of common stock acquired upon exercise of an incentive stock option before the end of two years from the date of grant and one year from the date of exercise, the participant must generally recognize ordinary income equal to the difference between (i) the fair market value of the shares of common stock at the date of exercise of the incentive stock option (or, if less, the amount realized upon the disposition of the incentive stock option shares of common stock), and (ii) the exercise price. Otherwise, a participant's disposition of shares of common stock acquired upon the exercise of an option (including an incentive stock option for which the incentive stock option holding period is met) generally will result in short-term or long-term capital gain or loss measured by the difference between the sale price and the participant's tax basis in such shares of common stock (the tax basis generally being the exercise price plus any amount previously recognized as ordinary income in connection with the exercise of the option).

The Company generally will be entitled to a tax deduction equal to the amount recognized as ordinary income by the participant in connection with an option. The Company generally is not entitled to a tax deduction relating to amounts that represent a capital gain to a participant. Accordingly, the Company will not be entitled to any tax deduction with respect to an incentive stock option if the participant holds the shares of common stock for the incentive stock option holding periods prior to disposition of the shares.

Similarly, the exercise of an SAR will result in ordinary income on the value of the stock appreciation right to the individual at the time of exercise. The Company will be allowed a deduction for the amount of ordinary income recognized by a participant with respect to an SAR. Upon a grant of restricted shares, the participant will recognize ordinary income on the fair market value of the common stock at the time restricted shares vest unless a participant makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to be taxed at the time of grant. The participant also is

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subject to capital gains treatment on the subsequent sale of any common stock acquired through the exercise of an SAR or restricted share award. For this purpose, the participant's basis in the common stock is its fair market value at the time the SAR is exercised or the restricted share becomes vested (or is granted, if an election under Section 83(b) is made). Payments made under performance awards are taxable as ordinary income at the time an individual attains the performance goals and the payments are made available to, and are transferable by, the participant.

Section 162(m) of the Code generally disallows a public company's tax deduction for compensation paid in excess of \$1 million in any tax year to its five most highly compensated executives. However, compensation that qualifies as "performance-based compensation" is excluded from this \$1 million deduction limit and therefore remains fully deductible by the company that pays it. The Company intends that (i) performance awards and (ii) options granted (a) with an exercise price at least equal to 100% of fair market value of the underlying shares of common stock at the date of grant (b) to employees the Committee

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expects to be named executive officers at the time a deduction arises in connection with such awards, qualify as "performance-based compensation" so that these awards will not be subject to the Section 162(m) deduction limitations.

The foregoing discussion is general in nature and is not intended to be a complete description of the Federal income tax consequences of the 2006 Plan. This discussion does not address the effects of other Federal taxes or taxes imposed under state, local or foreign tax laws. Participants in the 2006 Plan are urged to consult a tax advisor as to the tax consequences of participation.

The 2006 Plan is not intended to be a "qualified plan" under Section 401(a) of the Code.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE 2006 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN.

ITEM 3: RATIFICATION OF REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Audit Committee has reappointed Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditor to audit the financial statements of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 30, 2006 and management's assessment as to whether the Company maintained effective internal control over financial controls as of December 30, 2006. Ernst & Young LLP has served as the independent auditor for the Company since 2001. At the Annual Meeting, the stockholders are being asked to ratify the reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditor for fiscal 2006. In the event of a negative vote on such ratification, the Audit Committee may reconsider their appointment.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP will attend the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

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Fees billed by the Company's independent auditor, for the last two fiscal years, were as follows:

	2005	2004
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Audit fees	\$ 1,296,709	\$ 1,189,060
Audit-related fees (1).....	7,500	126,909
Tax fees (2).....	58,797	230,937
All other fees	0	0

(1) Amounts reflect fees related to services provided to clarify stock compensation accounting matters (2005) and services as requested by the Audit Committee (2004).

(2) Amount of tax fees reflects fees for various sales tax-related audit assistance and other tax-related advisory services (2005 and 2004), as well as \$198,000 for outsourcing of income tax compliance in 2004.

All audit-related services, tax services and other services were pre-approved by the Audit Committee, which concluded that the provision of such services by Ernst & Young LLP was compatible with the maintenance of that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing functions.

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The Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve all audit and non-audit engagement fees, terms and services in a manner consistent with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Audit Committee may delegate the authority to grant any pre-approvals to one or more members of the Audit Committee, provided that such member(s) reports any pre-approvals to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. The Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority to S.P. Braud, the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO RATIFY THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 30, 2006.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Stockholders who desire to submit to the Company proposals for possible inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must submit such proposals in writing by November 27, 2006, to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at 200 Powell Place, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

For a stockholder proposal that is not intended to be included in the Company's proxy materials but is intended to be raised by the stockholder from the floor at the 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the stockholder must provide timely advance notice in accordance with the Company's by-laws. The Company's by-laws contain an advance notice provision which provides that, to be timely, a stockholder's notice of intention to bring business before a meeting must be received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company at the above address not later than sixty (60) nor earlier than ninety (90) calendar days prior to the first anniversary of the date of the Company's proxy statement for the prior year's annual meeting (no later than January 26, 2007,

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and no earlier than December 27, 2006, for the Company's 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders). In the event, however, that the date of the annual meeting is changed by more than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the prior year's annual meeting, such notice and supporting documentation must be received by the Corporate Secretary of the Company not later than the tenth day following the date on which the Company provides notice of the date of such annual meeting but in no event later than the fifth business day preceding the date of such annual meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board does not intend to present any business at the Annual Meeting other than the items stated in the "Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders" and knows of no other business to be presented for action at the meeting. If, however, any other business should properly come before the meeting or any continuations or adjournments thereof, it is intended that the enclosed proxy will be voted with respect thereto in accordance with the best judgment and discretion of the persons named in the proxy.

In addition to solicitation by mail, certain of the Company's directors, officers and regular employees, without additional compensation, may also solicit proxies personally or by telephone. The costs of such solicitation will be borne by the Company. The Company will also make arrangements with brokerage houses, custodians and other nominees to send proxy materials to the beneficial owners of shares of the Company's Common Stock held in their names, and the Company will reimburse them for their related postage and clerical expenses.

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AVAILABILITY OF FORM 10-K
AND ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

Copies of the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, which includes certain audited financial information about the Company, are currently being mailed to stockholders together with this Proxy Statement. Additional copies of such Annual Report, along with copies of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (exclusive of documents incorporated therein by reference), are available without charge to stockholders on the Company's Internet website (WWW.MYTSCSTORE.COM) or upon written request to the Company's investor relations department at the Company's main address.

As permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission's proxy statement rules, we will deliver only one copy of our 2006 Annual Report to Stockholders or this proxy statement to two or more stockholders who share an address, unless we have received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. We will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the annual report or proxy statement to a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents was delivered. Conversely, stockholders sharing an address who are receiving multiple copies of our annual reports or proxy statements may request delivery of a single copy. Requests in this regard should be addressed to Corporate Secretary, Tractor Supply Company, 200 Powell Place, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027.

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EXHIBIT A.

TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

2006 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

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