

CONAGRA FOODS INC /DE/
Form 8-K
November 05, 2013

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

November 5, 2013

ConAgra Foods, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-7275

47-0248710

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One ConAgra Drive, Omaha, Nebraska

68102

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

402-240-4000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Today, November 5, 2013, members of senior management of ConAgra Foods, Inc. (the "Company") will meet with members of the investment community. The Company expects to affirm its previously announced guidance of fiscal 2014 diluted earnings per share ("EPS"), adjusted for items impacting comparability, to be approximately \$2.34-\$2.38, and fiscal 2014 second-quarter diluted EPS to be in the range of \$0.55, adjusted for items impacting comparability. The Company therefore expects the full year's growth in EPS to occur in the second half of the fiscal year. The Company continues to expect approximately \$0.25 of EPS contribution from Ralcorp in fiscal 2014, adjusted for items impacting comparability.

The Company continues to expect at least 10% annual comparable EPS growth in the fiscal 2015-2017 period, and the synergies from the Ralcorp transaction to reach \$300 million of annual pretax cost-related synergies by the end of fiscal 2017.

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes the non-GAAP financial measure of diluted EPS, adjusted for items impacting comparability. Management considers GAAP financial measures as well as such non-GAAP financial information in its evaluation of the Company's financial statements and believes this non-GAAP measure provides useful supplemental information to assess the Company's operating performance and financial position. The inability to predict the timing and amount of future items impacting comparability makes a detailed reconciliation of earnings per share growth impracticable.

Note on Forward-looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things: ConAgra Foods' ability to realize the synergies and benefits contemplated by the acquisition of Ralcorp and its ability to promptly and effectively integrate the business of Ralcorp; the timing to consummate the potential joint venture combining the flour milling businesses of ConAgra Foods, Cargill, and CHS; ConAgra Foods' ability to realize the synergies and benefits contemplated by the potential joint venture; the availability and prices of raw materials, including any negative effects caused by inflation or adverse weather conditions; the effectiveness of ConAgra Foods' product pricing, including any pricing actions and promotional changes; future economic circumstances; industry conditions; ConAgra Foods' ability to execute its operating and restructuring plans; the success of ConAgra Foods' cost-saving initiatives, innovation, and marketing, including increased marketing investments; the competitive environment and related market conditions; operating efficiencies; the ultimate impact of any ConAgra Foods product recalls; access to capital; ConAgra Foods' success in efficiently and effectively integrating its acquisitions; actions of governments and regulatory factors affecting ConAgra Foods' businesses, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; the amount and timing of repurchases of ConAgra Foods' common stock and debt, if any; and other risks described in ConAgra Foods' reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recent annual report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K. Investors and security holders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. ConAgra Foods disclaims any obligation to update or revise statements contained in this press release to reflect future events or circumstances or otherwise.

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SIGNATURES

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

November 5, 2013

ConAgra Foods, Inc.

By: *Lyneth Rhoten*

Name: Lyneth Rhoten

*Title: Vice President, Securities Counsel and Assistant
Corporate Secretary*