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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002

Commission File No. 0-19305

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

75-2092519
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

4200 Airport Freeway Fort Worth, Texas 76117-6200 817.222.1122

(Address, zip code and telephone number of principal executive offices)

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

Common Stock, \$.01 par value

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

YES [X] NO [ ]

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

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

YES [ ] NO [X]

The aggregate market value of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$0.01 par value, held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of December 6, 2002, was \$3,533,000. For purposes of the foregoing calculation only, all directors, executive officers and 5% beneficial owners have been deemed affiliates.

6,587,762 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par value, were outstanding as of December  $6,\ 2002.$ 

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Parts of the Proxy Statement for Registrant's 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

ABOUT CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC.

Calloway's Nursery, Inc. (the "Company") operates retail garden centers in the three largest metropolitan areas in Texas: Dallas - Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston, reaching a combined population of 11.5 million.

The Company's management team consists of professionals that have worked together for most of the time that the Company has been in operation. This team strives to enable each area of the Company to continuously improve its products and services.

#### OPERATIONS

Founded in 1986, the Company's first four retail stores opened, in Dallas, in 1987. Since that time, the Company has grown to 26 retail stores: 16 Calloway's Nursery retail stores in the Dallas - Fort Worth market ("Dallas - Fort Worth Market"), 7 Calloway's Nursery retail stores in the San Antonio market ("San Antonio Market") and 3 Cornelius Nurseries retail stores in the Houston market ("Houston Market").

The Company added Miller Plant Farms, an established growing operation for the production of living plants, in fiscal 1997.

In fiscal 1999 the Company acquired Cornelius Nurseries, Inc. (the "Cornelius Acquisition"), which included Cornelius Nurseries and Turkey Creek Farms, as well as the Wholesale Landscape Distributors wholesale operations in Houston and Austin ("WLD").

In fiscal 2001 the Company decided to discontinue the wholesale aspects of its operations, which had been a part of the wholesale and growing segment. It sold all of the WLD operations in October 2001, and repositioned Turkey Creek Farms to produce plant material exclusively for the retail stores, thus discontinuing wholesale sales to unrelated third parties. The sale of excess inventory at Turkey Creek Farms was completed by December 31, 2001. In connection with that decision, the Company incurred a loss from discontinued operations of \$3,687,000, or \$.59 per diluted share in fiscal 2001.

In fiscal 2002 the Company decided to sell Turkey Creek Farms and discontinue the plant material that it produced. In connection with that decision, the Company incurred a loss from discontinued operations of \$1,095,000, or \$.17 per diluted share in fiscal 2002. The Company has entered into a contract to sell Turkey Creek Farms for an amount in excess of its carrying value that, if completed, will be recorded in fiscal 2003. There can be no assurance, however, that such a sale will be completed.

In fiscal 2002 the Company entered the San Antonio Market by leasing seven former nursery locations. This new market entry did not constitute a business combination.

RETAIL

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY CORNELIUS NURSERIES

The Company operates twenty-six retail stores:

- 16 Calloway's Nursery stores in the Dallas-Fort Worth Market
- 7 Calloway's Nursery stores in the San Antonio Market
- 3 Cornelius Nurseries stores in the Houston Market

Locations are selected on the basis of demographic data, traffic patterns and shopping habits. All 26 retail stores are Company-operated.

The Company focuses on quality and breadth of selection in bedding plants and nursery stock, complemented by other related garden products such as soil amendments and fertilizers. Apart from Christmas, approximately two-thirds of its retail sales are derived from living plants. The remaining one-third is made up of products that primarily relate to their care and nurturing.

All retail stores sell Christmas merchandise. The Houston Market stores have developed a stronger and more financially beneficial focus on Christmas than have the Dallas-Fort Worth market stores.

GROWING

#### MILLER PLANT FARMS

In 1997 the Company acquired an established facility for the production of living plants - Miller Plant Farms. This growing facility was developed by Mike Miller, who has continued to manage the facility since it was acquired by the Company. Miller Plant Farms produces roses, ground covers, caladiums, perennials, hollies and flowering shrubs.

Miller Plant Farms is dependent upon sales of its products by the Company's retail stores. Therefore, weaker-than-expected sales by the Company's retail stores may result in excess inventory at Miller Plant Farms. Such excess inventory may have to be marked-down, with a resulting negative impact on the Company's profitability.

#### INDUSTRY

Texas is the third largest retail market in the United States for "green industry" sales, which includes (i) wholesale grower sales, (ii) landscape-related sales, and (iii) home center and mass merchandiser retail sales and (iv) retail garden center sales (which includes the Company's retail stores).

According to the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas green industry sales increased from approximately \$6.3 billion in 1997 to approximately \$8.0 billion in 2001. However, retail garden center sales have declined each year from 1997 - 2001, from approximately \$1.8 billion in 1997 to approximately \$1.5 billion in 2001. The most rapid growth for green industry sales over that period has been in home center and mass merchandiser retail sales.

The Company has retail stores in the three (3) largest markets in Texas, the Dallas - Fort Worth Market, the San Antonio Market and the Houston Market. Together, these three markets account for approximately 38% of Texas' retail garden center sales.

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#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

Jim Estill, 55, is Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer. Along with John Cosby and John Peters, Mr. Estill co-founded the Company in 1986. Prior to that, Mr. Estill worked with Sunbelt Nursery Group, as President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Estill received his BBA in Finance from Texas Christian University in 1969, and his MBA from TCU in 1977. A Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional, Mr. Estill is a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional ("TMCNP").

Sterling Cornelius, 80, is President of Cornelius Nurseries, Inc., and a Director of the Company. Mr. Cornelius has been with Cornelius Nurseries since his father founded the business in 1937, except for the period 1941-1945, when he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Cornelius is a recognized leader in the nursery industry, having been President of the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association ("TNLA"), President of the Houston Landscape Nurserymen's Association, Chairman of the Drafting Committee - Texas Certified Nursery Professional Manual and Examination, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Board, and a member of the Texas Certified Nurserymen's Professional Committee. He is the only two-time recipient of the "Outstanding Nurseryman Award" - the highest honor that TNLA can bestow on one of its members. Mr. Cornelius is also active in many community efforts, including past membership on the Board of Directors of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the President's Council of Houston Baptist University.

John Cosby, 59, is Vice President, Secretary and a Director. Mr. Cosby, along with Jim Estill and John Peters, co-founded the Company in 1986. He developed all of Calloway's Nursery retail store locations, including site selection and development, as well as lease and acquisition negotiations. Prior to 1986, Mr. Cosby worked at Sunbelt Nursery Group, serving as Vice President — Corporate Development and at Pier 1 Imports as Real Estate Manager. Mr. Cosby received his BBA in Management from Texas Wesleyan College in 1969 and his MBA in Management from the University of Dallas in 1983. A Certified Mediator, Mr. Cosby is Past Chairman of Optical Federal Credit Union, and Past President of the Dispute Resolution Services of Tarrant County.

John Peters, 51, is Vice President and Director of the Company. Mr. Peters, along with Jim Estill and John Cosby, co-founded the Company in 1986. He developed the original staff into a team of industry professionals. He has primary responsibility for distribution, human resources and administration. Prior to 1986, Mr. Peters worked with Sunbelt Nursery Group as Senior Vice President of Operations, where he was responsible for operations of all subsidiaries, including more than 100 stores in five states, and two growing operations. Mr. Peters attended Texas Christian University. A TMCNP, Mr. Peters is Past Chairman of the TNLA, and currently serves on the TNLA Education and Research Foundation.

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Dan Reynolds, 45, is Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary. Mr. Reynolds joined the Company in 1990, where he developed its financial, operating and merchandising decision-support systems. His

responsibilities include all financial and management reporting, treasury management, credit facilities, corporate and shareholder records, SEC and stock market compliance, public, media and investor relations, risk management and budgeting. Mr. Reynolds also oversees design, development, implementation and review of all transactional and decision-support systems. Prior to 1990, Mr. Reynolds worked with Atmos Energy Corporation as Financial Systems Manager and KPMG LLP as Supervising Senior Accountant. Mr. Reynolds received his BBA in Accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington. A Certified Public Accountant, Mr. Reynolds is Past President of the Fort Worth Chapter of Financial Executives Institute.

George Wechsler, 86, is Vice President a Director of the Company. Mr. Wechsler joined the Company and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2002. He is a Past President of the TNLA, and a past recipient of their "Outstanding Nurseryman Award".

Sam Weger, 52, is Vice President, Merchandising. Mr. Weger began with the Company in retail store management in 1987 with the opening of the first stores. He has primary responsibility for the administration of planning, procurement and replenishment of all merchandise lines. Prior to 1987, Mr. Weger was Landscape Designer with Odessa Nursery. He has also been Co-Owner of Lessmon-Weger Garden Center in Colby, Kansas. Mr. Weger received his BBA in Political Science and Education from Fort Hays State University. A TMCNP, Mr. Weger is a Director of the TNLA, Past President of TNLA, Region 5, and Past Chairman of the TNLA Education Committee.

#### CHALLENGES

Like any business, the Company faces certain challenges. The biggest challenges are:

The nursery business is highly competitive. In the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio markets, the Company competes with both:

- o Other retail garden centers, and
- o Home centers and mass merchandisers.

There are hundreds of retail garden centers in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio markets.

The home centers and mass merchandisers include The Home Depot, Lowe's and Wal-Mart. These competitors are much larger than the Company and have many more store locations in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio markets.

The business is seasonal. About 40% of sales occur in the third fiscal quarter, which is the most profitable quarter.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This Form 10-K Report contains forward-looking statements. The Company is including this cautionary statement for the express purpose of providing the Company with the protections of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to all forward-looking statements. Several important factors, in addition to the specific factors

discussed in connection with such forward-looking statements individually, could affect future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements contained in this Report.

Expected future results, products and service performance or other non-historical facts are forward-looking and reflect management's current perspective on existing trends and information. These statements involve risks and uncertainties that cannot be predicted or quantified and, consequently, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the seasonality of its business, geographic concentration, the impact of weather and other growing conditions, the ability to manage growth, the impact of competition, the ability to obtain future financing, government regulations, market risks associated with variable-rate debt, the costs and benefits of discontinuing certain operations, and other risks and uncertainties defined from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Therefore, each reader of this report is cautioned to consider carefully the risk factors listed above, as well as any specific factors discussed with a forward-looking statement in this Report and disclosed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as such risks and factors, in some cases, have affected, and in the future (together with other factors) could affect, the Company's ability to implement its business strategy and may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the statements expressed in this Report.

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#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The typical retail store is located in a high-traffic shopping area. All are free standing stores.

Most of the Company's sixteen Dallas - Fort Worth Market retail stores have a similar configuration, consisting of a building, greenhouse and outdoor nursery yard. The average Dallas - Fort Worth Market retail store has about 60,000 square feet of retail space.

Each of the three Houston Market retail stores has a different configuration. All three of them include, at a minimum, a building and an outdoor nursery yard. All three Houston Market retail stores are about the same overall size as the average Dallas - Fort Worth Market retail store.

Each of the seven San Antonio Market retail stores has a different configuration. All seven of them include, at a minimum, a building and an outdoor nursery yard. The average San Antonio Market retail store has about 40,000 square feet of retail space.

As of September 30, 2002 the Company operated 26 stores:

- 16 Calloway's Nursery retail stores in the Dallas Fort Worth Market. 11 are leased and 5 are company-owned.
- 7 Calloway's Nursery retail stores in the San Antonio Market. All 7 are leased.
- 3 Cornelius Nurseries retail stores in the Houston Market. All 3 are company-owned.

The Company owns a nursery growing facility: Miller Plant Farms, near Tyler, Texas (approximately  $80\ \mathrm{acres}$ ).

The Company leases its corporate office, which is located in an office building in Fort Worth, Texas. The Company also leases a warehouse/distribution center in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Company has entered into a contract to sell its Turkey Creek Farms growing facility (approximately 160 acres) for an amount in excess of its carrying value that, if completed, will be recorded in fiscal 2003. There can be no assurance, however, that such a sale will be completed.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

None.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

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#### PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON STOCK AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

The Company's common stock has been traded on NASDAQ under the symbol CLWY since the initial public offering on June 26, 1991. Through March 20, 2002 the common stock traded on the NASDAQ National Market. Since March 21, 2002 the common stock has traded on the NASDAQ SmallCap Market. The symbol has continued to be CLWY.

The following table sets forth the high, low and closing price information for each quarter of the most recent five fiscal years:

	High		Low	Clo	ose
FISCAL YEAR 1998					
First Quarter		•	1.094		
Second Quarter	2.8	375	1.313		2.844
Third Quarter	3.1	.25	1.875		2.250
Fourth Quarter	2.3	313	.938		1.188
FISCAL YEAR 1999					
First Quarter	1.3	375	1.000		1.125
Second Quarter	1.5	00	1.125		1.313
Third Quarter	2.0	000	1.250		1.375
Fourth Quarter	1.5	63	1.125		1.125
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FISCAL YEAR 2000	1 4	120	0.2.0		1 100
First Quarter	1.4		.938		1.188
Second Quarter	1.5		.969		1.375
Third Quarter	1.5	500	.813		1.188
Fourth Quarter	1.7	'50 	1.125		1.375

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Fourth Quarter	\$	1.140	.700	\$	.890
Third Quarter		1.280	1.000		1.050
Second Quarter		1.300	.800		1.130
First Quarter		1.210	.680		.950
FISCAL YEAR 2002					
Fourth Quarter		1.390	.850		.940
Third Quarter		1.600	1.000		1.300
Second Quarter		1.625	1.141		1.188
First Quarter		1.750	1.063		1.250
FISCAL YEAR 2001					

The closing price of the common stock on December 6, 2002, as reported by NASDAQ, was \$.87. As of December 6, 2002 there were approximately 500 shareholders of record, and approximately 1,800 beneficial shareholders.

The Company has never paid cash dividends on common stock. The Company intends to retain earnings for further development of the business and, therefore, does not intend to pay cash dividends on common stock in the foreseeable future.

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#### ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table of selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in Item 7. Comparability of the Statement of Operations data for 2002, 2001 and 2000, and the Balance Sheet data for 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999, was impacted by the Cornelius Acquisition. In addition, the Statement of Operations data reflects the discontinuance of the wholesale operations and the Turkey Creek Farms operations.

# SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA (Amounts in millions, except per share amounts)

Statement of operations data	2002		2001		2000		19	
Net sales	\$	43.3	\$	43.5	\$	44.6	\$	
Income (loss) from continuing operations		0.1		1.6		2.0		
Net income (loss)	\$	(1.0)	\$	(2.1)	\$	1.7	\$	
<pre>Income (loss) per common share from continuing operations:</pre>								
Basic	\$	(.05)	\$	.20	\$	.32	\$	
Diluted	\$	(.05)	\$	.20	\$	.30	\$	
Net income (loss) per common share:								
Basic	\$	(.22)	\$	(.40)	\$	.26	\$	
Diluted	\$	(.22)	\$	(.39)	\$	.25	\$	

Balance sheet data 2002 2001 2000

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Total assets	\$	24.1	\$	27.3	\$	31.0	\$
Long-term debt, net		8.2		8.6		9.8	
Redeemable preferred stock	\$	2.5	\$	2.2	\$	1.9	\$
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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### INTRODUCTION

In fiscal 2001 the Company adopted a formal plan to dispose of the wholesale operations that had been a part of its wholesale and growing segment. In fiscal 2002 the Company decided to sell its Turkey Creek Farms growing operation and discontinue the merchandise that it produced (see Note 20 to Consolidated Financial Statements). Accordingly, the following discussion of results of operations has been separated into (i) Continuing Operations and (ii) Discontinued Operations.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

Income from Continuing Operations before Income Taxes for 2002 was lower than it was for 2001, primarily due to reduced gross profit.

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Sales declined 0.4% from 2001, indicating a small reduction in consumer demand for Christmas merchandise, living plants and related gardening products. While aggressive price discounting at Christmas and late in the 2002 spring season had a positive effect on sales, it was not enough to offset a weaker start to the Christmas season and the 2002 spring season.

Same-store sales (sales in the 19 retail stores that had been open for at least 12 months at the beginning of fiscal 2002) declined 2%. The opening of 7 new retail stores in the San Antonio Market in the fourth quarter did not provide enough additional sales to offset the decline that was experienced during the first three quarters.

Gross profit declined 6.3% from 2001. The decline was primarily attributable to (i) the decline in sales, and (ii) a corresponding decline in gross margin (gross profit as a percentage of sales). Gross margin declined to 46.5% in 2002 from 49.5% for 2001. For fiscal 2002 the Company produced, at its own growing operations, a substantially higher proportion of the plants to be sold by its retail stores. When same-store sales declined 2%, the Company was left with unsold plants at its retail stores and growing operations, which had to be addressed. The disposal of those plants was done partially through promotions at the retail stores, where consumer prices were sharply reduced, and by disposing of some unsold plants at the growing operations.

Operating expenses increased 5.8%. The increase was primarily attributable to the opening of 7 retail stores in the San Antonio Market.

Occupancy expenses increased 12.1%. The increase was primarily attributable to

the opening of 7 retail stores in the San Antonio Market.

Advertising expenses decreased 2.1%. The decrease was primarily attributable to reduced use of media other than newspapers and radio.

Depreciation and amortization decreased 3.3%. The decrease was primarily attributable to lower capital expenditures over the past several fiscal years, which resulted in an increased amount of assets becoming fully-depreciated.

Interest expense decreased 23.6%. The decrease was primarily attributable to (i) lower amounts of long-term debt, (ii) lower seasonal borrowings under the revolving line of credit, (iii) lower interest rates.

Interest income increased 22.2%. The increase was primarily attributable to increased amounts of cash and cash equivalents.

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

Sales declined 2.5% from 2000. Strong sales during the spring season were not enough to offset slower sales during the fall and winter seasons, which saw consumer demand for nursery products reduced due to unfavorable weather for gardening.

Gross margin (gross profit as a percentage of net sales) declined to 49.5% in 2001 from 51.1% for 2000. The 2000 gross margin was the highest in the Company's history, a result of strong sales that kept stock loss and markdowns to a minimum. The 2001 gross margin was more consistent with the 1999 gross margin of 49.3%, which was achieved under similar market conditions.

Operating expenses decreased 4.0%. The decrease was primarily the result of fewer bonuses paid due to the reduction in income from continuing operations for 2001 compared to 2000.

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Occupancy expenses decreased by 3.1%. The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in accrued property taxes. The real properties added in the Cornelius Acquisition are Company-owned instead of leased. Occupancy expenses do not include the depreciation and amortization or interest expenses related to the cost of Company-owned facilities.

Advertising expenses increased 12.7%. The increase was primarily due to increased newspaper and radio advertising done to stimulate consumer demand during the 2001 spring season.

Depreciation and amortization was flat, with a 0.4% increase.

Interest expense increased 7.9%, primarily due to increased seasonal borrowings under the Company's revolving credit lines.

Interest income decreased 55.0%, due to lower levels of cash and cash equivalents maintained during the year.

DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001

Sales decreased 50%. The decrease was primarily attributable to the October 2001 sale of the WLD wholesale operations to an unrelated third party. The Turkey

Creek Farms operation was a wholesale operation for all of fiscal 2001 and the first quarter of fiscal 2002, and was a growing operation that sold only to the Company's retail stores for the last 3 quarters of fiscal 2002. Total Turkey Creek sales for fiscal 2001 and fiscal 2002 were about the same.

Gross Profit decreased 232%, primarily because substantially more inventory was grown at the Turkey Creek Farms growing operation in 2002 than was sold to the Company's retail stores. Approximately \$1.2 million of that inventory was written-off and charged to cost of goods sold when the Company decided to sell the Turkey Creek Farms growing operation and discontinue the merchandise that it produced.

Expenses decreased 76%, primarily attributable to the October 2001 sale of the WLD wholesale operations to an unrelated third party.

Loss before Income Taxes was \$1,738,000 for fiscal 2002 compared to \$1,210,000 for fiscal 2001. The increased loss was primarily attributable to the aforementioned inventory write-down at the Turkey Creek Farms growing operation in 2002.

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

Sales decreased 6%. The decrease in sales was primarily attributed to continued pressure from lower cost wholesalers.

Gross Margin declined from 32% for fiscal 2000 to 13% for fiscal 2001. The decline was a result of the substantial decline in sales which caused excessive quantities of inventory that had to be marked down to lower of cost or market.

Expenses declined 29%. The decline was a result of reduced expenses needed to support the reduced volume of sales.

The aforementioned factors caused the loss before income taxes to increase from approximately \$0.5\$ million for fiscal 2000 to approximately \$1.2\$ million for fiscal 2001.

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#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows provided by operating activities were \$2,937,000 for fiscal 2002, compared to cash flows used for operating activities of \$933,000 for fiscal 2001. The improvement was primarily attributed to (i) an income tax refund of approximately \$1.1 million was received in fiscal 2002, whereas in fiscal 2001 the Company made income tax payments of approximately \$1.5 million, (ii) an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses of approximately \$1.1 million.

#### CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows used for investing activities decreased to \$230,000 for fiscal 2002 from \$284,000 for fiscal 2001. The decrease was attributable to the Company's continued curtailment of capital expenditures.

#### CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Cash flows used for financing activities were \$1,192,000 for fiscal 2002 compared to cash flows used for financing activities of \$187,000 for fiscal

2001. The increase was primarily attributable to the net repayment of \$730,000 owed under the revolving line of credit arrangement during fiscal 2002.

The Company has improved its liquidity position at September 30, 2002 by (i) reducing notes payable and long term debt by approximately \$2.5 million, and (ii) increasing cash and cash equivalents by \$2.2 million.

The Company's business is seasonal, and it relies on its revolving line of credit arrangement to provide working capital during seasons of lower sales volumes. Typically, the Company borrows from the revolving line of credit during the quarter ending March 31, and repays those borrowings quickly during the spring selling season included in the quarter ending June 30. Continued availability of funds from the revolving line of credit depends upon the Company's continued compliance with its loan covenants. At September 30, 2002 the Company was in compliance with all of its loan covenants. The Company does not anticipate any problem in meeting its capital requirements or staying within the requirements of its loan covenants during fiscal 2003.

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#### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

As of September 30, 2002 the Company had the following contractual obligations (amounts in thousands):

			FISCAL YEA	AR ENDING SEPTEM
	2003	2003 2004 2005		2006
Long-term debt (including current portion) Future minimum lease payments under	\$ 501	\$ 575	\$ 645	\$ 720 \$
noncancellable operating leases	2,480	2,408	1,923	1,366
Preferred stock with mandatory redemption provisions (1)		3,420		
Totals	\$ 2,981 ======	\$ 6,403 ======	\$ 2,568 ======	\$ 2,086 \$

(1) Carrying amount of \$2,538 as of September 30, 2002.

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### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Some assets and liabilities by their nature are subject to estimates and assumptions. For the Company, those assets and liabilities include:

- o Inventories;
- o Deferred income taxes;
- o Property and equipment;
- o Goodwill;
- o Accrued expenses.

Inventories - The Company values its inventories using the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out basis. The Company conducts physical inventories three times each year: December, June and September.

The Company's retail inventories turn over several times each year; therefore, the cost of each inventory item is approximately the same as its current replacement cost. Merchandise that is considered to have declined in quality is marked-down to estimated net realizable value on a regular basis. The physical inventories are taken at retail prices and adjusted to cost using sampling techniques that determine a markup percentage for each merchandise category in each market area.

The Company's growing inventories turn over more slowly than the retail inventories, and items continue to grow and absorb costs until they are sold. At each physical inventory, the accumulated cost of growing inventories is compared to published wholesale prices from competing growers on a gallon-equivalent basis, with allowance for the estimated costs of disposal of such inventories. The growing inventories are then recorded at the lower of cost or market. In addition, merchandise that is considered to have declined in quality is marked-down to estimated net realizable value on a regular basis.

Deferred income taxes - As of September 30, 2002 and 2001 the Company has recorded a valuation allowance of \$0 for its deferred tax assets on the weight of available evidence at those balance sheet dates. The primary factor in not providing for a valuation allowance is the expectation that future taxable income and the reversal of temporary differences will be sufficient for the Company to realize the deferred tax assets. Such estimate could change in the future based on the occurrence of one or more future events.

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Property and Equipment - The Company reevaluates the propriety of the carrying amounts of its properties as well as the amortization periods when events and circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by the comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. As of September 30, 2002 and 2001 management believes that no impairment has occurred and that no reduction of the estimated useful lives is warranted.

Goodwill - The Company has assessed the recoverability of its goodwill by determining whether the amortization of the goodwill balance over its remaining life could be recovered through undiscounted future operating cash flows. The amount of goodwill impairment, if any, has been measured based on the projected discounted future operating cash flows using a discount rate reflecting the Company's average cost of funds. The assessment of the recoverability of

goodwill could be impacted if estimated future operating cash flows are not achieved. Management believes that no impairment has occurred. As discussed below, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets effective October 1, 2002 and will no longer amortize goodwill.

Accrued expenses - The Company routinely accrues for various costs and expenses for which it has received goods or services, but for which it has not been invoiced. Typically, accrued expenses include such items as salaries and related taxes, bonuses, and sales and use taxes for which amounts are readily determinable and significant estimates are not necessary. Property taxes are estimated and accrued based on the amounts paid for such taxes for the previous year, until a new tax bill is received. Various other expenses are accrued from time to time before an invoice is rendered based on the estimated costs of those goods or services.

#### RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Statements 141 and 142

In June 2001 the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Statement No. 141, Business Combinations ("Statement 141") and Statement No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ("Statement 142").

Statement 141 requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001 as well as all purchase method business combinations completed after June 30, 2001. Statement 141 also specifies criteria intangible assets acquired in a purchase method business combination must meet to be recognized and reported apart from goodwill.

Statement 142 requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually in accordance with the provisions of Statement 142. Statement 142 also requires that intangible assets with definite useful lives be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment in accordance with Statement 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of, which has been superceded by Statement No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, upon adoption.

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Statement 142 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. The Company adopted Statement 142 as of October 1, 2002, and will no longer amortize goodwill.

Statement 141 will also require, upon adoption of Statement 142, that the Company evaluate its existing intangible assets and goodwill that were acquired in a prior purchase business combination, and to make any necessary reclassification in order to conform to the new criteria in Statement 141 for recognition apart from goodwill.

In connection with the transitional goodwill impairment evaluation, Statement 142 will require the Company to perform an assessment of whether there is an indication that goodwill is impaired as of the date of adoption. To accomplish this, the Company must identify its reporting units and determine the carrying value of each reporting unit by assigning the assets and liabilities, including the existing goodwill and intangible assets, to those reporting units as of the

date of adoption. The Company will then have up to six months from the date of adoption to determine the fair value of each reporting unit and compare it to the reporting unit's carrying amount. To the extent a reporting unit's carrying amount exceeds its fair value, an indication exists that the reporting unit's goodwill may be impaired and the Company must perform the second step of the transitional impairment test. In the second step, the Company must compare the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, determined by allocating the reporting unit's fair value to all of its assets (recognized and unrecognized) and liabilities in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation in accordance with Statement 141, to its carrying amount, both of which would be measured as of the date of adoption. This second step is required to be completed as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the year of adoption. Any transitional impairment loss will be recognized as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in the Company's consolidated statements of operations, effective as of the first quarter of fiscal 2003.

As of October 1, 2002 the Company has unamortized goodwill in the amount of \$631,000 that is subject to the transition provisions of Statements 141 and 142. Amortization expense related to goodwill was \$109,000, \$108,000 and \$108,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000. Because of the extensive effort that will be needed to comply with adopting Statements 141 and 142, it is not practicable to reasonably estimate the impact of adopting these Statements on the Company's consolidated financial statements at the date of this report, including whether any transitional impairment losses will be required to be recognized as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle.

Statement 144

In August 2001 the FASB issued Statement No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets ("Statement 144"). Statement 144 addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets.

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Statement 144 requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Statement 144 requires companies to separately report discontinued operations and extends that reporting to a component of an entity that either has been disposed of (by sale, abandonment, or in a distribution to owners) or is classified as held for sale. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

Statement 144 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, with early adoption encouraged. The Company early-adopted Statement 144 as of October 1, 2001, recording a loss on discontinued operations of \$1,095,000 (net of tax benefits of \$643,000) for fiscal 2002. See Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations.

Statement 145

In April 2002 the FASB issued Statement No. 145, Rescission of FASB Statements

No. 4, 44 and 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections ("Statement 145"). Statement 145 updates, clarifies, and simplifies existing accounting pronouncements.

Statement 145 rescinds Statement 4, Reporting Gains and Losses from Extinguishments of Debt, which required all gains and losses from extinguishments of debt to be aggregated and, if material, classified as an extraordinary item, net of related income tax effect. Under Statement 145 an enterprise will not be precluded from classifying gains and losses on extinguishments transactions as an extraordinary item if they meet the criteria in APB Opinion No. 30, Reporting the Results of Operations - Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions. The provisions of Statement 145 related to the rescission of Statement 4 shall be applied in fiscal years beginning after May 15, 2002.

Statement 145 also amends Statement 13 for transactions occurring after May 15, 2002 to require that certain lease modifications that have economic effects similar to sale-leaseback transactions shall be accounted for in the same manner as sale-leaseback transactions.

All other provisions of Statement 145 are effective for financial statements issued on or after May 15, 2002, with early adoption encouraged. Statement 145 had no impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Statement 146

In June 2002 the FASB issued Statement No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities ("Statement 146"). Statement 146 addresses financial accounting and reporting for costs associated with (i) an exit activity that does not involve an entity newly acquired in a business combination and (ii) disposal activities within the scope of Statement 144.

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An exit activity includes but is not limited to restructuring costs. Statement 146 nullifies EITF Issue No. 94-3, Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring. It significantly reduces an entity's ability to recognize a liability for future expenses related to a restructuring.

The costs within the scope of Statement 146 include (i) certain termination benefits provided to employees who are involuntarily terminated under the terms of a one-time benefit arrangement that is not an ongoing benefit covered by other accounting pronouncements, (ii) costs to terminate a contract that is not a capital lease, and (iii) other associated costs (such as costs to close or consolidate facilities).

In general, an entity will record and measure a liability for a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity at its fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred (that is, when it meets the definition of a liability).

The provisions of Statement 146 are effective for exit or disposal activities initiated after December 31, 2002. Adoption of Statement 146 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 7.A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is exposed to certain market risks, including fluctuations in

interest rates. The Company does not enter into transactions designed to mitigate such market risks, nor does the Company enter into any transactions in derivative securities for trading or speculative purposes. As of September 30, 2002, the Company had no foreign exchange contracts or options outstanding.

The Company manages its interest rate risk by balancing (a) the amount of variable-rate long-term debt with (b) the amounts due under long-term leases, which typically have fixed rental payments that do not fluctuate with interest rate changes. For its variable-rate debt, interest rate changes generally do not affect the fair market value of such debt, but do impact future operations and cash flows, assuming other factors are held constant.

At September 30, 2002 the Company had variable rate long-term debt of \$3.1 million, out of total long-term debt of \$8.7 million. Holding other variables, such as debt levels, constant, a one percentage point increase in interest rates would be expected to have an estimated impact on income before income taxes and cash flows for next year of approximately \$31,000 for the variable-rate long-term debt.

#### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The financial statements required by Item 8 are included in a separate section of this Report. The index is included under Item 14.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

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#### PART III

# ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information required by this item with regard to executive officers is included in Part I of this Report under the caption "Executive Officers of the Registrant". The other information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement.

# ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement.

#### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statement.

#### PART IV

#### ITEM 14. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

On December 18, 2002 (the "Evaluation Date") an evaluation was performed by the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the Evaluation Date. Subsequent to the Evaluation Date there have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) (1) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Independent Auditors' Report - KPMG LLP

Consolidated Balance Sheets - September 30, 2002 and 2001

Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years Ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000

Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity - Years Ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years Ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### (a) (2) SCHEDULES

Schedules, for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission are omitted because they either are not required under the related instructions, are inapplicable, or the required information is shown in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

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#### (a)(3) EXHIBITS

- (3) (a) Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant. (Exhibit (3)(a))(1)
  - (b) Form of Bylaws of the Registrant. (Exhibit (3)(b))(1)
  - (c) Amendment to Bylaws Adopted on May 19, 1993. (Exhibit (3(c))(1)
- (4) (a) Specimen Stock Certificate. (Exhibit (4)(a)(1)

- (10) (a) Form of Employment Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and James C. Estill. (Exhibit (10)(a))(1)
  - (b) Form of Employment Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and John T. Cosby. (Exhibit (10)(b))(1)
  - (c) Form of Employment Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and John S. Peters. (Exhibit (10)(c))(1)
  - (d) Left blank intentionally.
  - (e) Form of Indemnity Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and each of James C. Estill and John T. Cosby. (Exhibit (10)(g))(1)
  - (f) Form of Indemnity Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and John S. Peters. (Exhibit (10)(h))(1)
  - (g) Form of Indemnity Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and each of Robert E. Glaze and Dr. Stanley Block. (Exhibit (10)(i))(1)
  - (h) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and James C. Estill dated July 2, 1996. (Exhibit (10)(m))(2)
  - (i) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John T. Cosby dated July 2, 1996. (Exhibit (10)(n))(2)
  - (j) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John S. Peters dated July 2, 1996. (Exhibit (10)(0))(2)
  - (k) Employment Agreement between the Registrant and C. Sterling Cornelius dated September 21, 1999. (Exhibit (10)(k))(3)
  - (1) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and James C. Estill dated May 9, 2001. (Exhibit (10)(p))(4)
  - (m) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John T. Cosby dated May 9, 2001. (Exhibit (10)(q))(4)
  - (n) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John S. Peters dated May 9, 2001. (Exhibit (10)(r))(4)
  - (o) Cornelius Nurseries, Inc. President Profit Bonus Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2003. (Exhibit (10.1)(5)
  - (p) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. Management Profit Bonus Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2003. (Exhibit (10.2)(5)
  - (q) Form of Indemnification Agreement dated November 14, 2002 between the Registrant and each of Dr. Stanley Block, Sterling Cornelius, John T. Cosby, James C. Estill, Daniel R. Feehan, Timothy J. McKibben, John S. Peters, Daniel G. Reynolds, George J. Wechsler and David S. Weger. (Exhibit 10.3)(5)
- (21) (a) Subsidiaries of the Registrant. (Exhibit 21) (5)
- (23) (d) Consent of KPMG LLP. (Exhibit 23)(5)
- (99) (a) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan. (Exhibit (28))(6)
- (99) (b) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1991 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit (10)(d))(1)

- (99) (c) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan for Independent Directors. (Exhibit (99)(c))(7)
- (99) (d) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A)(8)
- (99) (e) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (9)
- (99) (f) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1998 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (10)
- (99) (g) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1999 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (11)
- (99) (h) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 2000 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (12)
- (99) (i) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (13)

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- (a) (3) EXHIBITS (CONTINUED)
- (99) (j) Form of Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 2002 Stock Option Plan (Exhibit 99.1)(5)
- (99) (k) Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Exhibit 99.2)(5)
- (b) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

On October 31, 2002 the Company filed a Form 8-K disclosing its receipt of a letter from NASDAQ indicating that the Company's common stock has closed below the minimum \$1.00 per share requirement for continued inclusion under Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(4), and that the Company will be provided 180 calendar days, or until April 22, 2003, to regain compliance. If compliance with the aforementioned rule cannot be demonstrated by April 22, 2003, the NASDAQ will determine whether the Company meets the initial listing criteria for the NASDAQ SmallCap Market under Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(2)(A). If it meets the initial listing criteria, the Company may be granted an additional 180 calendar day grace period to demonstrate compliance. The Company believes that it currently does meet the aforementioned initial listing criteria.

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- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to Registration Statement No. 33-40473 on Form S-1, and amendments thereto, filed by the Company with the securities and Exchange Commission, and effective June 26, 1991.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1996.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-K Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1999.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-K Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001.
- (5) Filed herewith.

- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to Registration Statement No. 33-46170 on Form S-8, and amendments thereto, filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and effective March 3, 1992.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1995.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 1997 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 1998 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 1999 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2000 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (13) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC.

By:

/s/ James C. Estill

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James C. Estill, President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Daniel G. Reynolds

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Daniel G. Reynolds, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 20, 2002

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following on behalf of the Company and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name Title Date

/s/ Dr. Stanley Block	Director	December 20, 2002
Dr. Stanley Block		
/s/ C. Sterling Cornelius	Director	December 20, 2002
C. Sterling Cornelius		
/s/ John T. Cosby	Director	December 20, 2002
John T. Cosby		
/s/ James C. Estill	Director	December 20, 2002
James C. Estill		
/s/ Daniel R. Feehan	Director	December 20, 2002
Daniel R. Feehan		
/s/ Timothy J. McKibben	Director	December 20, 2002
Timothy J. McKibben		
/s/ John S. Peters	Director	December 20, 2002
John S. Peters		
/s/ George J. Wechsler	Director	December 20, 2002

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# CERTIFICATIONS

# I, Daniel G. Reynolds, certify that:

George J. Wechsler

- I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Calloway's Nursery, Inc.;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
- 4. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as

defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:

- a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
- b. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
- c. Presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the evaluation date.
- 6. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or other persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
- 7. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: December 20, 2002

/s/ Daniel G. Reynolds

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Daniel G. Reynolds

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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# CERTIFICATIONS (CONT.)

- I, James C. Estill, certify that:
  - I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Calloway's Nursery, Inc.;
  - 2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact

necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;

- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c. Presented in this annual report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the evaluation date.
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or other persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and
- The registrant's other certifying officers and I have indicated in this annual report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: December 20, 2002

/s/ James C. Estill

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James C. Estill

President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors and Shareholders Calloway's Nursery, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Calloway's Nursery, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2002 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended September 30, 2002. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Calloway's Nursery, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2002 and 2001, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended September 30, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company early adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, effective October 1, 2001.

KPMG LLP

Fort Worth, Texas November 22, 2002

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

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

ASSETS

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		September 30, 2002		Septembe 2001	
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	2,475	\$	
Accounts receivable			356		
Inventories			5,017		5
Prepaids and other assets			59		

Deferred income taxes, current		263		
Income taxes receivable		119		1
Current assets of discontinued operations		1,333 		: 
Total current assets		9,622		11
Property and equipment, net Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization		12,093		12
of \$1,342 and \$1,233, respectively		631		
Deferred income taxes		1,568 211		1
Other assets Noncurrent assets of discontinued operations		211		1
Total assets	\$ ===	24 <b>,</b> 125 ======	\$ ===:	27 
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Accounts payable	\$	2,749	\$	2
Accrued expenses	'	2,019		1
Notes payable, current				
Current portion of long-term debt Deferred income taxes, current		501		
Current liabilities of discontinued operations		487		2
Total current liabilities		 5 <b>,</b> 756		
Deferred rent payable		805		,
Long-term debt, net of current portion		8,246		8
Total liabilities		14,807		17
Commitments and contingencies				
Non-Voting Acquisition Preferred Stock with				
mandatory redemption provisions; redemption				
value \$3,420; par value \$.01 per share; 40,000				
shares authorized; 40,000 shares issued and 34,202 shares outstanding		2,538		2
Shareholders' equity:		_,		
Voting convertible preferred stock; par value				
<pre>\$.625 per share; 3,200,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding</pre>				
no shares issued of odestanding				
Preferred stock; par value \$.01 per share;				
9,960,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding				
or outstanding				
Common stock; par value \$.01 per share;				
30,000,000 shares authorized; 6,772,890 and 6,498,346 shares issued, respectively;				
6,522,890 and 6,248,346 shares outstanding,				
respectively		68		
Additional paid-in capital		9,885		S
Accumulated deficit		(1,777)		
		8,176		9
Less: treasury stock, at cost (250,000 common shares)		(1,396)		(1
Total shareholders' equity		6 <b>,</b> 780		 7
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	 \$	 24 <b>,</b> 125	 \$	 27
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Septe	er Ended ember 30, 2002	Year Ended September 30, 2001		
Net sales Cost of goods sold		43,335 23,163			
Gross profit		20,172		21,537	
Operating expenses Occupancy expenses Advertising expenses Depreciation and amortization Interest expense Interest income		13,708 2,957 1,549 876 859 (44)		12,959 2,638 1,583 906 1,124 (36)	
Total expenses		19,905		19,174	
Income from continuing operations before income taxes Income tax expense Income from continuing operations		267 203 64		2,363 812  1,551	
Discontinued operations:					
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax benefits of \$643, \$416 and \$202		(1,095)		(794)	
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax benefits of $\$$ , $\$1,515$ , and $\$$				(2,893)	
Loss from discontinued operations		(1,095)		(3 <b>,</b> 687)	
Net income (loss) Accretion of preferred stock Retirement of preferred stock		(1,031) (358) 		(2,136) (303) 	
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$	(1,389)	\$	(2,439)	
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding Basic Diluted Basic net income (loss) per common share		6,382 6,382		6,107 6,290	

Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (.05)	\$ .20
Loss from discontinued operations	(.17)	(.60)
Net income (loss)	\$ (.22)	\$ (.40)
Diluted net income (loss) per common share		
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (.05)	\$ .20
Loss from discontinued operations	(.17)	(.59)
Net income (loss)	\$ (.22)	\$ (.39)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (amounts in thousands)

	Common Stock					Retained al Earnings (Accumulated			
	Shares	Amount						Tre	
Balance as of September 30, 1999	5,941	\$	59	\$	8,927	\$	530	)	
Issuance of common stock	297		3		361			-	
Net income							1,667	7	
Accretion of preferred stock							(261	L)	
Retirement of preferred stock							115	5	
Balance as of September 30, 2000	6 <b>,</b> 238		62		9,288		2,051	- L	
Issuance of common stock	260		3		322			_	
Net loss							(2,136	5)	
Accretion of preferred stock							(303	3)	
Balance as of September 30, 2001	6 <b>,</b> 498		 65		9,610		(388	- 3)	
Issuance of common stock	275		3		275			_	
Net loss							(1,031	L)	
Accretion of preferred stock							(358	3)	
Balance as of September 30, 2002	6,773 ======	·	68 =====	\$ ===	9,885	\$ ===	(1,777	- 7) =	

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (amounts in thousands)

	Septe	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Year End September 2001	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,031)	\$	(2	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:	¥		۲	\ -	
Loss from discontinued operations (net of tax)		1,095		ļ	
Loss on disposal of discontinued operations (net of tax)				2	
Depreciation and amortization		876		ļ	
Deferred income taxes		(662)		ļ	
Stock compensation		109		,	
(Increase) decrease in:				,	
Accounts receivable		77		,	
Inventories		204		,	
Income taxes receivable		1,061		(1	
Prepaid expenses and other assets		226		ļ	
<pre>Increase (decrease) in:</pre>				ļ	
Accounts payable		621		(1	
Accrued expenses		485		,	
Income taxes payable				(1	
Deferred rent payable		(124)			
Net cash flows provided by (used for) operating	-		-		
activities		2,937			
Cash flows from investing activities: Additions to property and equipment		(230)			
Net cash flows used for investing activities		(230)			
Cash flows from financing activities:  Proceeds from issuance of common stock  Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		169 		3	
Net borrowings (repayments) under revolving line of credit		(730)			
Repayments of long-term debt		(631)		(4	
Lease payments under capital lease		(UU±,		\ -	
Payment of debt issuance costs					
Retirement of preferred stock					
Net cash flows provided by (used for) financing activities		(1,192)			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations		1,515		(1	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations		681			
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,196	<del></del> -		

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		279		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	2,475	\$	
	========			
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Cash paid during the year for:				
Interest	\$	859	\$	1
Income taxes	\$	251	\$	1

In 2000 the Company redeemed 5,798 shares of Preferred Stock for a cash payment of \$159. The redeemed Preferred Stock had a redemption value of \$580 and a carrying amount of \$274. In 2002 and 2001 the carrying amount of the Preferred Stock was accreted by \$358 and \$303, respectively, to a carrying amount of \$2,538 and \$2,180 at September 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF THE COMPANY

Calloway's Nursery, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") has been engaged in the retail, and wholesale and growing segments of the nursery business. The Company opened its first four retail stores in 1987.

The Company derives the majority of its revenues from sales to consumers of living plants and related products. No single product or customer accounts for a material portion of its revenues.

In fiscal 1999 the Company acquired certain assets of Cornelius Nurseries, Inc. and two affiliated entities ("the Cornelius Acquisition"). The Cornelius Acquisition added three retail stores in the Houston market, a growing operation near Houston and two wholesale distribution centers (one in Houston and one near Austin).

In fiscal 2001 the Company adopted a formal plan to dispose of the wholesale operations, which had been a part of its wholesale and growing segment. In fiscal 2002 the Company decided to sell its Turkey Creek Farms growing operation and discontinue the plant material that it produced. See Note 20 for a discussion of discontinued operations.

In fiscal 2002 the Company entered the San Antonio Market by leasing seven former nursery locations. This new market entry did not constitute a business combination.

The Company has three wholly owned subsidiaries:

Calloway's Nursery of Texas, Inc. -- is the Company's Calloway's retail stores in the Dallas - Fort Worth Market.

Miller Plant Farms, Inc. – is the Company's growing facility near Tyler, Texas.

Cornelius Nurseries, Inc. - is three Cornelius retail stores in the Houston market.

Economic, weather and other circumstances that may exist from time-to-time in these areas can have a significant impact on the Company's results of operations.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements.

Revenue recognition - The Company recognizes revenue when the customer takes possession of the merchandise.

Accounts receivable - The Company's accounts receivable are primarily related to credit card transactions. The Company's retail stores accept MasterCard, VISA, American Express and Discover. No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary since substantially all amounts are collected within five business days.

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Inventories - Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost being determined principally on a first-in, first-out basis.

Property and equipment - Property and equipment are capitalized at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the various classes of assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Expenditures for normal maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. The cost of property and equipment sold or otherwise retired, and the related accumulated depreciation and amortization, are removed from the accounts and any resultant gain or loss is included in operating results. The useful lives for purposes of calculating depreciation and amortization are as follows:

Leasehold improvements

Land improvements

Buildings

Furniture and fixtures

Vehicles

Term of lease
15 years
33 years
5 years
3 years

As discussed below, the Company early adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets effective October 1, 2001.

The Company reevaluates the propriety of the carrying amounts of its properties as well as the amortization periods when events and circumstances indicate that impairment may have occurred. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by the comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be

impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Management believes that no impairment has occurred and that no reduction of the estimated useful lives is warranted.

Net income (loss) per share - Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing income (loss) attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted net income (loss) per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings or loss of the entity. When the effects of common stock would be antidilutive due to a net loss attributable to common shareholders, basic loss per share and diluted loss per share are reported as the same number.

Income taxes - Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in operations in the period that includes the enactment date.

Intangibles - Goodwill has been amortized on a straight-line basis over 20 years. The Company has assessed the recoverability of this goodwill by determining whether the amortization of the goodwill balance over its remaining life could be recovered through undiscounted future operating

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cash flows. The amount of goodwill impairment, if any, has been measured based on projected discounted future operating cash flows using a discount rate reflecting the Company's average cost of funds. The assessment of the recoverability of goodwill could be impacted if estimated future operating cash flows are not achieved. Based on this criteria, management believes no impairment has occurred.

As further discussed below, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, effective October 1, 2002, and will no longer amortize goodwill.

Cash equivalents - For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Stock Based Compensation - The Company sponsors a stock-based compensation plan for its employees and directors. The Company applies the intrinsic value-based method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations, in accounting for its fixed plan stock options. As such, compensation expense would be recorded on the date of grant only if the current market price of the underlying stock exceeded the exercise price. See Note 11 for pro forma

disclosures that show the effect on the Company's net income (loss) and net income (loss) per share as if the Company had adopted the cost recognition provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation ("SFAS 123").

Use of Estimates - The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The amount of the valuation allowance related to deferred tax assets at September 30, 2002 and 2001 has been estimated based on the weight of available evidence at September 30, 2002 and 2001. Such estimate could change in the future based on the occurrence of one or more future events.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments - The carrying values of the Company's financial instruments, other than long-term debt, approximate fair values due to the short maturities of such instruments. The Company's borrowings, if recalculated based on current interest rates, would not differ significantly from the amounts recorded at September 30, 2002 and 2001.

Reclassifications - Certain amounts for 2000 and 2001 have been reclassified to conform to the 2002 presentation of the Discontinued Operations.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Statements 141 and 142

In June 2001 the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("Statement") No. 141, Business Combinations ("Statement 141") and Statement No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ("Statement 142").

Statement 141 requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001 as well as all purchase method business combinations completed after June 30, 2001. Statement 141 also specifies criteria intangible assets acquired in a purchase method business combination must meet to be recognized and reported apart from goodwill.

Statement 142 requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually in accordance with the provisions of Statement 142. Statement 142 also requires that intangible assets with definite useful lives be amortized over their respective estimated useful lives to their estimated residual values, and reviewed for impairment in accordance with Statement 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of, which has been superceded by Statement No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, upon adoption.

Statement 142 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001.

The Company adopted Statement 142 as of October 1, 2002, and will no longer amortize goodwill.

Statement 141 will also require, upon adoption of Statement 142, that the Company evaluate its existing intangible assets and goodwill that were acquired in a prior purchase business combination, and to make any necessary reclassification in order to conform to the new criteria in Statement 141 for recognition apart from goodwill.

In connection with the transitional goodwill impairment evaluation, Statement 142 will require the Company to perform an assessment of whether there is an indication that goodwill is impaired as of the date of adoption. To accomplish this, the Company must identify its reporting units and determine the carrying value of each reporting unit by assigning the assets and liabilities, including the existing goodwill and intangible assets, to those reporting units as of the date of adoption. The Company will then have up to six months from the date of adoption to determine the fair value of each reporting unit and compare it to the reporting unit's carrying amount. To the extent a reporting unit's carrying amount exceeds its fair value, an indication exists that the reporting unit's goodwill may be impaired and the Company must perform the second step of the transitional impairment test. In the second step, the Company must compare the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, determined by allocating the reporting unit's fair value to all of its assets (recognized and unrecognized) and liabilities in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation in accordance with Statement 141, to its carrying amount, both of which would be measured as of the date of adoption. This second step is required to be completed as soon as possible, but not later than the end of the year of adoption. Any transitional impairment loss will be recognized as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle in the Company's consolidated statements of operations, effective as of the first quarter of fiscal 2003.

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As of October 1, 2002 the Company has unamortized goodwill in the amount of \$631,000 that is subject to the transition provisions of Statements 141 and 142. Amortization expense related to goodwill was \$109,000, \$108,000 and \$108,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000. Because of the extensive effort that will be needed to comply with adopting Statements 141 and 142, it is not practicable to reasonably estimate the impact of adopting these Statements on the Company's consolidated financial statements at the date of this report, including whether any transitional impairment losses will be required to be recognized as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle.

Statement 144

In August 2001 the FASB issued Statement No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets ("Statement 144"). Statement 144 addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets.

Statement 144 requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to future net cash

flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized by the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Statement 144 requires companies to separately report discontinued operations and extends that reporting to a component of an entity that either has been disposed of (by sale, abandonment, or in a distribution to owners) or is classified as held for sale. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

Statement 144 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, with early adoption encouraged. The Company early-adopted Statement 144 as of October 1, 2001, recording a loss on discontinued operations of \$1,095,000 (net of tax benefits of \$643,000) for fiscal 2002. See Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations.

Statement 145

In April 2002 the FASB issued Statement No. 145, Rescission of FASB Statements No. 4, 44 and 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections ("Statement 145"). Statement 145 updates, clarifies, and simplifies existing accounting pronouncements.

Statement 145 rescinds Statement 4, Reporting Gains and Losses from Extinguishments of Debt, which required all gains and losses from extinguishments of debt to be aggregated and, if material, classified as an extraordinary item, net of related income tax effect. Under Statement 145 an enterprise will not be precluded from classifying gains and losses on extinguishments transactions as an extraordinary item if they meet the criteria in APB Opinion No. 30, Reporting the Results of Operations - Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions. The provisions of Statement 145 related to the rescission of Statement 4 shall be applied in fiscal years beginning after May 15, 2002.

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Statement 145 also amends Statement 13 for transactions occurring after May 15, 2002 to require that certain lease modifications that have economic effects similar to sale-leaseback transactions shall be accounted for in the same manner as sale-leaseback transactions.

All other provisions of Statement 145 are effective for financial statements issued on or after May 15, 2002, with early adoption encouraged. Statement 145 had no impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

Statement 146

In June 2002 the FASB issued Statement No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities ("Statement 146"). Statement 146 addresses financial accounting and reporting for costs associated with (i) an exit activity that does not involve an entity newly acquired in a business combination and (ii) disposal activities within the scope of Statement 144.

An exit activity includes but is not limited to restructuring costs. Statement

146 nullifies EITF Issue No. 94-3, Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring. It significantly reduces an entity's ability to recognize a liability for future expenses related to a restructuring.

The costs within the scope of Statement 146 include (i) certain termination benefits provided to employees who are involuntarily terminated under the terms of a one-time benefit arrangement that is not an ongoing benefit covered by other accounting pronouncements, (ii) costs to terminate a contract that is not a capital lease, and (iii) other associated costs (such as costs to close or consolidate facilities).

In general, an entity will record and measure a liability for a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity at its fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred (that is, when it meets the definition of a liability).

The provisions of Statement 146 are effective for exit or disposal activities initiated after December 31, 2002. Adoption of Statement 146 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

## NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following (amounts in thousands):

	Septe	ember 30, 2002	September 30, 2001		
Money market fund Demand deposit accounts	\$	2,190 253 32	\$	2 246 31	
recty cash		JZ 		J1	
-	\$	2,475	\$	279	
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## NOTE 4 - INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following (amounts in thousands):

	-	mber 30, 2002	September 30, 2001		
Finished goods Work in process Supplies	\$	4,006 929 82	\$	3,921 1,184 116	
	 \$	5,017	\$	5,221	

## NOTE 5 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following (amounts in thousands):

	Septe	September 30, 2002		ember 30, 2001
Land	\$	6,396	\$	6,396
Land improvements		1,010		1,010
Leasehold improvements		1,111		1,138
Buildings		5,116		5,069
Furniture, fixtures and equipment		2,892		2,877
Vehicles		683		575
Less: accumulated depreciation and				
amortization		(5,115)		(4,435)
	\$	12,093	\$	12,630
	====		===:	

## NOTE 6 - ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses consist of the following (amounts in thousands):

Accrued salaries and related taxes and expenses Accrued bonuses Accrued property taxes Accrued sales and use taxes	-	mber 30, 2002	September 30, 2001		
Accrued salaries and related taxes and					
expenses	\$	1,209	\$	910	
Accrued bonuses		124		20	
Accrued property taxes		503		429	
Accrued sales and use taxes		183		175	
	\$	2,019	\$	1,534	
	====		====		

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 7 - NOTES PAYABLE AND LONG-TERM DEBT

The Company entered into a \$5,000,000 revolving line of credit arrangement with a bank that matures on May 30, 2003 and is collateralized by inventory, accounts receivable and certain real property. The line of credit was established to supplement sources available to meet the Company's seasonal working capital needs. At September 30, 2002 and 2001 the outstanding balances were \$-0-\$ and

\$730,000, respectively, and the unused available credit was \$5,000,000 and \$4,270,000, respectively. The interest rate is variable, tied to the bank's current prime lending rate. The interest rate was 4.75% at September 30, 2002.

Long-term debt consists of the following (amounts in thousands):

Description		ember 30, 2002	ember 30,	Matures	Interest Rate
1. Term loan, financial					
institution	\$	303	\$ 359	December 2006	Variable (9.50)%
2. Term loan, financial					
institution		201	241	July 2007	Variable (7.25)%
3. Term loan, financial					
institution		847	939	June 2012	Variable (5.75)%
4. Term loan, financial					
institution		798	853	August 2012	Variable (9.125)
5. Term loan, financial					
institution		980	1,053	October 2014	Variable (5.75)%
6. Term loan, financial					
institution		931	972	March 2015	Fixed (8.5)%
7. Term loan, financial					
institution		1,108	1,157	March 2015	Fixed (8.5)%
8. Term loan, financial					
institution		2,400	2,492	December 2015	Fixed (8.5)%
9. Term loan, financial					
institution		1,157	1,176	November 2020	Fixed (10.0)%
Other		22	136		
Totals		8,747	 9,378		
Less: amounts due withir	l .				
one year		(501)	(732)		
	\$	8,246	\$ 8 <b>,</b> 646		

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Maturities of long-term debt are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,

2003	\$ 501
2003	575
2004	645
2005	720

2006 Thereafter

651 5,655 -----\$ 8,747

At September 30, 2002 the Company was in compliance with all of its loan covenants.

NOTE 8 - INCOME TAXES

Total income taxes for the years ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were allocated as follows:

	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Year Ended September 30, 2001		Year Ende September 2000	
Income from continuing operations Discontinued operations	\$	203 (643)	\$	812 (1,931)	\$	1,
	\$ =====	(440) ======	\$ ====	(1,119)	\$ ====	1, =====

Components of income tax expense (benefit) attributable to continuing operations consist of the following (amounts in thousands):

	Septer	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Year Ended September 30, 2001		r Ende ember 2000
Current expense						
Federal	\$	514	\$	751	\$	1,
State		351				
Total current		865		751		1, 
Deferred expense (benefit):						
Federal		(404)		61		(
State		(258)				
Total deferred		(662)		61		(
Total expense	\$	203	\$	812	\$	1,
	=====		=====	======	====	

The differences between the Company's effective tax rate and the federal statutory tax rate of 34%, as applied to income from continuing operations before income taxes, for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Year Ended September 30, 2001		Year Ende September 2000	
Income tax expense at statutory rate						
	\$	91	\$	803	\$	1,
State income tax, net of federal benefit		61				
Amortization of goodwill		37		37		
Other, net		14		(28)		
Total income tax expense	\$	203	\$	812	\$	1,
	=====		=====		====	

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2002 and 2001 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

	-	ember 30,	_	ember 30,
Deferred tax liabilities:				
Gain on disposal of assets	\$		\$	(187)
Deferred tax assets:				
Deferred rent	\$	299	\$	353
State net operating loss carryforward		324		66
Inventory capitalization		65		55
Assets marked to market		203		203
Basis difference in property and equipment		629		679
Loss on disposal of assets		199		
AMT credit carryforward		112		
Total deferred tax assets		1,831		1,356
Net deferred tax asset	\$	1,831	\$	1,169
	=====		=====	

Management has determined that it is more likely than not that the Company's deferred tax assets will be realized; therefore, no valuation allowance was necessary as of September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000. In assessing the need for a valuation allowance, management has considered future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences and future taxable income exclusive of such reversing differences. Positive evidence considered includes the Company's history of income from continuing operations before income taxes, and the availability of its existing net operating loss carryforwards. At September 30, 2002 the Company has net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$7,200,000 for state income tax purposes.

#### NOTE 9 - SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

During 2002, 2001 and 2000, the Company issued shares of common stock to the Calloway's Nursery, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan (see Note 12) and upon the exercise of stock options (see Note 11), receiving proceeds as follows (amounts in thousands):

	Septem	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Ended mber 30, 001	Year Ende September 2000	
Number of shares issued		275		260		
Proceeds Compensation expense	\$	169 109	\$	185 140	\$	
	\$ ======	278	\$	325	\$ =======	

## NOTE 10 - COMMON STOCK PURCHASE RIGHTS

Effective July 1991, the Company adopted a shareholder rights plan ("Rights Plan") that entitles each registered shareholder to one common share purchase right ("Right") per common share held. The Rights attach to all certificates representing outstanding shares of common stock; no separate Rights certificates have been distributed. The terms of the Rights Plan provide that in the event of an unapproved tender to acquire 20 percent or more of the Company's common stock, the Right holders, except as noted below, can purchase common stock at 50% of the then current market price. The Rights Plan also provides that all Rights held by parties to the unapproved tender shall be null and void; thus, such party cannot participate in the discounted purchase of common stock. The Rights are redeemable, at the Company's option, at any time at \$.01 per Right.

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## NOTE 11 - STOCK OPTION PLANS AND STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company's stock option plans provide for the awarding of incentive stock options to employees and non-qualified stock options to employees and independent directors. The employee plans are administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which consists entirely of independent directors. The independent director stock options are initially granted on a formula basis. Additional nonqualified stock options are provided to independent directors on an individual grant basis. All options are exercisable according to predetermined vesting schedules (all options vest within three years of the date of the grant) and remain in effect for ten years from the date of the grant. An aggregate of 2,583,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under the Company's stock option plans, including 316,000 shares in connection with the Company's 2001 Stock Option Plan that was approved in fiscal 2002.

As permitted by SFAS 123, the Company applies Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion 25 and related interpretations in accounting for its stock option plans. Accordingly, no expense has been recognized for its stock option plans, as the exercise price equals the stock price on the date of grant. Had compensation expense been determined for stock options granted based on the "fair value" at grant dates provided for in SFAS 123, the Company's pro forma net income (loss) and diluted net income (loss) per share for 2002, 2001 and 2000 would approximate the amounts below (amounts in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Sept	Year Ended September 30, 2002		r Ended ember 30, 2001	Year Ended September 30 2000		
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,463)	\$	(2,292)	\$	1,66	
Net income (loss) per share	\$	(.29)	\$	(.41)	\$	. 2	

The effects of applying SFAS 123 in this pro forma disclosure are not indicative of future amounts. The pro forma amounts were estimated using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

Septe	Year Ended September 30, 2002		ember 30,	Year Ended September 30 2000
	10		10	N/
	89.37%		90.75%	_
	None		None	_
	3.375%		5.68%	_
\$	.9455	\$	1.2763	N/
	Septe 2	September 30, 2002  10 89.37% None 3.375%	September 30, Sept 2002 	September 30, September 30, 2002 2001

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The following table summarizes activity in the stock option plans for the three years ended September 30, 2002:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Pr				
September 30, 1999	985,100	\$	1.0806			
Granted						
Exercised						

Forfeited Expired	31,400		1.0645
September 30, 2000 Granted Exercised Forfeited Expired	953,700 122,000 3,500 4,300		1.0800 1.4380 1.0000 1.1163
September 30, 2001 Granted Exercised Forfeited Expired	1,067,900 757,700  66,000 7,000		1.1221 1.0900  1.1212 6.1250
September 30, 2002	1,752,600	\$ ===	1.0883
Exercisable options September 30, 2000 September 30, 2001 September 30, 2002	937,700 1,027,800 1,721,599	\$ \$	1.0800 1.1220 1.0850

The following table summarizes information regarding stock options outstanding at September 30, 2002:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Life	A Ex	ighted verage ercise rices	Options Exercisable
\$0.875 to \$1.000 \$1.001 to \$1.440	602,400 1,150,200	2.7 7.9	\$	0.9972 1.1360	602,400 1,119,199
	1,752,600	6.1	\$ ====	1.0883	1,721,599

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 12 - STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

In 1992 the Company's Board of Directors and shareholders adopted a Stock Purchase Plan (the "Stock Purchase Plan"). The Stock Purchase Plan is designed to provide employees and directors with the opportunity to acquire an ownership interest in the Company and thereby provide those who will be responsible for the continued growth of the Company with a more direct concern about its welfare and a common interest with the Company's other shareholders. The Stock Purchase Plan is not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

All employees who have attained the age of majority in the state of their residence and have completed 60 days of full-time employment with the Company,

and all independent members of the Board of Directors, are eligible to participate in the Stock Purchase Plan. Participants may elect to have payroll deductions of a maximum of 10% of their compensation each pay period. The Company matches up to 100% of such deductions based upon the participant's years of continuous participation in the Stock Purchase Plan. Funds deducted from a participant's pay and contributions made by the Company to the Stock Purchase Plan on behalf of a participant (all of which is invested for the benefit of the participant) are taxable to the participant as wages or compensation for services. The Company contributions for the years ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were \$109,000, \$140,000 and \$124,000, respectively.

NOTE 13 - 401(k) PLAN

In 1999 the Company initiated a 401(k) plan for its employees. The 401(k) plan provides employees with a way to save and invest for their retirement. The Company does not provide matching contributions for the 401(k) plan.

## NOTE 14 - INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

The Company has entered into indemnity agreements with its directors and executive officers which, to the extent permitted under applicable law, indemnify such persons against all expenses, judgments, fines and penalties incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of actions brought against them by reason of the fact that they are or were executive officers or directors of the Company, or assumed certain responsibilities in their official capacities.

In addition, the Company has entered into indemnity agreements with two officers of the Company that provide additional indemnification for all liabilities and expenses in respect of certain lease obligations of the Company that have been personally guaranteed by such officers. If the Company fails to indemnify either of the officers as required in the indemnity agreement or if either of these officers are terminated for any reason as an employee of the Company, the Company will provide the terminated officer with one or more bank letters of credit to secure payment of an aggregate of \$4,000,000 of such liability; however, the Company shall not be obligated to provide letters of credit aggregating more than \$4,000,000 to these two officers.

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 15 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

As of September 30, 2002 the Company leased eighteen retail stores under noncancellable operating leases. The leases expire in various years through 2013. The leases generally contain renewal options for periods ranging from 5 to 15 years and require the Company to pay all executory costs (such as property taxes, maintenance and insurance). Rental payments include minimum rentals plus contingent rentals based on sales. The Company has not had to pay contingent rentals to date and does not expect to in the future.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancellable operating leases as of September 30, 2002 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Year Ending September 30,

	=======
	\$ 10,895
Thereafter	1,868
2007	850
2006	1,366
2005	1,923
2004	2,408
2003	\$ 2,480

Rental expense for operating leases during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2002, 2001 and 2000 was approximately \$2.1 million for each fiscal year.

Included in the above future minimum lease payments for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2003, 2004 and 2005 are amounts due of \$142,000, \$142,000, and \$107,000, respectively to a board member and vice president of the Company, who is the landlord for three leased facilities in the San Antonio market (the "San Antonio Affiliate Leases") that have three year terms. The San Antonio Affiliate Leases were entered into in fiscal 2002. Rental expense for the San Antonio Affiliate Leases was \$6,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002.

There are various claims and pending actions incident to the business operations of the Company. In the opinion of management, the Company's potential liability in all pending actions and claims, in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 16 - NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE

A reconciliation between the weighted average shares outstanding used in the basic and diluted net income (loss) per share computations is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Sept	r Ended ember 30, 2001	Year Ende September 2000	
Net income (loss) Accretion of preferred stock Retirement of preferred stock	\$	(1,031) (358) 	\$	(2,136) (303) 	\$	1,
Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$ ====	(1,389)	\$	(2,439)	\$	1,
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic Effect of dilutive securities: Assumed exercise of stock options		6,382		6,107		5,

				183		
Weighted average shares outstanding -						
diluted		6 <b>,</b> 382		6 <b>,</b> 290		6,
	=====		=====		====	
Net income (loss) per share:						
Basic	\$	(.22)	\$	(.40)	\$	
Diluted	\$	(.22)	\$	(.39)	\$	

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NOTE 17 - SELECTED QUARTERLY DATA (UNAUDITED)

Amounts (except share data) are expressed in thousands:

	First Quarter				Second Quarter				
		2002 2001						2002	2 2
Net sales Gross Profit	\$	10,228 4,334		9,912 4,684		6,992 3,429	\$		
<pre>Income (loss) from continuing operations Net income (loss) Income (loss) per share Basic</pre>	\$	(364) (400)	\$	(178) (231)		(737) (742)	\$		
Continuing operations Discontinued operations	\$	(.07) (.01) (.08)	\$	(.04) (.01) (.05)	\$	(.13)  (.13)	\$		
Diluted Continuing operations Discontinued operations	\$	(.07) (.01) (.08)		(.04) (.01) (.05)	\$	(.13)  (.13)	\$		
		Third (	)uarte	er		Fourth (	Quarter		
		2002 2001			2002	2 2			
Net sales Gross Profit	\$	19,563 9,768	\$	20,251 10,760		6,552 2,641	\$		
<pre>Income (loss) from continuing operations Net income (loss) Income (loss) per share Basic</pre>	\$	2,717 2,495		3,319 (315)		(1,552) (2,384)	\$		
Continuing operations Discontinued operations Diluted	\$	.41 (.03) .38		.53 (.59) (.06)	\$	(.26) (.13) (.39)	\$		

Continuing operations	.41		.53		(.26)	
Discontinued operations	(.03)		(.59)		(.13)	
	\$ .38	Ś	(.06)	Ś	(.39)	Ś

In the third quarter of 2001 the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations of \$3,674,000. In the fourth quarter of 2002 the Company recorded a loss from discontinued operations of \$1,095,000. See Note 20 for a discussion of discontinued operations.

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CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 18 - PREFERRED STOCK WITH MANDATORY REDEMPTION PROVISIONS

In fiscal 1999 the Company issued 40,000 shares of Non-Voting Acquisition Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), \$.01 par value, in connection with an acquisition. The Preferred Stock has a liquidation preference of \$100 per share and no voting rights, except as otherwise required by law. The Company may, at any time prior to September 21, 2004, redeem any portion or all of the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock for \$100 per share. Any unredeemed shares outstanding at September 21, 2004 must be redeemed for \$100 per share.

The Preferred Stock was recorded at its estimated fair value of approximately \$1,890,000. The carrying amount of the Preferred Stock will be accreted at each balance sheet date to its redemption amount using the interest method. The resulting increase in the carrying amount of the Preferred Stock will reduce net income attributable to common shareholders or increase net loss attributable to common shareholders.

In fiscal 2000 the Company redeemed 5,798 shares of Preferred Stock for a cash payment of \$158,500. The redeemed Preferred Stock had a redemption value of \$579,800 and a carrying amount of \$274,000. At September 30, 2002 and 2001 the redemption amount of the Preferred Stock was \$3,420,200.

## NOTE 19 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has two reportable segments as follows: (i) retail, and (ii) growing.

The Company aggregates its individual retail stores because they are all managed in a similar way, they serve a similar type of customer, they use similar methods to distribute their products and services, they carry similar product lines, and they use similar marketing approaches. For example, the retail stores sell plants, garden supplies and other merchandise, primarily to individuals, on a cash-and-carry basis, at each retail store.

The Company had previously aggregated its two growing operations: Miller Plant Farms and Turkey Creek Farms. These operations are distinguished from the retail segment, but are similar to each other, in the way they are managed, in the type of customer they serve, in the methods they use to produce and ship their products, in the product lines they carry, and in the way they market their products. For example, the growing segment operations sell plants to the Company's retail stores, and ship goods via truck to the retail stores.

Since the Company decided to sell its Turkey Creek Farms growing operation in

2002 and discontinue the merchandise that it produced, the results of operations for Turkey Creek Farms have been reclassified as Discontinued Operations. See Note 20 for a discussion of discontinued operations. Accordingly, Turkey Creek Farms has not been included in the growing caption in the following tables.

The reporting segments follow the same accounting policies used for the Company's consolidated financial statements and described in the summary of significant accounting policies (see Note 2). Management evaluates a segment's performance based upon income or loss before income taxes. Intersegment sales or transfers are recorded based upon prevailing market prices.

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The following is a tabulation of business segment information for each of the past three years. Intersegment elimination information is included to reconcile segment data to the consolidated financial statements. Amounts are in thousands:

			Year Ended September 30, 2001			
Revenues						
From external customers		42.051	•	42 205	<u> </u>	4.4
Retail	\$	43,251	Ş	43,385	\$	44,
Growing		84		109		
Totals		43,335		43,494		44,
From other operating segments						
Retail						1
Growing		2 <b>,</b> 087		1,944 		1,
Totals		2 <b>,</b> 087		1,944		1,
Intersegment Eliminations		(2,087)		(1,944)		(1,
Total consolidated net sales	\$ ====	43,335	\$	43,494	\$ ====	44, =====
<pre>Income (loss) from continuing   operations before income taxes     Retail</pre>	\$	420	\$	2,113	\$	2,
Growing		(153)		250		
Total consolidated income from continuing operations before						
income taxes	\$	267	•	2,363	\$	3,
	====		====		====	
Total assets						
Retail	\$	21,715	\$	21,258	\$	22,
Growing		1,077		1,077		1,

Totals	\$	22,792	\$	22,335	\$	23,
	====	======	====	======	====	
Interest income						
Retail	\$	44	\$	36	\$	
Growing						
Totals	\$	44	\$	36	 \$	
	====	======	====	======	====	
Interest expense						
Retail	\$	858	\$	1,023	\$	
Growing		1		101		
Totals	\$	859	\$	1,124	\$	1,
	====	======	====	-======	====	
Depreciation and amortization						
expense						
Retail	\$	855	\$	891	\$	
Growing		21		15		
Totals	\$	876	\$	906	\$	
	====	=======			====	

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 20 - DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

## DISPOSAL OF WHOLESALE OPERATIONS

In August 2001 the Company adopted a formal plan to dispose of the wholesale operations, which had been a part of its wholesale and growing segment. The Company exited its wholesale operations as of December 31, 2001. Specifically, the Company ceased in an orderly fashion production and marketing of plants and related products grown or purchased for sale to wholesale customers, including other nursery retailers and landscape contractors. The wholesale operations included the wholesale growing operations of Turkey Creek Farms as well as the wholesale landscape distribution centers ("WLD") in Austin and Houston. The adopted disposal plan included: (i) the sale of the Turkey Creek Farms wholesale inventories to unaffiliated customers, and (ii) the sale of the WLD operations as an ongoing business to an unaffiliated third party.

The Company incurred operating losses and negative cash flows in the wholesale operations for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2001 and 2000. The continued pressure from lower cost wholesalers impacted the profitability and competitive position of these operations. The Company concluded that market conditions then and for the foreseeable future were such that these operations were likely to remain uncompetitive. Additionally, incremental future investments would not generate sufficient income to recover the cost of such investments.

The Company recorded a loss on disposal of discontinued operations of approximately \$2.9 million (net of income taxes) in fiscal 2001 to cover the

expected cash and non-cash costs of the discontinued operations. The loss included the write down to estimated net realizable value of the investment in facilities and equipment, inventory, and accounts receivable, as well as the accrual of anticipated operating losses during the period after the date the disposal plan was adopted, through the date the disposition was completed.

Prior to the decision to discontinue the wholesale operations, the Company produced plants at Turkey Creek Farms that were primarily for sale to external customers, while a smaller portion of Turkey Creek Farms production was plants for sale to the Company's own retail stores. Subsequent to that decision, the Company began production at Turkey Creek Farms of plants that were exclusively for sale at the Company's own retail stores.

The sale of the WLD operations was completed in October 2001 and indebtedness related to the WLD real property was paid off. The Turkey Creek Farms wholesale inventory was completely sold or otherwise disposed of by December 31, 2001.

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# CALLOWAY'S NURSERY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## EXIT FROM TURKEY CREEK FARMS

In September 2002 the Company decided to sell its Turkey Creek Farms growing operation and discontinue the merchandise that it produced. The Company incurred operating losses and negative cash flows on Turkey Creek Farms in fiscal 2002 and concluded that market conditions then and for the foreseeable future were such that Turkey Creek Farms was likely to remain uncompetitive.

The Company recorded an inventory write-down of approximately \$1.2 million in fiscal 2002. The assets, liabilities and results of operations for Turkey Creek Farms have been reclassified as Discontinued Operations in the accompanying consolidated financial statements in accordance with Statement 144 (see Note 2).

Following is a summary of the assets and liabilities of the discontinued operations as of the applicable years (amounts in thousands):

	September 30, 2002		September 30 2001	
Cash Accounts receivable	\$	15 1	\$	41 717
Inventories Property and equipment held for sale	\$	141 1 <b>,</b> 176		2 <b>,</b> 279 631
Current assets of discontinued operations	\$	1,333	\$	3,668
Noncurrent assets of discontinued operations - property and equipment	\$		\$ ====	1,258 ======
Accounts payable Accrued expenses	\$	476 11	\$	693 495

Current portion of long-term debt				1,116	
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	\$	487	\$	2,304	
	=====				

The property and equipment of the discontinued Turkey Creek Farms operation was classified as a current asset at September 30, 2002 since it is expected to be sold in fiscal 2003. The Company has entered into a contract to sell the property and equipment for an amount in excess of its carrying value that, if completed, would be recorded in fiscal 2003.

Likewise, the property and equipment of the discontinued wholesale operations was classified as a current asset at September 30, 2001 since it was sold in October 2001. In addition, the debt related to such property was also classified as current at September 30, 2001 since it was paid off in October 2001 with the proceeds from the sale.

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Following is a summary of the operating results of the discontinued operations for the applicable years (amounts in thousands):

	Year Ended September 30, 2002		Year Ended September 30, 2001		Year Ende September 2000	
Sales Cost of goods sold	\$	3,740 4,962	\$	7,414 6,485	\$	7, 5,
Gross profit (loss) Expenses		(1,222) 516		929 2 <b>,</b> 139		2, 3,
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes Income tax benefit		(1,738) (643)		(1,210) (416)		(
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ ====	(1,095)	\$	(794)	\$ ====	(

The Company recorded a loss on disposal of discontinued operations (net of income tax) of \$2,893,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001. The loss included the expected loss on the disposal of the Turkey Creek Farms wholesale inventory, partially offset by expected gains on the sale of property and equipment and other assets, and estimated income tax benefits of \$1,515,000.

Prior to fiscal 2002 Turkey Creek Farms functioned solely as a wholesale operation and its operations are included in the discontinued operations of fiscal 2002 and fiscal 2000. For fiscal 2002, Turkey Creek Farms functioned as a growing operation and its operations are also reflected as discontinued operations for fiscal 2002.

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Exhibit No. Description

- (3) (a) Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant. (Exhibit (3)(a))(1)
  - (b) Form of Bylaws of the Registrant. (Exhibit (3)(b))(1)
  - (c) Amendment to Bylaws Adopted on May 19, 1993. (Exhibit (3(c))(1)
- (4)(a) Specimen Stock Certificate. (Exhibit (4)(a)(1)
- (10)(a) Form of Employment Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and James C. Estill. (Exhibit (10)(a))(1)
  - (b) Form of Employment Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and John T. Cosby. (Exhibit (10)(b))(1)
  - (c) Form of Employment Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and John S. Peters. (Exhibit (10)(c))(1)
  - (d) Left blank intentionally.
  - (e) Form of Indemnity Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and each of James C. Estill and John T. Cosby. (Exhibit (10)(g))(1)
  - (f) Form of Indemnity Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and John S. Peters. (Exhibit (10)(h))(1)
  - (g) Form of Indemnity Agreement dated July 3, 1991 between the Registrant and each of Robert E. Glaze and Dr. Stanley Block. (Exhibit (10)(i))(1)
  - (h) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and James C. Estill dated July 2, 1996. (Exhibit (10)(m))(2)
  - (i) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John T. Cosby dated July 2, 1996. (Exhibit (10)(n))(2)
  - (j) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John S. Peters dated July 2, 1996. (Exhibit (10)(o))(2)
  - (k) Employment Agreement between the Registrant and C. Sterling Cornelius dated September 21, 1999. (Exhibit (10)(k))(3)
  - (1) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and James C.

Estill dated May 9, 2001. (Exhibit (10)(p))(4)

- (m) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John T. Cosby dated May 9, 2001. (Exhibit (10)(q))(4)
- (n) Extension of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and John S. Peters dated May 9, 2001. (Exhibit (10)(r))(4)
- (o) Cornelius Nurseries, Inc. President Profit Bonus Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2003. (Exhibit (10.1)(5)
- (p) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. Management Profit Bonus Plan for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2003. (Exhibit (10.2)(5)
- (q) Form of Indemnification Agreement dated November 14, 2002 between the Registrant and each of Dr. Stanley Block, Sterling Cornelius, John T. Cosby, James C. Estill, Daniel R. Feehan, Timothy J. McKibben, John S. Peters, Daniel G. Reynolds, George J. Wechsler and David S. Weger. (Exhibit 10.3)(5)

## Exhibit No. Description

- (21) (a) Subsidiaries of the Registrant. (Exhibit 21) (5)
- (23) (d) Consent of KPMG LLP. (Exhibit 23) (5)
- (99)(a) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. Stock Purchase Plan.(Exhibit (28))(6)
- (99) (b) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1991 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit (10)(d))(1)
- (99)(c) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1995 Stock Option Plan for Independent Directors. (Exhibit (99)(c))(7)
- (99) (d) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (8)
- (99) (e) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (8)
- (99) (f) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1998 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (10)
- (99)(g) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 1999 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A)(11)
- (99) (h) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 2000 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A) (12)
- (99)(i) Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan. (Exhibit A)(13)
- (99)(j) Form of Calloway's Nursery, Inc. 2002 Stock Option Plan (Exhibit 99.1)(5)
- (99) (k) Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (Exhibit 99.2)(5)

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- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to Registration Statement No. 33-40473 on Form S-1, and amendments thereto, filed by the Company with the securities and Exchange Commission, and effective June 26, 1991.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1996.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-K Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1999.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-K Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2001.
- (5) Filed herewith.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to Registration Statement No. 33-46170 on Form S-8, and amendments thereto, filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and effective March 3, 1992.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1995.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 1997 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 1998 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 1999 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2000 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (12) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (13) Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit shown in parenthesis to the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.