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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2007

Commission file number 1-4121

## DEERE & COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State of incorporation)

**36-2382580**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**One John Deere Place, Moline, Illinois**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**61265**

(Zip Code)

**(309) 765-8000**

(Telephone Number)

### SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$1 par value	New York Stock Exchange
8.95% Debentures Due 2019	New York Stock Exchange
8-1/2% Debentures Due 2022	New York Stock Exchange
6.55% Debentures Due 2028	New York Stock Exchange

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**SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: NONE**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and non-accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

The aggregate quoted market price of voting stock of registrant held by non-affiliates at April 30, 2007 was \$24,526,714,528. At November 30, 2007, 438,054,326 shares of common stock (adjusted for stock split), \$1 par value, of the registrant were outstanding. *Documents Incorporated by Reference*. Portions of the proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on February 27, 2008 are incorporated by reference in Part III.

**PART I**

ITEM 1. **BUSINESS.**

**Products**

Deere & Company (Company) and its subsidiaries (collectively called John Deere) have operations which are categorized into four major business segments.

The *agricultural equipment* segment manufactures and distributes a full line of farm equipment and related service parts including tractors; combine, cotton and sugarcane harvesters; tillage, seeding and soil preparation machinery; sprayers; hay and forage equipment; integrated agricultural management systems technology; and precision agricultural irrigation equipment.

The *commercial and consumer equipment* segment manufactures and distributes equipment, products and service parts for commercial and residential uses including tractors for lawn, garden, commercial and utility purposes; mowing equipment, including walk-behind mowers; golf course equipment; utility vehicles; landscape and nursery products; irrigation equipment; and other outdoor power products.

The *construction and forestry* segment manufactures, distributes to dealers and sells at retail a broad range of machines and service parts used in construction, earthmoving, material handling and timber harvesting including backhoe loaders; crawler dozers and loaders; four-wheel-drive loaders; excavators; motor graders; articulated dump trucks; landscape loaders; skid-steer loaders; and log skidders, feller bunchers, log loaders, log forwarders, log harvesters and related attachments.

The products and services produced by the segments above are marketed primarily through independent retail dealer networks and major retail outlets.

The *credit* segment primarily finances sales and leases by John Deere dealers of new and used agricultural, commercial and consumer, and construction and forestry equipment. In addition, it provides wholesale financing to dealers of the foregoing equipment, provides operating loans, finances retail revolving charge accounts, offers certain crop risk mitigation products and invests in wind energy generation.

John Deere's worldwide agricultural equipment; commercial and consumer equipment; and construction and forestry operations are sometimes referred to as the Equipment Operations. The credit and certain miscellaneous service operations are sometimes referred to as Financial Services.

Additional information is presented in the discussion of business segment and geographic area results on pages 16 and 17. The John Deere enterprise has manufactured agricultural machinery since 1837. The present Company was incorporated under the laws of Delaware in 1958.

The Company's Internet address is <http://www.JohnDeere.com>. Through that address, the Company's annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports are available free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information contained on the Company's website is not included in, or incorporated by reference into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Market Conditions and Outlook**

Company equipment sales are projected to increase by about 12 percent for the full year 2008 and to be up approximately 25 percent for the first quarter of 2008. The operations of LESCO, Inc. (LESCO), a supplier of landscape products acquired by John Deere in May 2007, are expected to account for about 2 percentage points of the sales increase for the year and 3 points in the first quarter. The Company's net income is forecast to be about \$2.1 billion for 2008 and about \$325 million for the first quarter.

*Agricultural Equipment.* Driven by continuing strength in the farm sector, worldwide sales of John Deere agricultural equipment are expected to increase by about 17 percent for fiscal year 2008. Included in the segment's sales forecast is one

percentage point for currency translation and one point related to the acquisition of Ningbo Benye Tractor & Automobile Manufacturing Co., Ltd., a Chinese-based tractor manufacturer purchased by the Company in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Worldwide farm conditions remain quite positive, benefiting from growing economic prosperity, healthy commodity prices and demand for renewable fuels. Relative to consumption, global grain stocks such as wheat and corn are continuing to run at or near thirty-year lows. The Company's sales are expected to receive further support from the planned introduction of a number of advanced new products globally.

On an industry basis, sales of farm machinery in the U.S. and Canada are forecast to be up 10 to 15 percent for the year, due in part to a substantial jump in farm cash receipts. Large tractors and combines are expected to pace the sales improvement, while demand for cotton pickers is expected to be lower. Industry sales in Western Europe are forecast to be flat to up slightly for the year with greater increases expected in Eastern Europe and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries, including Russia. These latter areas are expected to continue experiencing strong growth due to rising demand for productive farm machinery. South American markets are expected to show further improvement in 2008, with industry sales forecast to increase by 10 to 15 percent. Farm machinery demand in Brazil, while receiving support from strong commodity prices, may be tempered by uncertainties over the status of government-backed financing programs. The Company anticipates its sales will be helped by an expanded product line and additional production capacity associated with the opening of a new tractor manufacturing facility in Montenegro, Brazil.

*Commercial & Consumer Equipment.* The Company's commercial and consumer equipment sales are projected to be up about 10 percent for the year, including about 8 percentage points from a full year of LESCO sales. Segment sales, in addition, are expected to benefit from new products, such as an expanded line of innovative commercial mowing equipment. Given the nature of the Company's commercial and consumer businesses, sales tend to have a high degree of sensitivity to weather patterns. Sales of residential equipment are also affected by U.S. housing markets.

*Construction & Forestry.* U.S. markets for construction and forestry equipment are forecast to remain under pressure in 2008 due in large part to a continuing slump in housing starts. Non-residential construction is expected to remain flat at last year's relatively strong levels. Pressure on the U.S. housing market is expected to contribute to lower worldwide sales of forestry equipment in 2008, though sales in Europe are forecast to remain at strong levels. Despite this generally weak environment, the Company's sales are expected to benefit from new products and a return to factory production levels in closer alignment with retail demand. Last year, the Company made a significant reduction in construction and forestry inventories, which restrained production. In addition, the Company's sales to the independent rental channel, which saw a large decline in 2007, are expected to be flat in the coming year. For 2008, the Company's worldwide sales of construction and forestry equipment are forecast to be approximately equal to the prior year.

*Credit.* Fiscal year 2008 net income for the Company's credit operations is forecast to be approximately \$375 million, with the improvement driven by growth in the credit portfolio.

#### **2007 Consolidated Results Compared with 2006**



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Worldwide net income in 2007 was \$1,822 million, or \$4.00 per share diluted (\$4.05 basic), compared with \$1,694 million, or \$3.59 per share diluted (\$3.63 basic), in 2006. Income from continuing operations, which excludes the Company's discontinued health care business (see Note 2), was also \$1,822 million, or \$4.00 per share diluted (\$4.05 basic), in 2007, compared with \$1,453 million, or \$3.08 per share diluted (\$3.11 basic) in 2006. Net sales and revenues from continuing operations increased 9 percent to \$24,082 million in 2007, compared with \$22,148 million in 2006. Net sales of the Equipment Operations increased 8 percent in 2007 to \$21,489 million from \$19,884 million last year. This included a positive effect for currency translation and price changes of 5 percent. Net sales in the U.S. and Canada were flat in 2007. Net sales outside the U.S. and Canada increased by 27 percent, which included a positive effect of 7 percent for currency translation. All per share information reflects a two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007 (see Note 1 to Consolidated Financial Statements).

Worldwide Equipment Operations had an operating profit of \$2,318 million in 2007, compared with \$1,905 million in 2006. Higher operating profit was primarily due to improved price realization and higher sales and production volumes. Partially offsetting these factors were higher selling, administrative and general expenses, increased raw material costs and higher research and development costs.

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The Equipment Operations net income was \$1,429 million in 2007, compared with \$1,089 million in 2006. The same operating factors mentioned above along with the expense related to the repurchase of certain outstanding debt securities last year and lower effective tax rates this year affected these results.

Net income of the Company's Financial Services operations in 2007 decreased to \$364 million, compared with \$584 million in 2006, primarily due to the sale of the health care operations last year. Income from the Financial Services continuing operations in 2007 was also \$364 million, compared with \$344 million in 2006. The increase was primarily a result of growth in the credit portfolio, partially offset by increased selling, administrative and general expenses and a higher provision for credit losses. Additional information is presented in the discussion of the Credit Operations.

Income from discontinued operations was \$241 million in 2006, or \$.51 per share diluted (\$.52 basic), primarily due to the sale of the health care operations last year.

The cost of sales to net sales ratio for 2007 was 75.6 percent, compared with 77.3 percent last year. The decrease was primarily due to improved price realization and higher sales and production volumes, partially offset by higher raw material costs.

Finance and interest income, and interest expense increased this year primarily due to growth in the credit operations portfolio and higher financing rates. Other income increased this year primarily from increased service revenues. Research and development costs increased this year due to increased spending in support of new products and the effect of currency translation. Selling, administrative and general expenses increased primarily due to growth and the effect of currency translation. Other operating expenses were higher primarily as a result of increased cost of services, higher depreciation expense on operating lease equipment and the effect of currency translation, partially offset by the expense related to the repurchase of outstanding notes last year (see Note 3).

The Company has several defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit health care and life insurance plans. The Company's postretirement benefit costs for these plans in 2007 were \$415 million, compared with \$447 million in 2006. The long-term expected return on plan assets, which is reflected in these costs, was an expected gain of 8.3 percent in 2007 and 8.4 percent in 2006, or \$838 million in 2007, compared with \$795 million in 2006. The actual return was a gain of \$1,503 million in 2007, compared with a gain of \$1,364 million in 2006. In 2008, the expected return will be approximately 8.2 percent. The Company expects postretirement benefit costs in 2008 to be lower, compared with 2007, primarily due to lower amortizations of actuarial losses. The Company makes any required contributions to the plan assets under applicable regulations and voluntary contributions from time to time based on the Company's liquidity and ability to make tax-deductible contributions. Total Company contributions to the plans were \$646 million in 2007 and \$866 million in 2006, which include direct benefit payments for unfunded plans. These contributions also included voluntary contributions to total plan assets of approximately \$520 million in 2007 and \$760 million in 2006. Total Company contributions in 2008 are expected to be approximately \$428 million, including voluntary contributions to plan assets of approximately \$300 million. See the following discussion of Critical Accounting Policies for more information about postretirement benefit obligations.

Additional information on 2007 results is presented on pages 15 - 17.

### **EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS**



**Agricultural Equipment**

Sales of agricultural equipment, particularly in the United States and Canada, are affected by total farm cash receipts, which reflect levels of farm commodity prices, acreage planted, crop yields and the amount and timing of government payments. Sales are also influenced by general economic conditions, farm land prices, farmers' debt levels, interest rates, agricultural trends, including the production of and demand for renewable fuels, energy costs and other input costs associated with farming. Other important factors affecting new equipment sales are the value and level of used equipment, including tractors, harvesting equipment, self-propelled sprayers and seeding equipment. Weather and climatic conditions can also affect buying decisions of equipment purchasers.

Innovations to machinery and technology also influence buying. For example, larger, more productive equipment is well accepted where farmers are striving for more efficiency in their operations. The Company has developed a comprehensive agricultural management systems approach using advanced technology and global satellite positioning to enable farmers to better control input costs and yields, improve soil conservation and minimize chemical use and to gather information.

Large, cost-efficient, highly-mechanized agricultural operations account for an important share of worldwide farm output. The large-size agricultural equipment used on such farms has been particularly important to John Deere. A large proportion of the Equipment Operations' total agricultural equipment sales in the United States is comprised of tractors over 100 horsepower, self-propelled combines, self-propelled cotton pickers, self-propelled forage harvesters and self-propelled sprayers.

*Seasonality.* Seasonal patterns in retail demand for agricultural equipment result in substantial variations in the volume and mix of products sold to retail customers during various times of the year. Seasonal demand must be estimated in advance, and equipment must be manufactured in anticipation of such demand in order to achieve efficient utilization of manpower and facilities throughout the year. For certain equipment, the Company offers early order discounts to retail customers. Production schedules are based, in part, on these early order programs. The agricultural equipment segment incurs substantial seasonal variation in cash flows to finance production and inventory of equipment. The agricultural equipment segment also incurs costs to finance sales to dealers in advance of seasonal demand. New combine and cotton harvesting equipment has been sold under early order programs with waivers of retail finance charges available to customers who take delivery of machines during off-season periods. In the United States and Canada, used equipment trade-ins, of which there are typically several transactions for every new combine and cotton harvesting equipment sale, are supported with a fixed pool of funds available to dealers which are then responsible for all associated inventory and sale costs.

An important part of the competition within the agricultural equipment industry during the past decade has come from a diverse variety of short-line and specialty manufacturers with differing manufacturing and marketing methods. Because of industry conditions, especially the merger of certain large integrated competitors and the global capability of many competitors, the agricultural equipment business continues to undergo significant change and may become even more competitive.

### **Commercial and Consumer Equipment**

The John Deere commercial and consumer segment includes lawn and garden tractors, compact utility tractors, residential and commercial zero-turn radius mowers, front mowers, utility vehicles, and golf and turf equipment. A broad line of associated implements for mowing, tilling, snow and debris handling, aerating, and many other residential, commercial, golf and sports turf care applications are also included. The product line also includes walk-behind mowers and other outdoor power products. Retail sales of these commercial and consumer equipment products are influenced by weather conditions, consumer spending patterns and general economic conditions. To increase asset turnover and reduce the average level of field inventories through the year the production and shipment schedules of the Company's product lines closely correspond to the seasonal pattern of retail sales.

The Company manufactures and sells walk-behind mowers in Europe under the SABO brand as well as the John Deere brand. The division also builds products for sale by mass retailers. Since 1999, the Company has built products for sale through The Home Depot. In 2006, the Company began selling products through Lowe's as well.

John Deere Landscapes, Inc., a unit of the segment, distributes irrigation equipment, nursery products and landscape supplies, including seed, fertilizer and hardscape materials, primarily to landscape service professionals. In 2007, John Deere acquired LESCO, Inc., expanding its customer base for these products.

In addition to the equipment manufactured by the Commercial and Consumer segment, John Deere purchases certain products from other manufacturers for resale.

*Seasonality.* Retail demand for the segment's equipment normally is higher in the second and third quarters. The division is pursuing a strategy of building and shipping as close to retail demand as possible. Consequently, production, shipping and retail sales normally will be proportionately higher in the second and third quarters of each year.

### **Construction and Forestry**

John Deere construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry equipment includes a broad range of backhoe loaders, crawler dozers and loaders, four-wheel-drive loaders, excavators, motor graders, articulated dump trucks, landscape loaders, skid-steer loaders, log skidders, log feller bunchers, log loaders, log forwarders, log harvesters and a variety of attachments.

Today, this segment provides sizes of equipment that compete for over 90 percent of the estimated total North American market for those categories of construction, earthmoving and material handling equipment in which it competes. This segment also provides the most complete line of forestry machines and attachments available in the world. These forestry

machines and attachments are distributed under the Deere, Timberjack and Waratah brand names. In addition to the equipment manufactured by the Construction and Forestry segment, John Deere purchases certain products from other manufacturers for resale.

The prevailing levels of residential, commercial and public construction and the condition of the forest products industry influence retail sales of John Deere construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry equipment. General economic conditions, the level of interest rates and certain commodity prices such as those applicable to pulp, paper and saw logs also influence sales.

The Company and Hitachi have a joint venture for the manufacture of hydraulic excavators and track log loaders in the United States and Canada. The Company also distributes Hitachi brands of construction and mining equipment in North, Central and South America. The Company also has supply agreements with Hitachi under which a range of construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry products manufactured by John Deere in the United States, Finland and New Zealand are distributed by Hitachi in certain Asian markets.

The division has a number of initiatives in the rent-to-rent, or short-term rental, market for construction, earthmoving and material handling equipment. These include specially designed rental programs for John Deere dealers and expanded cooperation with major, national equipment rental companies.

The Company also owns Nortrax, Inc., Nortrax Investments, Inc. and Ontrac Equipment Services, Inc. (collectively called Nortrax). Nortrax is an authorized John Deere dealer for construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry equipment in a variety of markets in the United States and Canada.

## **Engineering and Research**



John Deere invests heavily in engineering and research to improve the quality and performance of its products, and to develop new products. Such expenditures were \$817 million or 3.8 percent of net sales of equipment in 2007, \$726 million or 3.7 percent in 2006, and \$677 million or 3.5 percent in 2005.

## **Manufacturing**

*Manufacturing Plants.* In the United States and Canada, the Equipment Operations own and operate 18 factory locations and lease and operate another four locations, which contain approximately 27.4 million square feet of floor space. Of these 22 factories, 13 are devoted primarily to agricultural equipment, four to commercial and consumer equipment, two to construction and forestry equipment, and one engine and two hydraulic and power train component facilities. Outside the United States and Canada, the Equipment Operations own or lease and operate: agricultural equipment factories in Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Mexico, the Netherlands and Russia; engine factories in Argentina, France, India and Mexico; a component factory in Spain; a commercial and consumer equipment factory in Germany and forestry equipment factories in Finland and New Zealand. These factories outside the United States and Canada contain approximately 14.8 million square feet of floor space. The Equipment Operations also have financial interests in other manufacturing organizations, which include agricultural equipment manufacturers in the United States, an industrial truck manufacturer in South Africa, the Hitachi joint venture that builds hydraulic excavators and track log loaders in the United States and Canada and ventures that manufacture transaxles and transmissions used in certain Commercial and Consumer equipment segment products.

The engine factories referred to above manufacture non-road, heavy duty diesel engines a majority of which are manufactured for the Company's Equipment Operations; the remaining engines are sold to other regional and global original equipment manufacturers.

John Deere's facilities are well maintained, in good operating condition and are suitable for their present purposes. These facilities, together with both short-term and long-term planned capital expenditures, are expected to meet John Deere's manufacturing needs in the foreseeable future.

Capacity is adequate to satisfy the Company's current expectations for retail market demand. The Equipment Operations' manufacturing strategy involves the implementation of appropriate levels of technology and automation to allow manufacturing processes to remain profitable at varying production levels. Operations are also designed to be flexible enough to accommodate the product design changes required to meet market conditions. Common manufacturing facilities and techniques are employed in the production of components for agricultural, commercial and consumer and construction and forestry equipment.

In order to utilize manufacturing facilities and technology more effectively, the Equipment Operations pursue continuous improvements in manufacturing processes. These include steps to streamline manufacturing processes and enhance responsiveness to customers. The Company has implemented flexible assembly lines that can handle a wider product mix and deliver products when dealers and customers require them. Additionally, considerable effort is being directed to manufacturing cost reduction through process improvement, product design, advanced manufacturing technology, enhanced environmental management systems, supply management and logistics as well as compensation incentives related to productivity and organizational structure. The Company continues to experience raw materials and fuel cost pressures. The Company has offset and expects to continue to offset any increased costs through the above-described cost reduction measures and through pricing. Significant cost increases, if they occur, could have an adverse effect on the Company's operating results. The Equipment Operations also pursue external sales of selected parts and components that can be manufactured and supplied to third parties on a competitive basis.

*Capital Expenditures.* The agricultural equipment, commercial and consumer equipment and construction and forestry operations' capital expenditures totaled \$575 million in 2007, compared with \$481 million in 2006, and \$465 million in 2005. Provisions for depreciation applicable to these operations' property, plant and equipment during these years were \$389 million, \$370 million, and \$349 million respectively. Capital expenditures for the Equipment Operations in 2008 are currently estimated to be \$600 million to \$700 million. The 2008 expenditures will relate primarily to the modernization and restructuring of key manufacturing facilities and will also relate to the development of new products. Future levels of capital expenditures will depend on business conditions.

#### **Patents and Trademarks**

John Deere owns a significant number of patents, licenses and trademarks. The Company believes that, in the aggregate, the rights under these patents, licenses and trademarks are generally important to its operations, but does not consider that any patent, license, trademark or related group of them (other than its house trademarks, which include but are not limited to the John Deere mark, the leaping deer logo, the Nothing Runs Like a Deere slogan and green and yellow equipment colors) is of material importance in relation to John Deere's business.

#### **Marketing**

In the United States and Canada, the Equipment Operations distribute equipment and service parts through the following facilities (collectively called sales branches): one agricultural equipment and one commercial and consumer equipment sales and administration office each supported by seven agricultural equipment and commercial and consumer equipment sales branches; and one construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry equipment sales and administration office.

In addition, the Equipment Operations operate a centralized parts distribution warehouse in coordination with several regional parts depots in the United States and Canada and have an agreement with a third party to operate a high-volume parts warehouse in Indiana.

The sales branches in the United States and Canada market John Deere products at approximately 2,984 dealer locations, most of which are independently owned. Of these, approximately 1,581 sell agricultural equipment, while 510 sell construction, earthmoving, material handling and/or forestry equipment. Nortrax owns some of the 510 locations. Commercial and consumer equipment is sold by most John Deere agricultural equipment dealers, a few construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry equipment dealers, and about 717 commercial and consumer equipment dealers, many of which also handle competitive brands and dissimilar lines of products. In addition, certain lawn and

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garden product lines are sold through The Home Depot and Lowe's.

John Deere Landscapes operates its business from 299 branch locations throughout the United States and Canada, along with an additional 358 LESCO locations and 112 Stores-on-Wheels acquired in May 2007 with the acquisition of LESCO, Inc.

Outside the United States and Canada, John Deere agricultural equipment is sold to distributors and dealers for resale in over 100 countries. Sales branches are located in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Germany, France, India, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Uruguay. Export sales branches are located in Europe and the United States. Associated companies doing business in China also sell agricultural equipment. Commercial and consumer equipment sales outside the United States and Canada occur primarily in Europe and Australia. Construction, earthmoving, material handling and forestry equipment is sold to distributors and dealers primarily by sales offices located in the United States, Brazil, Singapore and Finland. Some of these dealers are independently owned while the Company owns others.



John Deere engines are marketed worldwide through five sales branches to large original equipment manufacturers and independently owned engine distributors.

### **Trade Accounts and Notes Receivable**

Trade accounts and notes receivable arise primarily from sales of goods to independent dealers. Most trade receivables originated by the Equipment Operations are purchased by Financial Services. The Equipment Operations compensate Financial Services at market rates of interest for these receivables. Additional information appears in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **Credit Operations**

*United States and Canada.* The Company's credit subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the Credit Companies) primarily provide and administer financing for retail purchases from John Deere dealers of new equipment manufactured by the Company's agricultural equipment, commercial and consumer equipment, and construction and forestry divisions and used equipment taken in trade for this equipment. Deere & Company and John Deere Construction & Forestry Company are referred to as the sales companies. John Deere Capital Corporation (Capital Corporation), a United States credit subsidiary, generally purchases retail installment sales and loan contracts (retail notes) from the sales companies. These retail notes are acquired by the sales companies through John Deere retail dealers in the United States. John Deere Credit Inc., a Canadian credit subsidiary, purchases and finances retail notes acquired by John Deere Limited, the Company's Canadian sales branch. The terms of retail notes and the basis on which the Credit Companies acquire retail notes from the sales companies are governed by agreements with the sales companies. The Credit Companies also finance and service revolving charge accounts, in most cases acquired from and offered through merchants in the agricultural, commercial and consumer, and construction and forestry markets (revolving charge accounts). Further, the Credit Companies finance and service operating loans, in most cases offered through and acquired from farm input providers or through direct relationships with agricultural producers or agribusinesses (operating loans). Additionally, the Credit Companies provide wholesale financing for inventories of John Deere agricultural, commercial and consumer, and construction and forestry equipment owned by dealers of those products (wholesale notes). In the United States, the Credit Companies also offer certain crop risk mitigation products and invest in wind energy generation.

Retail notes acquired by the sales companies are immediately sold to the Credit Companies. The Equipment Operations are the Credit Companies' major source of business, but many retail purchasers of John Deere products finance their purchases outside the John Deere organization.

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The Credit Companies offer retail leases to equipment users in the United States. A small number of leases are executed with units of local government. Leases are usually written for periods of two to five years, and frequently contain an option permitting the customer to purchase the equipment at the end of the lease term. Retail leases are also offered in a generally similar manner to customers in Canada through John Deere Credit Inc. and John Deere Limited.

The Credit Companies' terms for financing equipment retail sales (other than smaller items financed with unsecured revolving charge accounts) provide for retention of a security interest in the equipment financed. The Credit Companies' guidelines for minimum down payments, which vary with the types of equipment and repayment provisions, are generally not less than 20 percent on agricultural equipment, 10 percent on construction and forestry equipment and 10 percent on lawn and grounds care equipment used for personal use. Finance charges are sometimes waived for specified periods or reduced on certain John Deere products sold or leased in advance of the season of use or in other sales promotions. The Credit Companies generally receive compensation from the sales companies equal to a competitive interest rate for periods during which finance charges are waived or reduced on the retail notes or leases. The cost is accounted for as a deduction in arriving at net sales by the Equipment Operations.

The Company has an agreement with the Capital Corporation to make income maintenance payments to the Capital Corporation such that its ratio of earnings to fixed charges is not less than 1.05 to 1 for any fiscal quarter. For 2007 and 2006, the Capital Corporation's ratios were 1.54 to 1 and 1.60 to 1, respectively, and never less than 1.54 to 1 and 1.53 to 1 for any fiscal quarter of 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company has also committed to continue to own at least 51 percent of the voting shares of capital stock of the Capital Corporation and to maintain the Capital Corporation's consolidated tangible net worth at not less than \$50 million. The Company's obligations to make payments to the Capital Corporation under the agreement are independent of whether the Capital Corporation is in default on its indebtedness, obligations or other liabilities. Further, the Company's

obligations under the agreement are not measured by the amount of the Capital Corporation's indebtedness, obligations or other liabilities. The Company's obligations to make payments under this agreement are expressly stated not to be a guaranty of any specific indebtedness, obligation or liability of the Capital Corporation and are enforceable only by or in the name of the Capital Corporation. No payments were required under this agreement in 2007 or 2006.

*Outside the United States and Canada.* The Credit Companies also offer financing, primarily for John Deere products, in Australia, New Zealand, Russia, and in several countries in Europe and in Latin America. In certain areas, financing is offered through cooperation agreements or joint ventures. Financing outside of the United States and Canada is affected by a variety of customs and regulations.

The Credit Companies also offer to select customers and dealers credit enhanced international export financing for the purchase of John Deere products.

*Capital Expenditures.* The Credit Companies' capital expenditures totaled \$450 million in 2007, compared with \$292 million in 2006, and \$46 million in 2005. Provisions for depreciation applicable to these operations' property, plant and equipment during these years were \$13 million, \$8 million and \$5 million respectively. Capital expenditures for the credit operations in 2008 are currently estimated to be \$550 million. The increases in capital expenditures since 2004 have related primarily to wind energy generation.

Additional information on the Credit Companies appears on pages 16, 17, and 19.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Company is subject to a wide variety of state, federal and international environmental laws, rules and regulations. These laws, rules and regulations may affect the way the Company conducts its operations, and failure to comply with these regulations could lead to fines and other penalties. The Company is also involved in the evaluation and clean-up of a limited number of sites. Management does not expect that these matters will have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company. With respect to acquired properties and businesses, the Company cannot be certain that it has identified all adverse environmental conditions. The Company expects that it will acquire additional properties and businesses in the future.

## **EMPLOYEES**

At October 31, 2007, John Deere had approximately 52,000 full-time employees, including approximately 29,800 employees in the United States and Canada. From time to time, John Deere also retains consultants, independent contractors, and temporary and part-time workers. Unions are certified as bargaining agents for approximately 35 percent of John Deere's United States employees. Most of the Company's United States production and maintenance workers are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the United Auto Workers (UAW), with an expiration date of September 30, 2009.

Unions also represent the majority of employees at John Deere manufacturing facilities outside the United States.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

Following are the names and ages of the executive officers of the Company, their positions with the Company and summaries of their backgrounds and business experience. All executive officers are elected or appointed by the Board of Directors and hold office until the annual meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting of stockholders in each year.

Name, age and office (at December 1, 2007), and year elected to office				Principal occupation during last five years other than office of the Company currently held
Robert W. Lane	58	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer	2000	Has held this position for the last five years
Samuel R. Allen	54	President Worldwide Construction & Forestry Division and John Deere Power Systems	2005	2003-2005 President Global Financial Services, John Deere Power Systems and Corporate Human Resources; 2001-2003 Senior Vice President Global Human Resources and Industrial Relations
David C. Everitt	55	President Agricultural Division - North America, Australia, Asia and Global Tractor & Implement Sourcing	2006	2001-2006 President Agricultural Division - Europe, Africa, South America and Global Harvesting Equipment Sourcing
James M. Field	44	President Worldwide Commercial and Consumer Equipment Division	2007	2002-2007 Vice President and Comptroller
James A. Israel	51	President John Deere Credit	2006	2003-2006 Vice President Marketing and Product Support - Europe, Africa and Middle East; 2000-2003 Senior Vice President Worldwide Equipment Lending, John Deere Credit
James R. Jenkins	62	Senior Vice President and General Counsel	2000	Has held this position for the last five years
Michael J. Mack, Jr.	51	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2006	2004-2006 Vice President and Treasurer; 2001-2004 Senior Vice President Marketing and Administration, Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division
H. J. Markley	57	Executive Vice President Deere & Company, Worldwide Parts Services, Global Supply Management and Logistics, Enterprise Information Technology, and Corporate Communications	2007	2006-2007 President Agricultural Division - Europe, Africa, South America and Global Harvesting Equipment Sourcing; 2001-2006 President Agricultural Division - North America, Australia, Asia and Global Tractor & Implement Sourcing
Markwart von Pentz	44	President Agricultural Division - Europe, Africa, South America and Global Harvesting Equipment Sourcing	2007	2006-2007 Senior Vice President Marketing and Product Support - Europe, Africa and Middle East; 2005-2006 Vice President Agricultural Marketing U.S. & Canada; 2003-2005 Director Market Development U.S. & Canada; 1999-2003 General Manager John Deere International GmbH

ITEM 1A.

RISK FACTORS.

*Governmental Actions.* The Company's agricultural business is exposed to a variety of risks and uncertainties related to the action or inaction of governmental bodies. The outcome of the global negotiations under the auspices of the World Trade Organization could have a material effect on the international flow of agricultural commodities which may result in a corresponding effect on the demand for agricultural equipment in many areas of the world.

In the United States, the 2007 Farm Bill may significantly affect prices for farm commodities, particularly corn, cotton and rice, and this in turn could affect farmers' demand for the Company's products and services.

The policies of the Brazilian government (including those related to exchange rates and commodity prices) could significantly change the dynamics of the agricultural economy in that country.

*Changing Demand for Farm Outputs.* Changing worldwide demand for food and the demand for different forms of bio-energy could have an effect on prices for farm commodities and consequently the demand for the Company's agricultural equipment.

*Globalization.* The continuing globalization of agricultural businesses may significantly change the dynamics of the Company's competition, customer base and product offerings. The Company's efforts to grow its businesses depend to a large extent on its success in developing additional geographic markets.

*Economic Condition and Outlook.* General economic conditions can affect the demand for the Company's equipment as well. Negative economic conditions or a negative outlook, for example, can decrease housing starts and other construction and dampen demand for equipment. Weakness in the overall farm economy can have a similar effect on agricultural equipment sales.

*Consumer Attitudes.* The confidence the Company's customers have in the general economic outlook can have a significant effect on their propensity to purchase equipment and, consequently, on the Company's sales. The Company's ability to match its new product offerings to its customers' anticipated preferences for enhanced technologies and different types and sizes of equipment is important as well.

*Weather.* Poor or unusual weather conditions, particularly in the spring, can significantly affect the purchasing decisions of the Company's customers, particularly the customers of the agricultural and commercial and consumer segments. Sales in the important spring selling season can have a dramatic effect on the commercial and consumer segment's financial results.

*Raw Material Costs.* Changes in the availability and price of raw materials (such as steel, rubber and fuel) used in the production of the Company's equipment could have an effect on its costs of production and, in turn, on the profitability of the business.

*Interest Rates and Credit Ratings.* If interest rates rise, they could have a dampening effect on overall economic activity and could affect the demand for the Company's equipment. In addition, credit market dislocations could have an impact on funding costs which are very important to the Company's credit segment. Decisions and actions by credit rating agencies can affect the availability and cost of funding for the Company. Credit rating downgrades or negative changes to ratings outlooks can increase the Company's cost of capital and hurt its competitive position. Guidance from rating agencies as to acceptable leverage can affect the Company's returns as well.

*Environmental.* Our operations are subject to and affected by environmental, health and safety laws and regulations by federal, state and local authorities in the United States and regulatory authorities with jurisdiction over our foreign operations. Violations of such laws or regulations can lead to investigation and remediation costs, significant fines or penalties. In addition, increased requirements of governmental authorities, and claims for damages to property or injury to persons resulting from the environmental, health or safety impacts of our operations or past contamination, could prevent or restrict our operations, require significant expenditures to achieve compliance, involve the imposition of cleanup liens and/or give rise to civil or criminal liability. There can be no assurance that violations of such legislation and/or regulations, which results in enforcement actions or private claims will not have consequences which result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

The risks identified above should be considered in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis beginning on page 15, and, specifically, the other risks described in the Safe Harbor Statement on pages 17 and 18. The Company's results of operations may be affected by these identified risks and/or by risks not currently contemplated.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS.

None.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES.

See Manufacturing in Item 1.

The Equipment Operations own 13 facilities housing sales branches, one centralized parts depot, regional parts depots, transfer houses and warehouses throughout the United States and Canada. These facilities contain approximately 4.3 million square feet of floor space. The Equipment Operations also own and occupy buildings housing sales branches, one centralized parts depot and regional parts depots in Australia, Brazil, Europe and New Zealand. These facilities contain approximately 1.0 million square feet of floor space.



Deere & Company administrative offices and research facilities, all of which are owned by John Deere, together contain about 2.6 million square feet of floor space and miscellaneous other facilities total 1.0 million square feet.

Overall, the Company owns approximately 48.8 million square feet of facilities and leases approximately 12.3 million additional square feet in various locations.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Company is subject to various unresolved legal actions which arise in the normal course of its business, the most prevalent of which relate to product liability (including asbestos-related liability), retail credit, software licensing, patent and trademark matters. Although it is not possible to predict with certainty the outcome of these unresolved legal actions or the range of possible loss, the Company believes these unresolved legal actions will not have a material effect on its financial statements.

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

None.

**PART II**



ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES.

(a) The Company's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. See the information concerning quoted prices of the Company's common stock, the number of stockholders and the data on dividends declared and paid per share in Note 29.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The Company's purchases of its common stock during the fourth quarter of 2007 were as follows:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased(2) (thousands)	Average Price Paid Per Share (2)	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs(1)(2) (thousands)	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs (1)(2) (millions)
Aug 1 to Aug 31	2,272	\$ 60.08	1,930	38.6
Sept 1 to Sept 30	1,269	69.89	1,269	37.4
Oct 1 to Oct 31	2,508	74.74	2,508	34.9
Total	6,049		5,707	

(1) During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company had two active share repurchase plans. The first one was announced in November 2005 to purchase up to 52 million (post stock split) shares of the Company's common stock. There were .6 million (post stock split) shares purchased under this plan in August 2007. The second plan was announced in May 2007 to purchase up to 40 million (post stock split) additional shares of the Company's common stock after the previous 52 million (post stock split) share plan was completed.

(2) Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend. Additional information is in Notes 1 and 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA.

## Financial Summary

(Millions of dollars except per share amounts)	2007	2006*	2005	2004	2003
For the Year Ended October 31:					
Total net sales and revenues	\$ 24,082	\$ 22,148	\$ 21,191	\$ 19,204	\$ 14,856
Income from continuing operations	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,453	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,398	\$ 620
Net income	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,447	\$ 1,406	\$ 643
Income per share from continuing operations basic**	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.11	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.82	\$ 1.29
Income per share from continuing operations diluted**	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.87	\$ 2.76	\$ 1.27
Net income per share basic**	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.63	\$ 2.97	\$ 2.84	\$ 1.34
Net income per share diluted**	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.59	\$ 2.94	\$ 2.78	\$ 1.32
Dividends declared per share**	\$ .91	\$ .78	\$ .60 ½	\$ .53	\$ .44
At October 31:					
Total assets	\$ 38,576	\$ 34,720	\$ 33,637	\$ 28,754	\$ 26,258
Long-term borrowings	\$ 11,798	\$ 11,584	\$ 11,739	\$ 11,090	\$ 10,404

\*In 2006, the Company recognized a gain from the sale of discontinued operations (health care operations) of \$223 million after-tax, or \$.47 per share (past stock split) diluted (\$.48 basic). In 2006, the Company also had special charges of \$44 million after-tax, or \$.09 per share (post stock split), for a tender offer and repurchase of outstanding notes and \$28 million after-tax, or \$.06 per share (post stock split), related to the closing and restructuring of certain facilities.

\*\*Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend. Additional information is in Notes 1 and 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

See the information under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 15-24.

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

The Company is exposed to a variety of market risks, including interest rates and currency exchange rates. The Company attempts to actively manage these risks. See the information under Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 24 and in Note 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA.

See the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and supplementary data on pages 25-52.

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

Not applicable.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

**Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Act)) were effective as of October 31, 2007, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) of the Act.

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

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Deere & Company's internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2007, using the criteria set forth in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on that assessment, management believes that, as of October 31, 2007, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm has issued an audit report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. That report is included herein.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION.

Not applicable.

**PART III**



ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

The information regarding directors in the proxy statement dated January 15, 2008 (proxy statement), under the captions Election of Directors, Directors Continuing in Office and in the third paragraph under the caption Committees - The Audit Review Committee, is incorporated herein by reference. Information regarding executive officers is presented in Item 1 of this report under the caption Executive Officers of the Registrant.

The Company has adopted a code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer. This code of ethics and the Company's corporate governance policies are posted on the Company's website at <http://www.JohnDeere.com>. The Company intends to satisfy disclosure requirements regarding amendments to or waivers from its code of ethics by posting such information on this website. The charters of the Audit Review, Corporate Governance and Compensation committees of the Company's Board of Directors are available on the Company's website as well. This information is also available in print free of charge to any person who requests it.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.

The information in the proxy statement under the captions Compensation of Directors, Compensation Discussion & Analysis, Compensation Committee Reports, and Executive Compensation Tables is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS.

(a) *Securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans.*

Equity compensation plan information in the proxy statement, under the caption Equity Compensation Plan Information, is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) *Security ownership of certain beneficial owners.*

The information on the security ownership of certain beneficial owners in the proxy statement under the caption Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) *Security ownership of management.*





The information on shares of common stock of the Company beneficially owned by, and under option to (i) each director, (ii) certain named executive officers and (iii) the directors and officers as a group, contained in the proxy statement under the captions Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management, and Executive Compensation Tables Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal 2007 Year-End is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) *Change in control.*

None.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE.

The information in the proxy statement under the caption Certain Business and Related Person Transactions and the sixth through eighth paragraphs under the caption Committees is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

The information in the proxy statement under the caption Fees Paid to the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm is incorporated herein by reference.

**PART IV**

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

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Certain instruments relating to long-term borrowings, constituting less than 10 percent of registrant's total assets, are not filed as exhibits herewith pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(iii)(A) of Regulation S-K. Registrant agrees to file copies of such instruments upon request of the Commission.

**Financial Statement Schedules Omitted**

The following schedules for the Company and consolidated subsidiaries are omitted because of the absence of the conditions under which they are required: I, III, IV and V.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2007, 2006 AND 2005

#### OVERVIEW

##### Organization

The company's Equipment Operations generate revenues and cash primarily from the sale of equipment to John Deere dealers and distributors. The Equipment Operations manufacture and distribute a full line of agricultural equipment; a variety of commercial and consumer equipment; and a broad range of equipment for construction and forestry. The company's continuing Financial Services primarily provide credit services, which mainly finance sales and leases of equipment by John Deere dealers and trade receivables purchased from the Equipment Operations. In addition, Financial Services offer certain crop risk mitigation products and invest in wind energy generation. The health care operations, included in Financial Services, were classified as discontinued operations due to their sale (see Note 2). These operations provided managed health care services for the company and certain outside customers. The information in the following discussion is presented in a format that includes information grouped as consolidated, Equipment Operations and Financial Services. The company also views its operations as consisting of two geographic areas, the U.S. and Canada, and outside the U.S. and Canada.

##### Trends and Economic Conditions

The company's businesses are currently affected by the following key trends and economic conditions. Worldwide farm conditions remain positive, benefiting from growing economic prosperity, healthy commodity prices and demand for renewable fuels. Industry sales of farm machinery in the U.S. and Canada in 2008 are expected to be up 10 to 15 percent for the year, while sales in Western Europe are forecast to be flat to up slightly. South American industry sales for 2008 are expected to increase by 10 to 15 percent. The company's agricultural equipment net sales were up 18 percent for 2007 and are forecast to be up approximately 17 percent in 2008. The company's commercial and consumer equipment net sales were up 12 percent in 2007, including about 9 percent from LESCO, Inc. (LESCO), which was acquired in May 2007. Commercial and consumer equipment sales are forecast to be up about 10 percent in 2008, including about 8 percent from a full year's sales from LESCO. U.S. markets for construction and forestry equipment are forecast to remain under pressure in 2008 due in large part to a continuing slump in housing starts. The company's construction and forestry net sales decreased 13 percent in 2007 and are forecast to be approximately flat in 2008. Net income for the company's credit operations in 2008 is expected to improve to approximately \$375 million due to growth in the credit portfolio.

Items of concern include the price of raw materials and certain supply constraints, which have an impact on the results of the company's equipment operations. The impacts of inflation and sub-prime credit issues, which could affect interest rates and the housing market, are also a concern. Producing engines that continue to meet high performance standards, yet also comply with increasingly stringent emissions regulations is one of the company's major priorities. In this regard, the company is making and intends to continue to make the financial and technical investment needed to produce engines in conformance with global emissions rules for off-road diesel engines. Potential changes in government sponsored farmer financing programs and supplier constraints in Brazil are a concern. In addition, there is uncertainty over the direction of U.S. farm legislation.

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In 2007, the company benefited from an improving global farm economy, while also experiencing weakening construction, forestry, commercial and consumer sectors primarily as a result of the U.S. housing downturn. As it maintains its focus on cost and asset management, the company believes it has successfully entered new markets, made important acquisitions and expanded its global customer base with advanced lines of products and services. In addition to achieving strong financial performance, the company in 2007 returned \$1.9 billion to investors through share repurchases and dividends.

### 2007 COMPARED WITH 2006

### CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Worldwide net income in 2007 was \$1,822 million, or \$4.00 per share diluted (\$4.05 basic), compared with \$1,694 million, or \$3.59 per share diluted (\$3.63 basic), in 2006. Income from continuing operations, which excludes the company's discontinued health care business (see Note 2), was also \$1,822 million, or \$4.00 per share diluted (\$4.05 basic), in 2007, compared with \$1,453 million, or \$3.08 per share diluted (\$3.11 basic) in 2006. Net sales and revenues from continuing operations increased 9 percent to \$24,082 million in 2007, compared with \$22,148 million in 2006. Net sales of the Equipment Operations increased 8 percent in 2007 to \$21,489 million from \$19,884 million last year. This included a positive effect for currency translation and price changes of 5 percent. Net sales in the U.S. and Canada were flat in 2007. Net sales outside the U.S. and Canada increased by 27 percent, which included a positive effect of 7 percent for currency translation. All per share information reflects a two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007 (see Note 1).

Worldwide Equipment Operations had an operating profit of \$2,318 million in 2007, compared with \$1,905 million in 2006. Higher operating profit was primarily due to improved price realization and higher sales and production volumes. Partially offsetting these factors were higher selling, administrative and general expenses, increased raw material costs and higher research and development costs.

The Equipment Operations net income was \$1,429 million in 2007, compared with \$1,089 million in 2006. The same operating factors mentioned above along with the expense related to the repurchase of certain outstanding debt securities last year and lower effective tax rates this year affected these results.

Net income of the company's Financial Services operations in 2007 decreased to \$364 million, compared with \$584 million in 2006, primarily due to the sale of the health care operations last year. Income from the Financial Services continuing operations in 2007 was also \$364 million, compared with \$344 million in 2006. The increase was primarily a result of growth in the credit portfolio, partially offset by increased selling,

administrative and general expenses and a higher provision for credit losses. Additional information is presented in the following discussion of the credit operations on this page.

Income from discontinued operations was \$241 million in 2006, or \$.51 per share diluted (\$.52 basic), primarily due to the sale of the health care operations last year.

The cost of sales to net sales ratio for 2007 was 75.6 percent, compared with 77.3 percent last year. The decrease was primarily due to improved price realization and higher sales and production volumes, partially offset by higher raw material costs.

Finance and interest income, and interest expense increased this year primarily due to growth in the credit operations portfolio and higher financing rates. Other income increased this year primarily from increased service revenues. Research and development costs increased this year due to increased spending in support of new products and the effect of currency translation. Selling, administrative and general expenses increased primarily due to growth and the effect of currency translation. Other operating expenses were higher primarily as a result of increased cost of services, higher depreciation expense on operating lease equipment and the effect of currency translation, partially offset by the expense related to the repurchase of outstanding notes last year (see Note 3).

The company has several defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit health care and life insurance plans. The company's postretirement benefit costs for these plans in 2007 were \$415 million, compared with \$447 million in 2006. The long-term expected return on plan assets, which is reflected in these costs, was an expected gain of 8.3 percent in 2007 and 8.4 percent in 2006, or \$838 million in 2007, compared with \$795 million in 2006. The actual return was a gain of \$1,503 million in 2007, compared with a gain of \$1,364 million in 2006. In 2008, the expected return will be approximately 8.2 percent. The company expects postretirement benefit costs in 2008 to be lower, compared with 2007, primarily due to lower amortization of actuarial losses. The company makes any required contributions to the plan assets under applicable regulations and voluntary contributions from time to time based on the company's liquidity and ability to make tax-deductible contributions. Total company contributions to the plans were \$646 million in 2007 and \$866 million in 2006, which include direct benefit payments for unfunded plans. These contributions also included voluntary contributions to total plan assets of approximately \$520 million in 2007 and \$760 million in 2006. Total company contributions in 2008 are expected to be approximately \$428 million, including voluntary contributions to plan assets of approximately \$300 million. See the following discussion of Critical Accounting Policies for more information about postretirement benefit obligations.

## **BUSINESS SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA RESULTS**

The following discussion relates to operating results by reportable segment and geographic area. Operating profit is income before external interest expense, certain foreign exchange gains or losses, income taxes and corporate expenses. However, operating profit of the credit segment includes the effect of interest expense and foreign exchange gains or losses.

### **Worldwide Agricultural Equipment Operations**

The agricultural equipment segment had an operating profit of \$1,443 million in 2007, compared with \$882 million in 2006. Net sales increased 18 percent this year due to higher volumes, the favorable effects of currency translation and improved price realization. The increase in

operating profit was primarily due to higher sales and production volumes, and improved price realization, partially offset by higher selling, administrative and general expenses attributable in large part to growth initiatives and currency translation. Also affecting the profit were increased raw material costs and higher research and development costs.

#### **Worldwide Commercial and Consumer Equipment Operations**

The commercial and consumer equipment segment had an operating profit of \$304 million in 2007, compared with \$221 million in 2006. Net sales increased 12 percent for the year, which included 9 percent from the LESCO operations. The improved operating profit was primarily due to higher sales volumes and improved price realization, partially offset by higher selling, administrative and general expenses largely attributed to the acquisition.

#### **Worldwide Construction and Forestry Operations**

The construction and forestry segment had an operating profit of \$571 million in 2007, compared with \$802 million in 2006. Net sales decreased 13 percent for the year reflecting the downturn in U.S. housing starts. The operating profit was lower primarily due to lower sales and production volumes and higher raw material costs, partially offset by positive price realization. Last year's results included expenses related to the closure of a Canadian forestry equipment facility (see Note 3).

#### **Worldwide Credit Operations**

The operating profit of the credit operations was \$548 million in 2007, compared with \$520 million in 2006. The increase in operating profit was primarily due to growth in the credit portfolio, partially offset by increased selling, administrative and general expenses and a higher provision for credit losses. Total revenues of the credit operations, including intercompany revenues, increased 13 percent in 2007, primarily reflecting the larger portfolio and higher average finance rates. The average balance of receivables and leases financed was 8 percent higher in 2007, compared with 2006. An increase in average borrowings and higher interest rates in 2007 resulted in a 16 percent increase in interest expense, compared with 2006. The credit operations' ratio of earnings to fixed charges was 1.55 to 1 in 2007, compared with 1.61 to 1 in 2006.

#### **Equipment Operations in U.S. and Canada**

The equipment operations in the U.S. and Canada had an operating profit of \$1,539 million in 2007, compared with \$1,445 million in 2006. The increase was primarily due to improved price realization, partially offset by increased selling, administrative and general expenses, higher raw material costs and higher research and development costs. Net sales were approximately the same in both years due to lower volumes, offset by growth from acquisitions and higher price realization. The physical volume decreased 5 percent excluding acquisitions, compared with 2006.

### **Equipment Operations outside U.S. and Canada**

The equipment operations outside the U.S. and Canada had an operating profit of \$779 million in 2007, compared with \$460 million in 2006. The increase was primarily due to the effects of higher shipments and production volumes and improved price realization, partially offset by increases in selling, administrative and general expenses, increases in raw material costs and higher research and development costs. Sales increased from higher volumes, the effect of currency translation and improvements in price realization. Net sales increased 27 percent in 2007, while the physical volume increased 17 percent, compared with 2006.

### **MARKET CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK**

Company equipment sales are projected to increase by about 12 percent for the fiscal year and to be up approximately 25 percent for the first quarter of 2008, compared to the same periods in 2007. LESCO operations are expected to account for about 2 percentage points of the sales increase for the year and 3 points in the first quarter. The company's net income is forecast to be about \$2.1 billion for 2008 and about \$325 million for the first quarter.

**Agricultural Equipment.** Driven by continuing strength in the farm sector, worldwide sales of the company's agricultural equipment are expected to increase by about 17 percent for fiscal year 2008. Included in the segment's sales forecast is one percentage point for currency translation and one point related to the acquisition of Ningbo Benye Tractor & Automobile Manufacturing Co., Ltd., a Chinese-based tractor manufacturer purchased by the company in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Worldwide farm conditions remain quite positive, benefiting from growing economic prosperity, healthy commodity prices and demand for renewable fuels. Relative to consumption, global grain stocks such as wheat and corn are continuing to run at or near thirty-year lows. The company's sales are expected to receive further support from the planned introduction of a number of advanced new products globally.

On an industry basis, sales of farm machinery in the U.S. and Canada are forecast to be up 10 to 15 percent for the year, due in part to a substantial jump in farm cash receipts. Large tractors and combines are expected to pace the sales improvement, while demand for cotton pickers is expected to be lower. Industry sales in Western Europe are forecast to be flat to up slightly for the year with greater increases expected in Eastern Europe and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries, including Russia. These latter areas are expected to continue experiencing strong growth due to rising demand for productive farm machinery. South American markets are expected to show further improvement in 2008, with industry sales forecast to increase by 10 to 15 percent. Farm machinery demand in Brazil, while receiving support from strong commodity prices, may be tempered by uncertainties over the status of government-backed financing programs. The company anticipates its sales will be helped by an expanded product line and additional production capacity associated with the opening of a new tractor manufacturing facility in Montenegro, Brazil.

**Commercial and Consumer Equipment.** The company's commercial and consumer equipment sales are projected to be up about 10 percent for the year, including about 8 percentage points from a full year of LESCO sales. Segment sales, in addition, are expected to benefit from new products, such as an expanded line of innovative commercial mowing equipment. Given the nature of the company's commercial and consumer businesses, sales tend to have a high degree of sensitivity to weather patterns and U.S. housing markets.



**Construction and Forestry.** U.S. markets for construction and forestry equipment are forecast to remain under pressure in 2008 due in large part to a continuing slump in housing starts. Non-residential construction is expected to remain flat at last year's relatively strong levels. Pressure on the U.S. housing market is expected to contribute to lower worldwide sales of forestry equipment in 2008, though sales in Europe are forecast to remain at strong levels. Despite this generally weak environment, the company's sales are expected to benefit from new products and a return to factory production levels in closer alignment with retail demand. Last year, the company made a significant reduction in construction and forestry inventories, which restrained production. In addition, the company's sales to the independent rental channel, which saw a large decline in 2007, are expected to be flat in the coming year. For 2008, the company's worldwide sales of construction and forestry equipment are forecast to be approximately equal to the prior year.

**Credit.** Fiscal year 2008 net income for the company's credit operations is forecast to be approximately \$375 million, with the improvement driven by growth in the credit portfolio.

#### **SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT**

*Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995:* Statements under Overview, Market Conditions and Outlook and other statements herein that relate to future operating periods are subject to important risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Some of these risks and uncertainties could affect particular lines of business, while others could affect all of the company's businesses.

Forward looking statements involve certain factors that are subject to change, including for the company's agricultural equipment segment the many interrelated factors that affect farmers' confidence. These factors include worldwide demand for agricultural products, world grain stocks, weather conditions (including drought in the southeastern U.S.), soil conditions, harvest yields, prices for commodities and livestock, crop production expenses, availability of transport for crops, the growth of non-food uses for some crops (including ethanol and biodiesel production), real estate values, available acreage for farming, the land ownership policies of various governments, changes in government farm programs (including those that may result from farm economic conditions in Brazil), international reaction to such programs, uncertainties over passage of the U.S. Farm Bill, global trade agreements, animal diseases and their effects on poultry and beef consumption and prices (including bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly known as mad cow disease and avian flu), crop pests and

diseases (including Asian rust), and the level of farm product exports (including concerns about genetically modified organisms). The success of the fall harvest and the prices realized by farmers for their crops especially affect retail sales of agricultural equipment in the winter.

Factors affecting the outlook for the company's commercial and consumer equipment segment include weather conditions, general economic conditions, customer profitability, consumer confidence, consumer borrowing patterns, consumer purchasing preferences, housing starts, infrastructure investment, and spending by municipalities and golf courses.

The number of housing starts, interest rates and consumer spending patterns are especially important to sales of the company's construction equipment. The levels of public and non-residential construction also impact the results of the company's construction and forestry segment. Prices for pulp, lumber and structural panels are important to sales of forestry equipment.

All of the company's businesses and its reported results are affected by general economic conditions in, and the political and social stability of, the global markets in which the company operates; production, design and technological difficulties, including capacity and supply constraints and prices, including for supply commodities such as steel and rubber; the availability and prices of strategically sourced materials, components and whole goods; delays or disruptions in the company's supply chain due to weather or natural disasters; start-up of new plants and new products; the success of new product initiatives and customer acceptance of new products; oil and energy prices and supplies; inflation and deflation rates, interest rate levels and foreign currency exchange rates; the availability and cost of freight; trade, monetary and fiscal policies of various countries, wars and other international conflicts and the threat thereof; actions by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board and other central banks; actions by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; actions by environmental regulatory agencies, including those related to engine emissions and the risk of global warming; actions by other regulatory bodies; actions by rating agencies; capital market disruptions; customer borrowing and repayment practices, the number and size of customer loan delinquencies and defaults, and the sub-prime credit market crisis; actions of competitors in the various industries in which the company competes, particularly price discounting; dealer practices especially as to levels of new and used field inventories; labor relations; changes to accounting standards; changes in tax rates; the effects of, or response to, terrorism; and changes in laws and regulations affecting the sectors in which the company operates. The spread of major epidemics (including influenza, SARS, fevers and other viruses) also could affect company results. Company results are also affected by changes in the level of employee retirement benefits, changes in market values of investment assets and the level of interest rates, which impact retirement benefit costs, and significant changes in health care costs. Other factors that could affect results are changes in company declared dividends, acquisitions and divestitures of businesses and common stock issuances and repurchases.

The company's outlook is based upon assumptions relating to the factors described above, which are sometimes based upon estimates and data prepared by government agencies. Such estimates and data are often revised. The company, except as required by law, undertakes no obligation to update or revise its outlook, whether as a result of new developments or otherwise. Further information concerning the company and its businesses, including factors that potentially could materially affect the company's financial results, is included in other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **2006 COMPARED WITH 2005**

### **CONSOLIDATED RESULTS**

Worldwide net income in 2006 was \$1,694 million, or \$3.59 per share diluted (\$3.63 basic), compared with \$1,447 million, or \$2.94 per share diluted (\$2.97 basic), in 2005. Income from continuing operations, which excludes the company's discontinued health care business (see Note 2), was \$1,453 million, or \$3.08 per share diluted (\$3.11 basic) in 2006, compared to \$1,414 million, or \$2.87 per share diluted (\$2.90 basic) in

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2005. Net sales and revenues from continuing operations increased 5 percent to \$22,148 million in 2006, compared with \$21,191 million in 2005. Net sales of the Equipment Operations increased 2 percent in 2006 to \$19,884 million from \$19,401 million in 2005. This included a positive effect for price changes of 3 percent. Equipment net sales in the U.S. and Canada increased 3 percent in 2006. Net sales outside the U.S. and Canada increased by 2 percent, which included a negative effect of 1 percent for currency translation.

Worldwide Equipment Operations had an operating profit of \$1,905 million in 2006, compared with \$1,842 million in 2005. Higher operating profit was primarily due to improved price realization and lower retirement benefit costs. Partially offsetting these factors were increased raw material costs, higher selling and administrative expenses, the impact of lower shipping volumes and increased spending for research and development.

The Equipment Operations net income was \$1,089 million in 2006, compared with \$1,096 million in 2005. The same operating factors mentioned above along with the expense related to the repurchase of certain outstanding debt securities and higher effective tax rates in 2006 affected these results.

Net income of the company's Financial Services operations in 2006 increased to \$584 million, compared with \$345 million in 2005, primarily due to the sale of the health care operations. Income from the Financial Services continuing operations in 2006 was \$344 million, compared with \$312 million in 2005. The increase was primarily a result of growth in the credit portfolio, partially offset by a higher provision for credit losses. Additional information is presented in the following discussion of the credit operations.

Income from discontinued operations was \$241 million in 2006, or \$.51 per share diluted (\$.52 basic), compared with \$33 million, or \$.07 per share diluted (\$.07 basic), in 2005. The increase was primarily due to the previously mentioned sale of the health care operations.

The cost of sales to net sales ratio for 2006 was 77.3 percent, compared with 78.2 percent in 2005. The decrease was primarily due to improved price realization and lower retirement benefit costs, partially offset by higher raw material costs and lower shipping volumes.

Finance and interest income, and interest expense increased in 2006 primarily due to growth in the credit operations portfolio and higher financing rates. Other income increased in 2006 primarily due to investment income from marketable securities, insurance premiums for extended warranties, crop insurance commissions and service income. Research and development costs increased in 2006 due to a large number of new products. Selling, administrative and general expenses increased primarily due to growth, share-based compensation expense and the provision for credit losses. Other operating expenses were higher primarily as a result of the expense related to the repurchase of outstanding notes (see Note 3), extended warranty claims, depreciation related to a higher level of equipment on operating leases, and service expenses.

The company has several defined benefit pension plans and defined benefit health care and life insurance plans. The company's postretirement benefit costs for these plans in 2006 were \$447 million, compared with \$538 million in 2005. The long-term expected return on plan assets, which is reflected in these costs, was an expected gain of 8.4 percent in 2006 and 8.5 percent in 2005, or \$795 million in 2006, compared with \$744 million in 2005. The actual return was a gain of \$1,364 million in 2006, compared with a gain of \$1,057 million in 2005. Total company contributions to the plans were \$866 million in 2006 and \$859 million in 2005, which include direct benefit payments for unfunded plans. These contributions also included voluntary contributions to the U.S. plan assets of \$739 million in 2006 and \$556 million in 2005.

## **BUSINESS SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA RESULTS**

### **Worldwide Agricultural Equipment Operations**

The agricultural equipment segment had an operating profit of \$882 million in 2006, compared with \$970 million in 2005. Net sales decreased 3 percent in 2006 due to lower shipments, partially offset by improved price realization. The decrease in operating profit was primarily due to the impact of lower shipments and production volumes, as well as higher selling and administrative expenses and research and development costs. Partially offsetting these factors were improved price realization and lower retirement benefit costs.

### **Worldwide Commercial and Consumer Equipment Operations**

The commercial and consumer equipment segment had an operating profit of \$221 million in 2006, compared with \$183 million in 2005. Net sales increased 8 percent in 2006, primarily due to higher sales in the landscapes operations. The improved operating profit was primarily due to the improved profitability of the landscapes operations and lower retirement benefit costs.

### **Worldwide Construction and Forestry Operations**

The construction and forestry segment had an operating profit of \$802 million in 2006, compared with \$689 million in 2005. Net sales increased 10 percent in 2006, reflecting strong activity at the retail level. The operating profit improvement was primarily due to improved price realization, margin on increased shipments and efficiencies from stronger production volumes. These factors were partially offset by higher

material costs, expenses to close a facility in Canada (see Note 3) and higher research and development costs.

### **Worldwide Credit Operations**

The operating profit of the credit operations was \$520 million in 2006, compared with \$491 million in 2005. The increase in operating profit was primarily due to growth in the credit portfolio, partially offset by a higher provision for credit losses and lower financing spreads. Total revenues of the credit operations, including intercompany revenues, increased 24 percent in 2006, primarily reflecting the larger portfolio and higher average finance rates. The average balance of receivables and leases financed was 15 percent higher in 2006, compared with 2005. An increase in average borrowings and higher interest rates in 2006 resulted in a 44 percent increase in interest expense, compared with 2005. The larger average portfolio financed on the balance sheet and the higher average borrowings were primarily due to an increase in securitizations of retail notes accounted for as secured borrowings rather than sales of receivables. The credit operations' ratio of earnings to fixed charges was 1.61 to 1 in 2006, compared with 1.86 to 1 in 2005.

### **CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY**

The discussion of capital resources and liquidity has been organized to review separately, where appropriate, the company's consolidated totals, Equipment Operations and Financial Services operations.

### **CONSOLIDATED**

Positive cash flows from consolidated operating activities in 2007 were \$2,759 million. This resulted primarily from net income adjusted for non-cash provisions, an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses and a decrease in trade receivables, which were partially offset by an increase in inventories and a decrease in retirement benefit accruals. Cash outflows from investing activities were \$1,933 million in 2007, primarily due to the cost of financing receivables and equipment on operating leases exceeding collections of financing receivables and the proceeds from sales of equipment on operating leases by \$1,160 million, purchases of property and equipment of \$1,023 million and acquisitions of businesses for \$189 million, which were partially offset by proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities exceeding the cost of marketable securities purchased by \$207 million, and the proceeds from sales of financing receivables of \$141 million. Cash outflows from financing activities were \$281 million in 2007, primarily due to repurchases of common stock of \$1,518 million and dividends paid of \$387 million, which were partially offset by an increase in borrowings of \$1,247 million, proceeds from issuance of

common stock of \$286 million (resulting from the exercise of stock options) and excess tax benefits from share-based compensation of \$102 million. Cash and cash equivalents also increased \$591 million during 2007.

Over the last three years, operating activities have provided an aggregate of \$4,949 million in cash. In addition, increases in borrowings were \$6,185 million, proceeds from issuance of common stock were \$767 million and the proceeds from sales of businesses were \$567 million. The aggregate amount of these cash flows was used mainly to fund receivable and lease acquisitions, which exceeded collections and the proceeds from sales of equipment on operating leases by \$4,797 million, repurchase common stock for \$3,736 million, fund purchases of property and equipment of \$2,301 million, purchase marketable securities, which exceeded proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities by \$1,564 million, pay dividends to stockholders of \$1,025 million and acquire businesses for \$415 million. Cash and cash equivalents also decreased \$903 million over the three-year period.

Sources of liquidity for the company include cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, funds from operations, the issuance of commercial paper and term debt, the securitization of retail notes and committed and uncommitted bank lines of credit.

Because of the multiple funding sources that have been and continue to be available, the company expects to have sufficient sources of liquidity to meet its funding needs. The company's commercial paper outstanding at October 31, 2007 and 2006 was approximately \$2.8 billion and \$2.6 billion, respectively, while the total cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities position was \$3.9 billion and \$3.5 billion, respectively. The company has for many years accessed diverse funding sources, including short-term and long-term unsecured debt capital markets globally, as well as public and private securitization markets in the U.S. and Canada.

**Lines of Credit.** The company also has access to bank lines of credit with various banks throughout the world. Some of the lines are available to both Deere & Company and John Deere Capital Corporation (Capital Corporation). Worldwide lines of credit totaled \$3,894 million at October 31, 2007, \$904 million of which were unused. For the purpose of computing unused credit lines, commercial paper and short-term bank borrowings, excluding secured borrowings and the current portion of long-term borrowings, were considered to constitute utilization. Included in the total credit lines at October 31, 2007 was a long-term credit facility agreement of \$3.75 billion, expiring in February 2012. The credit agreement requires the Capital Corporation to maintain its consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges at not less than 1.05 to 1 for each fiscal quarter and the ratio of senior debt, excluding securitization indebtedness, to capital base (total subordinated debt and stockholder's equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)) at not more than 9.5 to 1 at the end of any fiscal quarter. The credit agreement also requires the Equipment Operations to maintain a ratio of total debt to total capital (total debt and stockholders' equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)) of 65 percent or less at the end of each fiscal quarter according to accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. in effect at October 31, 2006. Under this provision, the company's excess equity capacity and retained earnings balance free of restriction at October 31, 2007 was \$6,661 million. Alternatively under this provision, the Equipment Operations had the capacity to incur additional debt of \$12,370 million at October 31, 2007. All of these requirements of the credit agreement have been met during the periods included in the consolidated financial statements.

**Debt Ratings.** To access public debt capital markets, the company relies on credit rating agencies to assign short-term and long-term credit ratings to the company's securities as an indicator of credit quality for fixed income investors. A security rating is not a recommendation by the rating agency to buy, sell or hold company securities. A credit rating agency may change or withdraw company ratings based on its assessment of the company's current and future ability to meet interest and principal repayment obligations. Each agency's rating should be evaluated independently. Lower credit ratings generally result in higher borrowing costs and reduced access to debt capital markets. The senior long-term and short-term debt ratings and outlook currently assigned to unsecured company securities by the rating agencies engaged by the company are as follows:

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	Senior Long-Term	Short-Term	Outlook
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	A2	Prime-1	Stable
Standard & Poor's	A	A-1	Stable

Trade accounts and notes receivable primarily arise from sales of goods to independent dealers. Trade receivables increased by \$17 million in 2007. The ratio of trade accounts and notes receivable at October 31 to fiscal year net sales was 14 percent in 2007, compared with 15 percent in 2006. Total worldwide agricultural equipment trade receivables increased \$220 million, commercial and consumer equipment receivables decreased \$52 million and construction and forestry receivables decreased \$151 million. The collection period for trade receivables averages less than 12 months. The percentage of trade receivables outstanding for a period exceeding 12 months was 3 percent at both October 31, 2007 and 2006.

Stockholders' equity was \$7,156 million at October 31, 2007, compared with \$7,491 million at October 31, 2006. The decrease of \$335 million resulted primarily from an increase in treasury stock of \$1,342 million, an incremental charge to accumulated other comprehensive income of \$1,091 million resulting from the adoption of FASB Statement No. 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans (see Note 5) and dividends declared of \$409 million. These items were partially offset by net income of \$1,822 million, an increase in common stock of \$574 million and an increase in the cumulative translation adjustment of \$329 million. Common stock increased primarily due to the exercise of stock options and a \$268 million transfer from retained earnings for the par value relating to a stock split in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend (see Note 23).

The cash flows from discontinued operations included in the consolidated cash flows were not material except for the cash inflow from the sale of the health care operations (net of cash sold) of approximately \$440 million included in the proceeds from sales of businesses in 2006.

## **EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS**

The company's equipment businesses are capital intensive and are subject to seasonal variations in financing requirements for inventories and certain receivables from dealers. The Equipment Operations sell most of their trade receivables to the company's credit operations. As a result, there are relatively small seasonal variations in the financing requirements of the Equipment Operations. To the extent necessary, funds provided from operations are supplemented by external financing sources.

Cash provided by operating activities of the Equipment Operations during 2007, including intercompany cash flows, was \$2,689 million primarily due to net income adjusted for non-cash provisions and an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses, partially offset by a decrease in retirement benefit accruals.

Over the last three years, these operating activities, including intercompany cash flows, have provided an aggregate of \$5,661 million in cash.

Trade receivables held by the Equipment Operations increased by \$42 million during 2007. The Equipment Operations sell a significant portion of their trade receivables to the credit operations (see previous consolidated discussion).

Inventories increased by \$380 million in 2007. Most of these inventories are valued on the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. The ratios of inventories on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis (see Note 15), which approximates current cost, to fiscal year cost of sales were 22 percent and 20 percent at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Total interest-bearing debt of the Equipment Operations was \$2,103 million at the end of 2007, compared with \$2,252 million at the end of 2006 and \$3,101 million at the end of 2005. The ratio of total debt to total capital (total interest-bearing debt and stockholders' equity) at the end of 2007, 2006 and 2005 was 23 percent, 23 percent and 31 percent, respectively.

Purchases of property and equipment for the Equipment Operations in 2007 were \$557 million, compared with \$493 million in 2006. Capital expenditures in 2008 are estimated to be approximately \$600 million to \$700 million.

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The Financial Services' credit operations rely on their ability to raise substantial amounts of funds to finance their receivable and lease portfolios. Their primary sources of funds for this purpose are a combination of commercial paper, term debt, securitization of retail notes and equity capital.



Cash flows from the company's Financial Services operating activities, including intercompany cash flows, were \$851 million in 2007. Cash provided by financing activities totaled \$900 million in 2007, representing primarily a \$1,463 million increase in external borrowings, partially offset by the payment of \$588 million of dividends to Deere & Company. The cash provided by operating and financing activities was used primarily to increase receivables and leases. Cash used by investing activities totaled \$1,720 million in 2007, primarily due to the cost of financing receivables and equipment on operating leases exceeding collections of financing receivables and the proceeds from sales of equipment on operating leases by \$1,487 million, and purchases of property and equipment of \$465 million. Cash and cash equivalents also increased \$48 million.

Over the last three years, the Financial Services operating activities, including intercompany cash flows, have provided \$2,229 million in cash. In addition, an increase in borrowings of \$6,064 million and proceeds from sales of financing receivables of \$502 million provided cash inflows. These amounts have been used mainly to fund receivable and lease acquisitions, which exceeded collections and the proceeds from sales of equipment on operating leases by \$7,127 million, pay dividends to Deere & Company of \$862 million and fund purchases of property and equipment of \$784 million. Cash and cash equivalents also decreased \$7 million over the three-year period.

Receivables and leases increased by \$1,741 million in 2007, compared with 2006. Acquisition volumes of receivables and leases increased 1 percent in 2007, compared with 2006. The volumes of financing leases, revolving charge accounts, retail notes and operating leases increased approximately 15 percent, 8 percent, 7 percent and 2 percent, while wholesale notes, operating loans and trade receivables were 9 percent, 4 percent and 1 percent lower, respectively. At October 31, 2007 and 2006, net receivables and leases administered, which include receivables previously sold but still administered, were \$22,543 million and \$21,547 million, respectively.

Total external interest-bearing debt of the credit operations was \$19,665 million at the end of 2007, compared with \$17,453 million at the end of 2006 and \$15,522 million at the end of 2005. Included in this debt are secured borrowings of \$2,344 million at the end of 2007, \$2,403 million at the end of 2006 and \$1,474 million at the end of 2005. Total external borrowings have increased generally corresponding with the level of the receivable and lease portfolio, the level of cash and cash equivalents and the change in payables owed to the Equipment Operations. The credit subsidiaries' ratio of total interest-bearing debt to total stockholder's equity was 8.2 to 1 at the end of 2007, 7.1 to 1 at the end of 2006 and 7.2 to 1 at the end of 2005.

The credit operations have utilized a revolving multi-bank conduit facility to securitize floating rate retail notes that were structured as either sales or secured borrowings (see Note 12). In September 2007, the company amended the facility and simultaneously repurchased \$264 million of retail notes previously sold into the facility and elected not to renew the facility for any future securitizations. At October 31, 2007, \$657 million of securitized retail notes remained in the facility relating only to secured borrowings, which are recorded on the balance sheet. These secured borrowings will be liquidated as payments on the retail notes are collected.

During 2007, the credit operations issued \$4,284 million and retired \$3,129 million of long-term borrowings, which were primarily medium-term notes.

Purchases of property and equipment for Financial Services in 2007 were \$465 million, compared with \$273 million in 2006, primarily related to investments in wind energy generation. Capital expenditures for 2008 are estimated to be approximately \$550 million, also primarily related to investments in wind energy generation.

#### OFF-BALANCE-SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The company's credit operations offer crop insurance products through a managing general agency agreement (Agreement) with an insurance company (Insurance Carrier) rated Excellent by A.M. Best Company. The credit operations have guaranteed certain obligations under the Agreement, including the obligation to pay the Insurance Carrier for any uncollected premiums. At October 31, 2007, the maximum exposure for uncollected premiums was approximately \$57 million. Substantially all of the crop insurance risk under the Agreement has been mitigated by a syndicate of private reinsurance companies. In the event of a widespread catastrophic crop failure throughout the U.S. and the default of all the reinsurance companies on their obligations, the company would be required to reimburse the Insurance Carrier approximately \$489 million at October 31, 2007. The company believes the likelihood of this event is substantially remote.

At October 31, 2007, the company had approximately \$190 million of guarantees issued primarily to banks outside the U.S. related to third-party receivables for the retail financing of John Deere equipment. The company may recover a portion of any required payments incurred under these agreements from repossession of the equipment collateralizing the receivables. The maximum remaining term of the receivables guaranteed at October 31, 2007 was approximately eight years.

Prior to 2005, the company's credit operations periodically sold retail notes to special purpose entities (SPEs) in securitization transactions. The credit operations have used these SPEs in a manner consistent with conventional practices in the securitization industry to isolate the retail notes for the benefit of securitization investors. The use of the SPEs has enabled these operations to access the historically liquid and efficient securitization markets for the sales of these types of financial assets. The amounts of funding the company chooses to obtain from securitizations reflect such factors as capital market accessibility, relative costs of funding sources and assets available for securitization. The company's total exposure to recourse provisions related to securitized retail notes, which were sold in prior periods, was \$20 million and the total assets held by the SPEs related to these securitizations were \$120 million at October 31, 2007.

#### AGGREGATE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The payment schedule for the company's contractual obligations at October 31, 2007 in millions of dollars is as follows:

	Total	Less than 1 year	2&3 years	4&5 years	More than 5 years
Debt*					
Equipment Operations	\$ 2,061	\$ 130	\$ 321	\$	\$ 1,610
Financial Services**	19,598	8,515	7,025	3,003	1,055
Total	21,659	8,645	7,346	3,003	2,665
Interest on debt	3,857	941	1,102	557	1,257
Purchase obligations	3,212	3,172	26	9	5
Operating leases	358	100	120	58	80
Capital leases	29	3	6	4	16

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Total	\$	29,115	\$	12,861	\$	8,600	\$	3,631	\$	4,023
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\* Principal payments.

\*\* Notes payable of \$2,344 million classified as short-term on the balance sheet related to the securitization of retail notes are included in this table based on the expected payment schedule (see Note 18).

For additional information regarding pension and other postretirement employee benefit obligations, short-term borrowings, long-term borrowings and lease obligations, see Notes 5, 18, 20 and 21, respectively, to the consolidated financial statements.

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of the company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could have a significant effect on the financial statements. The accounting policies below are those management believes are the most critical to the preparation of the company's financial statements and require the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments. The company's other accounting policies are described in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Sales Incentives

At the time a sale to a dealer is recognized, the company records an estimate of the future sales incentive costs for allowances and financing programs that will be due when the dealer sells the equipment to a retail customer. The estimate is based on historical data, announced incentive programs, field inventory levels and settlement volumes. The final cost of these programs and the amount of accrual required for a specific sale is fully determined when the dealer sells the equipment to the retail customer. This is due to numerous programs available at any particular time and new programs that may be announced after the company records the sale. Changes in the mix and types of programs affect these estimates, which are reviewed quarterly.

The sales incentive accruals at October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$711 million, \$629 million and \$592 million, respectively. The increases in 2007 and 2006 were primarily due to the increases in sales.

The estimation of the sales incentive accrual is impacted by many assumptions. One of the key assumptions is the historical percentage of sales incentive costs to settlements from dealers. Over the last five fiscal years, this percent has varied by approximately plus or minus .7 percent, compared to the average sales incentive costs to settlements percentage during that period. Holding other assumptions constant, if this cost experience percentage were to increase or decrease .7 percent, the sales incentive accrual at October 31, 2007 would increase or decrease by approximately \$40 million.

### **Product Warranties**

At the time a sale to a dealer is recognized, the company records the estimated future warranty costs. The company generally determines its total warranty liability by applying historical claims rate experience to the estimated amount of equipment that has been sold and is still under warranty based on dealer inventories and retail sales. The historical claims rate is primarily determined by a review of five-year claims costs and consideration of current quality developments. Variances in claims experience and the type of warranty programs affect these estimates, which are reviewed quarterly.

The product warranty accruals at October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$549 million, \$507 million and \$535 million, respectively. The increase in 2007, compared to 2006, was primarily due to an increase in sales volume. The decrease in 2006 was due to a higher level of special warranty programs in 2005.

Estimates used to determine the product warranty accruals are significantly affected by the historical percentage of warranty claims costs to sales. Over the last five fiscal years, this loss experience percent has varied by approximately plus or minus .05 percent, compared to the average warranty costs to sales percentage during that period. Holding other assumptions constant, if this estimated cost experience percentage were to increase or decrease .05 percent, the warranty accrual at October 31, 2007 would increase or decrease by approximately \$15 million.

### **Postretirement Benefit Obligations**

Pension obligations and other postretirement employee benefit (OPEB) obligations are based on various assumptions used by the company's actuaries in calculating these amounts. These assumptions include discount rates, health care cost trend rates, expected return on plan assets, compensation increases, retirement rates, mortality rates and other factors. Actual results that differ from the assumptions and changes in assumptions affect future expenses and obligations.

The pension assets, net of pension liabilities, recognized on the balance sheet at October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$1,467 million, \$1,945 million and \$1,986 million, respectively. The OPEB liabilities on these same dates were \$3,065 million, \$1,985 million and \$2,455 million, respectively. The decrease in the pension net assets and the increase in the OPEB liabilities on the balance sheet in 2007 were primarily due to the adoption in 2007 of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans* (see Note 5). This standard required unrecognized gains or losses relating to postretirement benefit obligations to be recorded on the consolidated balance sheet with a corresponding charge or credit to stockholders' equity.

The effect of hypothetical changes to selected assumptions on the company's major U. S. retirement benefit plans would be as follows in millions of dollars:

Assumptions	Percentage Change	October 31, 2007 Increase (Decrease) PBO/APBO*	2008 Increase (Decrease) Expense
<b>Pension</b>			
Discount rate**	+/- .5	\$ (362)/396	\$ (20)/24
Expected return on assets	+/- .5		(41)/41
<b>OPEB</b>			
Discount rate**	+/- .5	(312)/332	(46)/54
Expected return on assets	+/- .5		(12)/12
Health care cost trend rate**	+/- 1.0	515/(432)	118/(99)

\* Projected benefit obligation (PBO) for pension plans and accumulated postretirement benefit obligation (APBO) for OPEB plans.

\*\* Pretax impact on service cost, interest cost and amortization of gains or losses.

### Allowance for Credit Losses

The allowance for credit losses represents an estimate of the losses expected from the company's receivable portfolio. The level of the allowance is based on many quantitative and qualitative factors, including historical loss experience by product category, portfolio duration, delinquency trends, economic conditions and credit risk quality. The adequacy of the allowance is assessed quarterly. Different assumptions or changes in economic conditions would result in changes to the allowance for credit losses and the provision for credit losses.

The total allowance for credit losses at October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$236 million, \$217 million and \$194 million, respectively. The increases in 2007 and 2006 were primarily due to growth in the receivable portfolio.

The assumptions used in evaluating the company's exposure to credit losses involve estimates and significant judgment. The historical loss experience on the receivable portfolio represents one of the key assumptions involved in determining the allowance for credit losses. Over the last five fiscal years, the average loss experience has fluctuated between 2 basis points and 18 basis points in any given fiscal year over the applicable prior period. Holding other estimates constant, a 5 basis point increase or decrease in estimated loss experience on the receivable portfolio would result in an increase or decrease of approximately \$10 million to the allowance for credit losses at October 31, 2007.

### **Operating Lease Residual Values**

The carrying value of equipment on operating leases is affected by the estimated fair values of the equipment at the end of the lease (residual values). Upon termination of the lease, the equipment is either purchased by the lessee or sold to a third party, in which case the company may record a gain or a loss for the difference between the estimated residual value and the sales price. The residual values are dependent on current economic conditions and are reviewed quarterly. Changes in residual value assumptions would affect the amount of depreciation expense and the amount of investment in equipment on operating leases.

The total operating lease residual values at October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$1,072 million, \$917 million and \$812 million, respectively. The increases in 2007 and 2006 were primarily due to the higher levels of operating leases.

Estimates used in determining end of lease market values for equipment on operating leases significantly impact the amount and timing of depreciation expense. If future market values for this equipment were to decrease 5 percent from the company's present estimates, the total impact would be to increase the company's annual depreciation for equipment on operating leases by approximately \$18 million.

### **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK INFORMATION**

The company is naturally exposed to various interest rate and foreign currency risks. As a result, the company enters into derivative transactions to manage certain of these exposures that arise in the normal course of business and not for the purpose of creating speculative positions or trading. The company's credit operations manage the relationship of the types and amounts of their funding sources to their receivable and lease portfolio in an effort to diminish risk due to interest rate and foreign currency fluctuations, while responding to favorable financing opportunities. Accordingly, from time to time, these operations enter into interest rate swap agreements to manage their interest rate exposure. The company also has foreign currency exposures at some of its foreign and domestic operations related to buying, selling and financing in currencies other than the local currencies. The company has entered into agreements related to the management of these currency transaction risks. The credit risk under these interest rate and foreign currency agreements is not considered to be significant.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Quarterly, the company uses a combination of cash flow models to assess the sensitivity of its financial instruments with interest rate exposure to changes in market interest rates. The models calculate the effect of adjusting interest rates as follows. Cash flows for financing receivables are discounted at the current prevailing rate for each receivable portfolio. Cash flows for marketable securities are primarily discounted at the treasury yield curve. Cash flows for borrowings are discounted at the treasury yield curve plus a market credit spread for similarly rated borrowers. Cash flows for securitized borrowings are discounted at the industrial composite bond curve for similarly rated borrowers. Cash flows for interest rate swaps are projected and discounted using forecasted rates from the swap yield curve at the repricing dates. The net loss in these financial instruments' fair values which would be caused by increasing the interest rates by 10 percent from the market rates at October 31, 2007 and 2006 would have been approximately \$22 million and \$14 million, respectively.

#### **Foreign Currency Risk**

In the Equipment Operations, it is the company's practice to hedge significant currency exposures. Worldwide foreign currency exposures are reviewed quarterly. Based on the Equipment Operations' anticipated and committed foreign currency cash inflows and outflows for the next twelve months and the foreign currency derivatives at year end, the company estimates that a hypothetical 10 percent weakening of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies through 2008 would decrease the 2008 expected net cash inflows by \$77 million. At last year end, a hypothetical 10 percent strengthening of the U.S. dollar under similar assumptions and calculations indicated a potential \$32 million adverse effect on the 2007 net cash inflows.

In the Financial Services operations, the company's policy is to hedge the foreign currency risk if the currency of the borrowings does not match the currency of the receivable portfolio. As a result, a hypothetical 10 percent adverse change in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to all other foreign currencies would not have a material effect on the Financial Services cash flows.

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**STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME****For the Years Ended October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**

(In millions of dollars and shares except per share amounts)

	2007	2006	2005
<b>Net Sales and Revenues</b>			
Net sales	\$ 21,489.1	\$ 19,884.0	\$ 19,401.4
Finance and interest income	2,054.8	1,776.8	1,439.5
Other income	538.3	487.0	349.9
Total	24,082.2	22,147.8	21,190.8
<b>Costs and Expenses</b>			
Cost of sales	16,252.8	15,362.0	15,179.3
Research and development expenses	816.8	725.8	677.3
Selling, administrative and general expenses	2,620.8	2,323.9	2,086.1
Interest expense	1,151.2	1,017.5	761.0
Other operating expenses	565.1	544.8	380.6
Total	21,406.7	19,974.0	19,084.3
<b>Income of Consolidated Group before Income Taxes</b>	2,675.5	2,173.8	2,106.5
Provision for income taxes	883.0	741.6	698.6
<b>Income of Consolidated Group</b>	1,792.5	1,432.2	1,407.9
Equity in Income of Unconsolidated Affiliates	29.2	21.0	6.1
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>	1,821.7	1,453.2	1,414.0
<b>Income from Discontinued Operations</b>		240.6	32.8
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 1,821.7	\$ 1,693.8	\$ 1,446.8
<b>Per Share Data*</b>			
Basic:			
Continuing operations	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.11	\$ 2.90
Discontinued operations		.52	.07
Net Income	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.63	\$ 2.97
Diluted:			
Continuing operations	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.08	\$ 2.87
Discontinued operations		.51	.07
Net Income	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.59	\$ 2.94
Dividends declared	\$ .91	\$ .78	\$ .601/2
<b>Average Shares Outstanding*</b>			
Basic	449.3	466.8	486.6
Diluted	455.0	471.6	492.9

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007.

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## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As of October 31, 2007 and 2006

(In millions of dollars except per share amounts)

	2007	2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,278.6	\$ 1,687.5
Marketable securities	1,623.3	1,816.7
Receivables from unconsolidated affiliates	29.6	22.2
Trade accounts and notes receivable - net	3,055.0	3,037.7
Financing receivables - net	15,631.2	14,004.0
Restricted financing receivables - net	2,289.0	2,370.8
Other receivables	596.3	448.2
Equipment on operating leases - net	1,705.3	1,493.9
Inventories	2,337.3	1,957.3
Property and equipment - net	3,534.0	2,763.6
Investments in unconsolidated affiliates	149.5	124.0
Goodwill	1,234.3	1,110.0
Other intangible assets-net	131.0	56.4
Retirement benefits	1,976.0	2,642.4
Deferred income taxes	1,399.5	582.2
Other assets	605.8	603.5
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 38,575.7</b>	<b>\$ 34,720.4</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Short-term borrowings	\$ 9,969.4	\$ 8,121.2
Payables to unconsolidated affiliates	136.5	31.0
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,357.9	4,482.8
Accrued taxes	274.3	152.5
Deferred income taxes	183.4	64.9
Long-term borrowings	11,798.2	11,584.0
Retirement benefits and other liabilities	3,700.2	2,792.8
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>31,419.9</b>	<b>27,229.2</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Common stock, \$1 par value (authorized 1,200,000,000* shares; issued 536,431,204* shares in 2007 and 2006), at stated value	2,777.0	2,203.5
Common stock in treasury, 96,795,090* shares in 2007 and 81,965,080* shares in 2006, at cost	(4,015.4)	(2,673.4)
Retained earnings	9,031.7	7,886.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,793.3</b>	<b>7,416.9</b>
Retirement benefits adjustment	(1,113.1)	
Minimum pension liability adjustment		(87.6)
Cumulative translation adjustment	479.4	150.3
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	(7.6)	6.8
Unrealized gain on investments	3.8	4.8
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(637.5)	74.3
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	<b>7,155.8</b>	<b>7,491.2</b>

<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>	\$	38,575.7	\$	34,720.4
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\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007.

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**STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS****For the Years Ended October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**

(In millions of dollars)

	2007	2006	2005
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Net income	\$ 1,821.7	\$ 1,693.8	\$ 1,446.8
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for doubtful receivables	71.0	65.9	26.1
Provision for depreciation and amortization	744.4	691.4	636.5
Share-based compensation expense	82.0	90.7	14.5
Gain on the sale of a business		(356.0)	
Undistributed earnings of unconsolidated affiliates	(17.1)	(18.5)	(4.1)
Provision (credit) for deferred income taxes	(4.2)	15.8	(49.3)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Trade, notes and financing receivables related to sales	131.1	(703.9)	(468.6)
Inventories	(357.2)	(78.0)	(324.1)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	418.6	155.3	336.9
Accrued income taxes payable/receivable	10.5	29.7	149.8
Retirement benefit accruals/prepaid pension costs	(163.2)	(400.0)	(312.0)
Other	21.8	(213.0)	(235.9)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,759.4	973.2	1,216.6
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Collections of receivables	10,335.3	9,274.9	8,076.5
Proceeds from sales of financing receivables	141.4	108.0	55.2
Proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities	2,458.5	3,006.0	1,065.0
Proceeds from sales of equipment on operating leases	355.2	310.9	399.1
Proceeds from sales of businesses, net of cash sold	77.2	440.1	50.0
Cost of receivables acquired	(11,388.3)	(10,451.0)	(10,488.8)
Purchases of marketable securities	(2,251.6)	(2,565.6)	(3,276.3)
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,022.5)	(766.0)	(512.6)
Cost of equipment on operating leases acquired	(461.7)	(417.4)	(342.0)
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(189.3)	(55.7)	(169.7)
Other	12.5	(33.1)	(29.6)
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,933.3)	(1,148.9)	(5,173.2)
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Increase in short-term borrowings	99.4	1,208.7	1,814.3
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	4,283.9	3,140.2	3,805.4
Payments of long-term borrowings	(3,136.5)	(3,520.6)	(1,509.7)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	285.7	327.6	153.6
Repurchases of common stock	(1,517.8)	(1,299.3)	(918.9)
Dividends paid	(386.7)	(348.4)	(289.7)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	102.2	85.6	
Other	(11.2)	(10.6)	(1.9)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	(281.0)	(416.8)	3,053.1
<b>Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	46.0	21.8	(19.4)
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	591.1	(570.7)	(922.9)

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<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</b>		1,687.5		2,258.2		3,181.1
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	\$	2,278.6	\$	1,687.5	\$	2,258.2

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CONSOLIDATED STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the Years Ended October 31, 2005, 2006 and 2007

(In millions of dollars)

	Total Equity	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Unamortized Restricted Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
<b>Balance October 31, 2004</b>	\$ 6,392.8	\$ 2,043.5	\$ (1,040.4)	\$ (12.7)	\$ 5,445.1	\$ (42.7)
Comprehensive income						
Net income	1,446.8				1,446.8	
Other comprehensive income (loss)						
Minimum pension liability adjustment	(51.7)					(51.7)
Cumulative translation adjustment	61.5					61.5
Unrealized gain on derivatives	12.6					12.6
Unrealized loss on investments	(6.1)					(6.1)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	1,463.1					
Repurchases of common stock	(918.9)		(918.9)			
Treasury shares reissued	215.8		215.8			
Dividends declared	(293.2)				(293.2)	
Stock options and other	(8.1)	38.2		(3.7)	(42.6)	
<b>Balance October 31, 2005</b>	6,851.5	2,081.7	(1,743.5)	(16.4)	6,556.1	(26.4)
Comprehensive income						
Net income	1,693.8				1,693.8	
Other comprehensive income (loss)						
Minimum pension liability adjustment	21.3					21.3
Cumulative translation adjustment	79.7					79.7
Unrealized gain on derivatives	.6					.6
Unrealized loss on investments	(.9)					(.9)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	1,794.5					
Reclassification to adopt FASB Statement No.123 (revised 2004)		(16.4)		16.4		
Repurchases of common stock	(1,299.3)		(1,299.3)			
Treasury shares reissued	369.4		369.4			
Dividends declared	(363.4)				(363.4)	
Stock options and other	138.5	138.2			.3	
<b>Balance October 31, 2006</b>	7,491.2	2,203.5	(2,673.4)		7,886.8	74.3
Comprehensive income						
Net income	1,821.7				1,821.7	
Other comprehensive income (loss)						
Minimum pension liability adjustment	65.8					65.8
Cumulative translation adjustment	329.1					329.1
Unrealized loss on derivatives	(14.4)					(14.4)
Unrealized loss on investments	(1.0)					(1.0)
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	2,201.2					
Repurchases of common stock	(1,517.8)		(1,517.8)			
Treasury shares reissued	175.8		175.8			
Dividend declared	(408.4)				(408.4)	
Stock options and other	305.1	305.3			(.2)	
Adjustment to adopt FASB Statement No. 158, net of tax	(1,091.3)					(1,091.3)
		268.2			(268.2)	

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Transfer for two-for-one stock split  
effective November 26, 2007

<b>Balance October 31, 2007</b>	\$	7,155.8	\$	2,777.0	\$	(4,015.4)	\$	9,031.7	\$	(637.5)
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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following are significant accounting policies in addition to those included in other notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements represent the consolidation of all companies in which Deere & Company has a controlling interest. Certain variable interest entities (VIEs) related to the securitization of financing receivables for secured borrowings, and a supplier operation are consolidated since the company is the primary beneficiary. Deere & Company records its investment in each unconsolidated affiliated company (generally 20 to 50 percent ownership) at its related equity in the net assets of such affiliate. Other investments (less than 20 percent ownership) are recorded at cost. Consolidated retained earnings at October 31, 2007 include undistributed earnings of the unconsolidated affiliates of \$75 million. Dividends from unconsolidated affiliates were \$13 million in 2007, \$3 million in 2006 and \$2 million in 2005 (see Note 8).

#### **Reclassification**

Certain items previously reported in specific financial statement captions have been reclassified to conform to the 2007 financial statement presentation. In particular, unamortized restricted stock compensation previously presented separately has been eliminated against common stock as a result of the adoption of FASB Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, in 2006.

#### **Structure of Operations**

Certain information in the notes and related commentary are presented in a format which includes data grouped as follows:

***Equipment Operations*** Includes the company's agricultural equipment, commercial and consumer equipment and construction and forestry operations with Financial Services reflected on the equity basis except for the health care operations, which were disposed of in February 2006 and are reported on a discontinued basis (see Note 2).

***Financial Services*** Includes the company's credit and certain miscellaneous service operations with the health care operations reported on a discontinued basis.



**Consolidated** Represents the consolidation of the Equipment Operations and Financial Services with the health care operations reported on a discontinued basis. References to Deere & Company or the company refer to the entire enterprise.

#### **Stock Split in Form of Dividend**

On November 14, 2007, a special meeting of stockholders was held authorizing a two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend to holders of record on November 26, 2007, distributed on December 3, 2007. All share and per share data (except par value) have been adjusted to reflect the effect of the stock split for all periods presented. The number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options, vesting of other stock awards, and the number of shares reserved for issuance under various employee benefit plans were proportionately increased in accordance with terms of the respective plans (see Notes 23 and 24).

#### **Use of Estimates in Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and related disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Sales of equipment and service parts are recorded when the sales price is determinable, and title and all risk of ownership are transferred to independent parties based on the sales agreements in effect. In the U.S. and most international locations, this transfer occurs primarily when goods are shipped. In Canada and some other international locations, certain goods are shipped to dealers on a consignment basis under which title and risk of ownership are not transferred to the dealer. Accordingly, in these locations, sales are not recorded until a retail customer has purchased the goods. In all cases, when a sale is recorded by the company, no significant uncertainty exists surrounding the purchaser's obligation to pay. No right of return exists on sales of equipment. Service parts returns are estimable and accrued at the time a sale is recognized. The company makes appropriate provisions based on experience for costs such as doubtful receivables, sales incentives and product warranty.

Financing revenue is recorded over the lives of related receivables using the interest method. Deferred costs on the origination of financing receivables are recognized as a reduction in finance revenue over the expected lives of the receivables using the interest method. Income from operating leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the scheduled lease terms.

#### **Sales Incentives**

At the time a sale is recognized, the company records an estimate of the future sales incentive costs for allowances and financing programs that will be due when a dealer sells the equipment to a retail customer. The estimate is based on historical data, announced incentive programs, field inventory levels and settlement volumes.

**Product Warranties**

At the time a sale is recognized, the company records the estimated future warranty costs. These costs are usually estimated based on historical warranty claims (see Note 22).

**Sales Taxes**

The company collects and remits taxes assessed by different governmental authorities that are both imposed on and concurrent with revenue producing transactions between the company and its customers. These taxes may include sales, use, value-added and some excise taxes. The company reports the collection of these taxes on a net basis (excluded from revenues).

**Securitization of Receivables**

Certain financing receivables are periodically transferred to SPEs in securitization transactions (see Note 12). For securitizations that qualify as collateral for secured borrowings, no gains or losses are recognized at the time of securitization. These receivables remain on the balance sheet and are classified as Restricted financing receivables - net. The company recognizes finance income over the lives of these receivables using the interest method. For any securitizations that qualify as sales of receivables, the gains or losses from the sales are recognized in the period of

sale based on the relative fair value of the portion sold and the portion allocated to interests that continue to be held by the company. These interests are recorded at fair value estimated by discounting future cash flows. Changes in these fair values are recorded after-tax in other comprehensive income in unrealized gain or loss on investments. Other-than-temporary impairments are recorded in net income.

### **Shipping and Handling Costs**

Shipping and handling costs related to the sales of the company's equipment are included in cost of sales.

### **Advertising Costs**

Advertising costs are charged to expense as incurred. This expense was \$169 million in 2007, \$165 million in 2006 and \$157 million in 2005.

### **Depreciation and Amortization**

Property and equipment, capitalized software and other intangible assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives generally using the straight-line method. Equipment on operating leases is depreciated over the terms of the leases using the straight-line method. Property and equipment expenditures for new and revised products, increased capacity and the replacement or major renewal of significant items are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are generally charged to expense as incurred.

### **Receivables and Allowances**

All financing and trade receivables are reported on the balance sheet at outstanding principal adjusted for any charge-offs, the allowance for credit losses and doubtful accounts, and any deferred fees or costs on originated financing receivables. Allowances for credit losses and doubtful accounts are maintained in amounts considered to be appropriate in relation to the receivables outstanding based on collection experience, economic conditions and credit risk quality.

### **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

The company evaluates the carrying value of long-lived assets (including property and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets) when events and circumstances warrant such a review. Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are also tested for impairment annually. Goodwill is allocated and reviewed for impairment by reporting units, which consist primarily of the operating segments. The goodwill is allocated to the reporting unit in which the business that created the goodwill resides. To test for goodwill impairment, the carrying value of each reporting unit is compared with its fair value. If the carrying value of the goodwill or long-lived asset is considered impaired, a loss is recognized based on the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset.

## Derivative Financial Instruments

It is the company's policy that derivative transactions are executed only to manage exposures arising in the normal course of business and not for the purpose of creating speculative positions or trading. The company's credit operations manage the relationship of the types and amounts of their funding sources to their receivable and lease portfolio in an effort to diminish risk due to interest rate and foreign currency fluctuations, while responding to favorable financing opportunities. The company also has foreign currency exposures at some of its foreign and domestic operations related to buying, selling and financing in currencies other than the local currencies.

All derivatives are recorded at fair value on the balance sheet. Each derivative is designated as either a cash flow hedge or a fair value hedge, or remains undesignated. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and effective as cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income and reclassified to the income statement when the effects of the item being hedged are recognized in the income statement. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and effective as fair value hedges are recognized currently in net income. This is offset to the extent the hedge was effective by the fair value changes related to the risk being hedged on the hedged item. Changes in the fair value of undesignated hedges are recognized currently in the income statement. All ineffective changes in derivative fair values are recognized currently in net income.

All designated hedges are formally documented as to the relationship with the hedged item as well as the risk-management strategy. Both at inception and on an ongoing basis the hedging instrument is assessed as to its effectiveness, when applicable. If and when a derivative is determined not to be highly effective as a hedge, or the underlying hedged transaction is no longer likely to occur, or the derivative is terminated, the hedge accounting discussed above is discontinued. Any past or future changes in the derivative's fair value that will not be effective as an offset to the income effects of the item being hedged are recognized currently in the income statement (see Note 27).

## Foreign Currency Translation

The functional currencies for most of the company's foreign operations are their respective local currencies. The assets and liabilities of these operations are translated into U.S. dollars at the end of the period exchange rates, and the revenues and expenses are translated at weighted-average rates for the period. The gains or losses from these translations are included in other comprehensive income, which is part of stockholders' equity. Gains or losses from transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the subsidiary involved and foreign exchange forward contracts and options are included in net income or other comprehensive income as appropriate. The total foreign exchange pretax net gain (loss) for 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$(28) million, \$2 million and \$(7) million, respectively.

## New Accounting Standards Adopted

In the first quarter of 2007, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections. This Statement requires voluntary changes in accounting principles to be recorded retrospectively for prior periods presented rather than a cumulative adjustment in the current period. This treatment would also be required for new accounting pronouncements if there are no specific transition provisions. The accounting for changes in estimates in the current period and the accounting for errors as restatements of prior periods have not changed. In the first quarter of 2007, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 155, Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments. This Statement primarily resolves certain issues addressed in the implementation of



FASB Statement No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, concerning beneficial interests in securitized financial assets. In the first quarter of 2007, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 156, Accounting for Servicing of Financial Assets. This Statement clarifies the criteria for recognizing servicing assets and liabilities, requires these items to be initially measured at fair value and permits subsequent measurements on either an amortization or fair value basis. The adoption of these Statements did not have a material effect on the company's consolidated financial statements.

At October 31, 2007, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans (see Note 5). This Statement requires retirement benefit accruals or prepaid benefit costs on the balance sheet to be adjusted to the difference between the benefit obligations and the plan assets at fair value. The offset to the adjustment is recorded directly in stockholders' equity net of tax. The amount recorded in stockholders' equity represents the after-tax unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and unamortized prior service costs, which have previously been disclosed in the notes to the annual consolidated financial statements. This Statement also requires all benefit obligations and plan assets to be measured at fiscal year end. The effective date for the year-end measurement date is fiscal year 2009. Prospective application is required. At October 31, 2007, the effect of adopting this Statement decreased assets by \$9 million, increased liabilities by \$1,082 million and decreased stockholders' equity by \$1,091 million after-tax. The company did not violate any credit agreement financial covenants as a result of adopting this new standard.

#### **New Accounting Standards to be Adopted**

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. This Interpretation clarifies that the recognition for uncertain tax positions should be based on a more-likely-than-not threshold that the tax position will be sustained upon audit. The tax position is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than 50 percent probability of being realized upon settlement. The standard will be adopted at the beginning of fiscal year 2008 with the cumulative effect reported as an adjustment to beginning retained earnings as required. The cumulative effect of adoption will increase assets by approximately \$160 million, increase liabilities by approximately \$210 million and decrease retained earnings by approximately \$50 million.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This Statement defines fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. These methods will apply to other accounting standards that use fair value measurements and may change the application of certain measurements used in current practice. The effective date is the beginning of fiscal year 2009. The adoption is not expected to have a material effect on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities. This Statement permits entities to measure most financial instruments at fair value if desired. It may be applied on a contract by contract basis and is irrevocable once applied to those contracts. The standard may be applied at the time of adoption for existing eligible items, or at initial recognition of eligible items. After election of this option, changes in fair value are reported in earnings. The items measured at fair value must be shown separately on the balance sheet. The effective date is the beginning of fiscal year 2009. The cumulative effect of adoption would be reported as an adjustment to beginning retained earnings. The company has currently not determined the potential effect on the consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), Business Combinations, and Statement No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements. Statement No. 141 (revised 2007) requires an acquirer to measure the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at their fair values on the acquisition date, with goodwill being the excess value over the net identifiable assets acquired. This standard also requires the fair value measurement of certain other assets and liabilities related to the acquisition such as contingencies and research and development. Statement No. 160 clarifies that a noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. Consolidated net income should include the net

income for both the parent and the noncontrolling interest with disclosure of both amounts on the consolidated statement of income. The calculation of earnings per share will continue to be based on income amounts attributable to the parent. The effective date for both Statements is the beginning of fiscal year 2010. The company has currently not determined the potential effects on the consolidated financial statements.

### **Share-Based Compensation**

In the first quarter of 2006, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, (see Note 24). In 2005 and prior years, the company used the intrinsic value method of accounting for its plans in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. No compensation expense for stock options was recognized under this method since the options' exercise prices were not less than the market prices of the stock at the dates the options were awarded. The stock-based compensation expense recognized in earnings was related to restricted stock awards. For disclosure purposes under FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, a binomial lattice option pricing model was used in 2005 to calculate the fair value of stock options. Based on this model, the weighted-average fair value of stock options awarded during 2005 was \$9.99 on an after stock split basis. For the pro-forma disclosure information, the compensation cost of the stock options that vest from one to three years was recognized on a straight-line basis over the three-year vesting period.

Pro forma net income and net income per share, as if the fair value method in FASB Statement No. 123 had been used

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for stock-based compensation, and the assumptions used were as follows with dollars in millions except per share amounts:

		2005
Net income as reported	\$	1,447
Add:		
Stock-based employee compensation costs, net of tax, included in net income		9
Less:		
Stock-based employee compensation costs, net of tax, as if fair value method had been applied		(40)
Pro forma net income	\$	1,416
Net income per share:		
As reported basic*	\$	2.97
Pro forma basic*	\$	2.91
As reported diluted*	\$	2.94
Pro forma diluted*	\$	2.88
Assumptions**		
Risk-free interest rate		3.8%
Dividend yield		1.6%
Stock volatility		26.4%
Expected option life in years		7.5

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\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

\*\* Weighted-averages

### Acquisitions

In May 2007, the company acquired LESCO, Inc. (LESCO) for a cost of approximately \$150 million with preliminary values of approximately \$92 million of goodwill, which is not tax deductible, and \$34 million of other identifiable intangible assets. The other intangible assets had a weighted-average amortization period of 13 years. LESCO, based in Cleveland, Ohio, is a leading supplier of consumable lawn care, landscape, golf course and pest control products. The preliminary values assigned to the other major assets and liabilities related to the acquisition were \$18 million of receivables, \$167 million of inventory, \$18 million of property and equipment, \$31 million of other assets and \$210 million of liabilities. LESCO is the primary beneficiary of its major supplier, which is a VIE. The VIE produces blended fertilizer and other lawn care products for LESCO and has been consolidated with LESCO's assets and liabilities shown above. The assets of the VIE that were consolidated, less the intercompany receivables from LESCO that were eliminated in consolidation, totaled approximately \$60 million (primarily inventory) at time of acquisition and at fiscal year end 2007. The creditors of the VIE do not have recourse to the general credit of LESCO. LESCO has been included as part of the company's commercial and consumer equipment segment.

In August, 2007, the company acquired Ningbo Benye Tractor & Automobile Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Ningbo Benye) for a cost of approximately \$85 million, including insignificant goodwill and a preliminary value of approximately \$40 million of identifiable intangible assets with a weighted-average amortization period of 24 years. This business, which is located in Ningbo, China, builds tractors mainly in the 20 to 50 horsepower range and is the largest tractor manufacturer in southern China. The preliminary values assigned to the other major assets and liabilities related to the acquisition were \$15 million of receivables, \$22 million of inventory, \$20 million of property and equipment and \$12 million of liabilities. Ningbo Benye has been included as part of the company's agricultural equipment segment.

The goodwill generated in these acquisitions was the result of the future cash flows and related fair values of the entity acquired exceeding the fair values of its identifiable assets and liabilities. Certain long-lived assets including other intangibles are still being evaluated. The results of these operations have been included in the company's financial statements since the date of the acquisition. The pro forma results of operations as



if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the fiscal year would not differ significantly from the reported results.

Certain adjustments were also made in 2007 to the estimated fair values of assets recorded for acquisitions made in 2006 based on final evaluations (see Note 17).

## 2. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In February 2006, the company sold its wholly-owned subsidiary, John Deere Health Care, Inc. (health care operations), to UnitedHealthcare for \$512 million and recognized a gain on the sale of \$356 million pretax, or \$223 million after-tax (\$.47 per share diluted, \$.48 per share basic). These operations and the gain on the sale have been reflected as discontinued operations in the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented.

The revenue from discontinued operations on the statement of consolidated income in 2006 and 2005 was \$621 million and \$740 million, and the income before income taxes was \$384 million and \$49 million, respectively. The fees paid from the continuing operations to the discontinued health care operations for administering health care claims in 2006 and 2005 were \$7 million and \$21 million, respectively. The company will continue to pay fees to UnitedHealthcare to administer health claims. The employee termination benefit expense related to the discontinued operations in 2006 was \$8 million, with payments of \$4 million in 2006 and \$1 million in 2007, and a remaining liability at October 31, 2007 of \$3 million. This expense was recorded in Income from Discontinued Operations.

## 3. SPECIAL ITEMS

### Restructuring

In January 2006, the company decided to close its forestry manufacturing facility in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada and consolidate the manufacturing into the company's existing Davenport and Dubuque, Iowa facilities. This restructuring is intended to reduce costs and further improve product delivery times. The facility was included in the construction and forestry segment.

In 2006, the total expense recognized in costs of sales related to the closure was \$44 million pretax, which included \$21 million for pension and other postretirement benefits; \$10 million for employee termination benefits; \$6 million for impairments and write-downs of property, equipment and inventory; \$5 million for relocation of production and \$2 million for other expenses. At October 31, 2006, there were no remaining significant liabilities or expenses related to the restructuring. The pretax cash expenditures associated with this closure were approximately \$35 million. The annual increase in earnings and cash flows in 2007 due to this restructuring are estimated to be \$10 million.

**Debt repurchase**

In February 2006, the company announced a cash tender offer of up to \$500 million to repurchase outstanding notes. An aggregate principal amount of \$433 million was repurchased in 2006 consisting of \$144 million of 8.95% Debentures due 2019, \$194 million of 7.85% Debentures due 2010 and \$95 million of 8-1/2% Debentures due 2022. The repurchase of these notes for approximately \$500 million resulted in an expense of \$70 million pretax in 2006, which was included in other operating expenses.

**4. CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

For purposes of the statement of consolidated cash flows, the company considers investments with purchased maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Substantially all of the company's short-term borrowings, excluding the current maturities of long-term borrowings, mature or may require payment within three months or less.

The Equipment Operations sell most of their trade receivables to Financial Services. These intercompany cash flows are eliminated in the consolidated cash flows.

All cash flows from the changes in trade accounts and notes receivable (see Note 10) are classified as operating activities in the Statement of Consolidated Cash Flows as these receivables arise from sales to the company's customers. Cash flows from financing receivables (see Note 11) that are related to sales to the company's customers are also included in operating activities. The remaining financing receivables are related to the financing of equipment sold by independent dealers and are included in investing activities.

The company had the following non-cash operating and investing activities that were not included in the Statement of Consolidated Cash Flows. The company transferred inventory to equipment on operating leases of approximately \$269 million, \$290 million and \$256 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The company had accounts payable related to purchases of property and equipment of approximately \$100 million, \$80 million and \$55 million at October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. At October 31, 2007, the company recorded a receivable of \$47 million for a portion of the sale of a business and a liability of \$41 million for a portion of the acquisition of a business.

Cash payments for interest and income taxes consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007		2006		2005
Interest:					
Equipment Operations*	\$ 423	\$	457	\$	377
Financial Services	1,005		866		576
Intercompany eliminations*	(294)		(296)		(281)
<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>\$ 1,134</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>672</b>
Income taxes:					
Equipment Operations	\$ 601	\$	658	\$	516
Financial Services	196		208		214

Intercompany eliminations		(157)		(165)		(183)
<b>Consolidated</b>	\$	640	\$	701	\$	547

\* Includes interest compensation to Financial Services for financing trade receivables.

## 5. PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS

The company has several defined benefit pension plans covering its U.S. employees and employees in certain foreign countries. The company has several postretirement health care and life insurance plans for retired employees in the U.S. and Canada. The company uses an October 31 measurement date for these plans.

On October 31, 2007, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans. This Statement requires retirement benefit liabilities or benefit assets on the balance sheet to be adjusted to the difference between the benefit obligations and the plan assets at fair value. The offset to the adjustment is recorded directly in stockholders' equity net of tax. The amount recorded in stockholders' equity represents the after-tax unamortized actuarial gains or losses and unamortized prior service cost (credit). This Statement also requires all benefit obligations and plan assets to be measured at fiscal year end, which the company presently does. Prospective application of the new accounting is required.

The incremental effects of the adoption of FASB Statement No. 158 on October 31, 2007 in millions of dollars follow:

	Prior to Adoption	Adjustment	After Adoption
Other intangible assets-net	\$ 135	\$ (4)	\$ 131
Retirement benefits	2,681	(705)	1,976
Deferred income taxes	700	700	1,400
Total assets	38,585	(9)	38,576
Retirement benefits and other liabilities	2,618	1,082	3,700
Retirement benefits adjustment		(1,113)	(1,113)
Minimum pension liability adjustment	(22)	22	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	453	(1,091)	(638)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	38,585	(9)	38,576

The worldwide components of net periodic pension cost and the assumptions related to the cost consisted of the following in millions of dollars and in percents:

	2007	2006	2005
<b>Pensions</b>			
Service cost	\$ 168	\$ 152	\$ 144
Interest cost	488	475	452
Expected return on plan assets	(682)	(667)	(684)
Amortization of actuarial loss	94	110	96
Amortization of prior service cost	27	42	43
Special early-retirement benefits		2	
Settlements/curtailments	4	18	
<b>Net cost</b>	\$ 99	\$ 132	\$ 51

**Weighted-average assumptions**

Discount rates	5.7%	5.7%	5.5%
Rate of compensation increase	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%
Expected long-term rates of return	8.4%	8.5%	8.5%

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The worldwide components of net periodic postretirement benefits cost and the assumptions related to the cost consisted of the following in millions of dollars and in percents:

	2007		2006		2005	
<b>Health care and life insurance</b>						
Service cost	\$	69	\$	68	\$	83
Interest cost		321		308		299
Expected return on plan assets		(156)		(128)		(60)
Amortization of actuarial loss		215		196		297
Amortization of prior service credit		(133)		(132)		(132)
Special early-retirement benefits				1		
Settlements/curtailments				2		
<b>Net cost</b>	\$	316	\$	315	\$	487
<b>Weighted-average assumptions</b>						
Discount rates		5.9%		6.0%		5.5%
Expected long-term rates of return		7.8%		8.1%		8.5%

The worldwide benefit plan obligations, funded status and the assumptions related to the obligations at October 31 in millions of dollars follow:

	Pensions		Health Care and Life Insurance	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Change in benefit obligations</b>				
Beginning of year balance	\$ (8,751)	\$ (8,482)	\$ (5,654)	\$ (5,228)
Service cost	(168)	(152)	(69)	(68)
Interest cost	(488)	(475)	(321)	(308)
Actuarial gain (loss)	463	(202)	475	(326)
Amendments	(1)		70	6
Benefits paid	574	548	285	288
Health care subsidy receipts			(14)	(11)
Special early-retirement benefits		(2)		(1)
Settlements/curtailments	7	58		2
Foreign exchange and other	(171)	(44)	(22)	(8)
End of year balance	(8,535)	(8,751)	(5,250)	(5,654)
<b>Change in plan assets (fair value)</b>				
Beginning of year balance	8,927	8,284	1,893	1,177
Actual return on plan assets	1,220	1,163	283	201
Employer contribution	358	68	288	798
Benefits paid	(574)	(548)	(285)	(288)
Settlements	(7)	(58)		
Foreign exchange and other	78	18	6	5
End of year balance	10,002	8,927	2,185	1,893
Funded status	1,467	176	(3,065)	(3,761)
Unrecognized actuarial loss		1,772		1,917
Unrecognized prior service cost (credit)		145		(141)
<b>Net amount recognized</b>	\$ 1,467	\$ 2,093	\$ (3,065)	\$ (1,985)
<b>Weighted-average assumptions</b>				
Discount rates	6.2%	5.7%	6.4%	5.9%
Rate of compensation increase	3.9%	3.8%		

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The amounts recognized at October 31 in millions of dollars consist of the following:

	Pensions		Health Care and Life Insurance	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Amounts recognized in balance sheet</b>				
Prepaid cost		\$ 2,642		
Accrued liability		(697)	\$ (1,985)	
Intangible asset		9		
Accumulated pretax charge to other comprehensive income		139		
Net amount recognized		\$ 2,093	\$ (1,985)	
<b>Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income pretax</b>				
Noncurrent asset	\$ 1,976			
Current liability	(32)		\$ (23)	
Noncurrent liability	(477)		(3,042)	
Total	\$ 1,467		\$ (3,065)	
<b>Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income pretax</b>				
Net actuarial losses	\$ 688		\$ 1,102	
Prior service cost (credit)	114		(77)	
Total	\$ 802		\$ 1,025	

The total accumulated benefit obligations for all pension plans at October 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$8,131 million and \$8,322 million, respectively.

The accumulated benefit obligations and fair value of plan assets for pension plans with accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets were \$741 million and \$312 million, respectively, at October 31, 2007 and \$805 million and \$111 million, respectively, at October 31, 2006. The projected benefit obligations and fair value of plan assets for pension plans with projected benefit obligations in excess of plan assets were \$877 million and \$368 million, respectively, at October 31, 2007 and \$927 million and \$158 million, respectively, at October 31, 2006.

The amounts in accumulated other comprehensive income that are expected to be amortized as net expense (income) during fiscal 2008 in millions of dollars follow:

	Pensions	HealthCare and Life Insurance
Net actuarial losses	\$ 40	\$ 92
Prior service cost (credit)	26	(17)
Total	\$ 66	\$ 75

The company expects to contribute approximately \$134 million to its pension plans and approximately \$294 million to its health care and life insurance plans in 2008, which include direct benefit payments on unfunded plans. These expected contributions also include voluntary contributions to pension plan assets of approximately \$80 million and health care plan assets of approximately \$220 million during 2008.



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The benefits expected to be paid from the benefit plans, which reflect expected future years of service, and the Medicare subsidy expected to be received are as follows in millions of dollars:

	Pensions	Health Care and Life Insurance	Health Care Subsidy Receipts*
2008	\$ 578	\$ 327	\$ 15
2009	587	346	17
2010	591	364	18
2011	605	381	19
2012	615	395	20
2013 to 2017	3,274	2,178	120

\* Medicare Part D subsidy.

The annual rates of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits (the health care cost trend rates) used to determine benefit obligations at October 31, 2007 were based on the trends for medical and prescription drug claims for pre- and post-65 age groups due to the effects of Medicare. The weighted-average composite trend rates were assumed to be 8.0 percent for 2008, 7.1 percent for 2009, 6.3 percent for 2010, 5.8 percent for 2011, 5.2 percent for 2012 and 5.0 percent for 2013 and all future years. The obligations at October 31, 2006 assumed 8.1 percent for 2007, 7.1 percent for 2008, 6.1 percent for 2009, 5.4 percent for 2010 and 5.0 percent for 2011 and all future years. An increase of one percentage point in the assumed health care cost trend rate would increase the accumulated postretirement benefit obligations at October 31, 2007 by \$528 million and the aggregate of service and interest cost component of net periodic postretirement benefits cost for the year by \$52 million. A decrease of one percentage point would decrease the obligations by \$443 million and the cost by \$42 million.

The discount rate assumptions used to determine the postretirement obligations at October 31, 2007 and 2006 were based on a hypothetical AA yield curve represented by a series of annualized individual discount rates. Each bond issue underlying the yield curve is required to have a rating of Aa or better by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. or a rating AA or better by Standard & Poor's.

The following is the percentage allocation for plan assets at October 31:

	Pensions		Health Care	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Equity securities	34%	57%	51%	57%
Debt securities	43	20	35	28
Real estate	4	4	3	3
Other	19	19	11	12

The primary investment objective is to maximize the growth of the pension and health care plan assets to meet the projected obligations to the beneficiaries over a long period of time, and to do so in a manner that is consistent with the company's earnings strength and risk tolerance. Asset allocation policy is the most important decision in managing the assets and it is reviewed regularly. The asset allocation policy considers the company's financial strength and long-term asset class risk/return expectations since the obligations are long-term in nature. On an on-going basis, the target allocations for pension assets are approximately 35 percent for equity securities, 43 percent for debt securities, 4 percent for real estate and 18 percent for other, and for health care assets are approximately 48 percent for equity securities, 38 percent for debt securities, 3 percent for real estate and 11 percent for other. The assets are well diversified and are managed by professional investment firms as well as by investment professionals who are company employees.



The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets reflects management's expectations of long-term average rates of return on funds invested to provide for benefits included in the projected benefit obligations. The expected return is based on the outlook for inflation, fixed income returns and equity returns, while also considering historical returns, asset allocation and investment strategy. Although not a guarantee of future results, the average annual return of the company's U.S. pension fund was approximately 9 percent during the past ten years and approximately 12 percent during the past 20 years.

The company has created certain Voluntary Employees Beneficiary Association trusts (VEBAs) for the funding of postretirement health care benefits. The future expected asset returns for these VEBAs are lower than the expected return on the other pension and health care plan assets due to investment in a higher proportion of short-term liquid securities. These assets are in addition to the other postretirement health care plan assets that have been funded under Section 401(h) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and maintained in a separate account in the company's pension plan trust.

See Note 25 for defined contribution plans related to employee investment and savings.

## 6. INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes from continuing operations by taxing jurisdiction and by significant component consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006	2005
<b>Current:</b>			
U.S.:			
Federal	\$ 484	\$ 448	\$ 422
State	40	28	32
Foreign	354	260	284
Total current	878	736	738
<b>Deferred:</b>			
U.S.:			
Federal	(2)	3	(24)
State	8	6	(17)
Foreign	(1)	(3)	2
Total deferred	5	6	(39)
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 883</b>	<b>\$ 742</b>	<b>\$ 699</b>

Based upon location of the company's operations, the consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes in the U.S. in 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$1,601 million, \$1,431 million and \$1,226 million, respectively, and in foreign countries was \$1,075 million, \$743 million and \$881 million, respectively. Certain foreign operations are branches of Deere & Company and are, therefore, subject to U.S., as well as foreign income tax regulations. The pretax income by location

and the preceding analysis of the income tax provision by taxing jurisdiction are, therefore, not directly related.

A comparison of the statutory and effective income tax provision from continuing operations and reasons for related differences in millions of dollars follow:

	2007		2006		2005	
<b>U.S. federal income tax provision at a statutory rate of 35 percent</b>	\$	936	\$	761	\$	737
<b>Increase (decrease) resulting from:</b>						
State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax benefit		32		22		10
Taxes on foreign activities		(24)		8		(6)
Nondeductible costs and other-net		(61)		(49)		(42)
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>	\$	883	\$	742	\$	699

In October 2004, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the Act) was signed into law. The Act introduced a special one-time dividends received deduction on the repatriation of certain foreign earnings to a U.S. taxpayer (repatriation provision), provided certain criteria are met. The deduction is 85 percent of certain foreign earnings that are repatriated. During 2005, the company recognized a tax benefit of approximately \$15 million, related to the repatriation of foreign earnings under the Act.

At October 31, 2007, accumulated earnings in certain subsidiaries outside the U.S. totaled \$814 million for which no provision for U.S. income taxes or foreign withholding taxes has been made, because it is expected that such earnings will be reinvested overseas indefinitely. Determination of the amount of unrecognized deferred tax liability on these unremitted earnings is not practical.

Deferred income taxes arise because there are certain items that are treated differently for financial accounting than for income tax reporting purposes. An analysis of the deferred income tax assets and liabilities at October 31 in millions of dollars follows:

	2007		2006	
	Deferred Tax Assets	Deferred Tax Liabilities	Deferred Tax Assets	Deferred Tax Liabilities
Other postretirement benefit liabilities	\$ 1,282	\$	\$ 825	\$
Pension assets - net		\$ 646		\$ 845
Accrual for sales allowances	350		327	
Tax over book depreciation		237		214
Accrual for employee benefits	212		195	
Lease transactions		127		144
Tax loss and tax credit carryforwards	118		132	
Allowance for credit losses	88		77	
Minimum pension liability adjustment			51	
Intercompany profit in inventory	49		51	
Stock option compensation	45		26	
Deferred compensation	30		27	
Undistributed foreign earnings		20		19
Other items	259	131	181	103
Less valuation allowances	(56)		(50)	
<b>Deferred income tax assets and liabilities</b>	\$ 2,377	\$ 1,161	\$ 1,842	\$ 1,325

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Deere & Company files a consolidated federal income tax return in the U.S., which includes the wholly-owned Financial Services subsidiaries. These subsidiaries account for income taxes generally as if they filed separate income tax returns.

At October 31, 2007, certain tax loss and tax credit carryforwards for \$118 million were available with \$85 million expiring from 2008 through 2027 and \$33 million with an unlimited expiration date.

### 7. OTHER INCOME AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

The major components of other income and other operating expenses from continuing operations consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006	2005
<b>Other income</b>			
Revenues from services*	\$ 314	\$ 251	\$ 157
Investment income	83	89	25
Securitization and servicing fee income	23	37	48
Other*	118	110	120
Total	\$ 538	\$ 487	\$ 350
<b>Other operating expenses</b>			
Depreciation of equipment on operating leases	\$ 297	\$ 269	\$ 237
Cost of services*	248	203	103
Debt repurchase		70	
Other*	20	3	41
Total	\$ 565	\$ 545	\$ 381

\* Certain reclassifications from other to service revenues and costs were made in 2006 and 2005 consistent with the 2007 presentation.

### 8. UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATED COMPANIES

Unconsolidated affiliated companies are companies in which Deere & Company generally owns 20 percent to 50 percent of the outstanding voting shares. Deere & Company does not control these companies and accounts for its investments in them on the equity basis. The investments in these companies primarily consist of Deere-Hitachi Construction Machinery Corporation (50 percent ownership), Bell Equipment Limited (32 percent ownership) and A&I Products (36 percent ownership). The unconsolidated affiliated companies primarily manufacture or market equipment. Deere & Company's share of the income of these companies is reported in the consolidated income statement under Equity in Income of Unconsolidated Affiliates. The investment in these companies is reported in the consolidated balance sheet under Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates.

Combined financial information of the unconsolidated affiliated companies in millions of dollars is as follows:

Operations	2007	2006	2005
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Sales	\$	2,026	\$	2,062	\$	1,983
Net income		79		54		14
Deere & Company's equity in net income		29		21		6

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<b>Financial Position</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>2006</b>	
Total assets	\$	1,081	\$	968
Total external borrowings		140		86
Total net assets		385		293
Deere & Company's share of the net assets		150		124

## 9. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

All marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale, with unrealized gains and losses shown as a component of stockholders' equity. Realized gains or losses from the sales of marketable securities are based on the specific identification method.

The amortized cost and fair value of marketable securities for continuing operations at October 31 in millions of dollars follow:

	<b>Amortized Cost or Cost</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Gains</b>	<b>Gross Unrealized Losses</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
<b>2007</b>				
U.S. government debt securities	\$ 228	\$ 2		\$ 230
Municipal debt securities	135			135
Corporate debt securities	555	1		556
Mortgage-backed debt securities	303	1		304
Asset backed securities	254			254
Other debt securities	144			144
<b>Marketable securities</b>	<b>\$ 1,619</b>	<b>\$ 4</b>		<b>\$ 1,623</b>
<b>2006</b>				
U.S. government debt securities	\$ 363		\$ (1)	\$ 362
Municipal debt securities	134			134
Corporate debt securities	549	\$ 1		550
Mortgage-backed debt securities	284			284
Asset backed securities	239			239
Other debt securities	248			248
<b>Marketable securities</b>	<b>\$ 1,817</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 1,817</b>

The contractual maturities of debt securities at October 31, 2007 in millions of dollars follow:

	<b>Amortized Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Due in one year or less	\$ 243	\$ 243
Due after one through five years	909	912
Due after five through 10 years	110	110
Due after 10 years	357	358
<b>Debt securities</b>	<b>\$ 1,619</b>	<b>\$ 1,623</b>

Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because some securities may be called or prepaid. Proceeds from the sales of available-for-sale securities from continuing operations were \$1,379 million in 2007, \$2,157 million in 2006 and \$917 in 2005. Realized gains were \$4 million and \$.4 million and realized losses were \$10 million and \$4 million in 2007 and 2006, respectively. Realized gains and losses

were not significant in 2005. Unrealized gains and losses, the increase (decrease) in net unrealized gains or losses and unrealized losses that have been continuous for over twelve months were not significant in any years presented. Unrealized losses at October 31, 2006 were primarily the result of an increase in interest rates and were not recognized in income due to the ability and intent to hold to maturity. Losses related to impairment write-downs were \$7 million in 2007 and were not significant for any other years presented.

## 10. TRADE ACCOUNTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE

Trade accounts and notes receivable at October 31 consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
Trade accounts and notes:		
Agricultural	\$ 1,867	\$ 1,647
Commercial and consumer	658	711
Construction and forestry	530	680
<b>Trade accounts and notes receivable net</b>	<b>\$ 3,055</b>	<b>\$ 3,038</b>

At October 31, 2007 and 2006, dealer notes included in the previous table were \$413 million and \$398 million, and the allowance for doubtful trade receivables was \$64 million and \$62 million, respectively.

The Equipment Operations sell a significant portion of newly originated trade receivables to the credit operations and provide compensation to the credit operations at market rates of interest for these receivables.

Trade accounts and notes receivable primarily arise from sales of goods to independent dealers. Under the terms of the sales to dealers, interest is charged to dealers on outstanding balances, from the earlier of the date when goods are sold to retail customers by the dealer or the expiration of certain interest-free periods granted at the time of the sale to the dealer, until payment is received by the company. Dealers cannot cancel purchases after the equipment is shipped and are responsible for payment even if the equipment is not sold to retail customers. The interest-free periods are determined based on the type of equipment sold and the time of year of the sale. These periods range from one to twelve months for most equipment. Interest-free periods may not be extended. Interest charged may not be forgiven and interest rates, which exceed the prime rate, are set based on market factors. The company evaluates and assesses dealers on an ongoing basis as to their credit worthiness and generally retains a security interest in the goods associated with these trade receivables. The company is obligated to repurchase goods sold to a dealer upon cancellation or termination of the dealer's contract for such causes as change in ownership and closeout of the business. The company may also in certain circumstances repurchase goods sold to a dealer in order to satisfy a request for goods from another dealer.

Trade accounts and notes receivable have significant concentrations of credit risk in the agricultural, commercial and consumer, and construction and forestry sectors as shown in the previous table. On a geographic basis, there is not a disproportionate concentration of credit risk in any area.

**11. FINANCING RECEIVABLES**

Financing receivables at October 31 consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007		2006	
	Unrestricted/Restricted		Unrestricted/Restricted	
Retail notes:				
Equipment:				
Agricultural	\$ 9,394	\$ 2,027	\$ 7,512	\$ 2,279
Commercial and consumer	1,235		1,231	
Construction and forestry	2,417	571	2,447	462
Recreational products	24		35	
Total	13,070	2,598	11,225	2,741
Wholesale notes	1,303		1,463	
Revolving charge accounts	1,649		1,582	
Financing leases (direct and sales-type)	1,088		927	
Operating loans	287		379	
Total financing receivables	17,397	2,598	15,576	2,741
Less:				
Unearned finance income:				
Equipment notes	1,473	296	1,306	359
Recreational product notes	5		8	
Financing leases	129		114	
Total	1,607	296	1,428	359
Allowance for doubtful receivables	159	13	144	11
<b>Financing receivables net</b>	<b>\$ 15,631</b>	<b>\$ 2,289</b>	<b>\$ 14,004</b>	<b>\$ 2,371</b>

Financing receivables have significant concentrations of credit risk in the agricultural, commercial and consumer, and construction and forestry sectors as shown in the previous table. On a geographic basis, there is not a disproportionate concentration of credit risk in any area. The company retains as collateral a security interest in the equipment associated with retail notes, wholesale notes and financing leases.

Financing receivables at October 31 related to the company's sales of equipment (see note 4) that were included in the table above were unrestricted and consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
Retail notes*:		
Equipment:		
Agricultural	\$ 1,394	\$ 1,217
Commercial and consumer	111	87
Construction and forestry	719	719
Total	2,224	2,023
Wholesale notes	1,303	1,463
Sales-type leases	652	499
Total	4,179	3,985
Less:		
Unearned finance income:		
Equipment notes	255	260
Sales-type leases	67	52

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Total			322		312
<b>Financing receivables related to the company's sales of equipment</b>	\$		3,857	\$	3,673

\* These retail notes generally arise from sales of equipment by company-owned dealers or through direct sales.

Financing receivable installments, including unearned finance income, at October 31 are scheduled as follows in millions of dollars:

Due in months:	2007		2006					
	Unrestricted/Restricted		Unrestricted/Restricted					
0 12	\$	8,068	\$	847	\$	7,364	\$	753
13 24		3,999		766		3,175		707
25 36		2,679		592		2,391		621
37 48		1,590		302		1,522		461
49 60		828		85		876		180
Thereafter		233		6		248		19
<b>Total</b>	\$	17,397	\$	2,598	\$	15,576	\$	2,741

The maximum terms for retail notes are generally seven years for agricultural equipment, seven years for commercial and consumer equipment and five years for construction and forestry equipment. The maximum term for financing leases is generally five years, while the average term for wholesale notes is less than twelve months.

At October 31, 2007 and 2006, the unpaid balances of receivables previously sold by the credit operations were \$453 million and \$1,197 million, respectively. The receivables sold are collateralized by security interests in the related equipment sold to customers. At October 31, 2007 and 2006, worldwide financing receivables administered, which include financing receivables previously sold but still administered, totaled \$18,373 million and \$17,572 million, respectively.

Generally when financing receivables become approximately 120 days delinquent, accrual of finance income is suspended and the estimated uncollectible amount is written off to the allowance for credit losses. Accrual of finance income is resumed when the receivable becomes contractually current and collection doubts are removed. Investments in financing receivables on non-accrual status at October 31, 2007 and 2006 were \$59 million and \$44 million, respectively.

Total financing receivable amounts 60 days or more past due were \$46 million at October 31, 2007, compared with \$45 million at October 31, 2006. These past-due amounts represented .25 percent of the receivables financed at October 31, 2007 and .27 percent at October 31, 2006. The allowance for doubtful financing receivables represented .95 percent and .94 percent of financing receivables outstanding at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. In addition, at October 31, 2007 and 2006, the company's credit operations had \$192 million and \$194 million, respectively, of deposits



withheld from dealers and merchants available for potential credit losses. An analysis of the allowance for doubtful financing receivables follows in millions of dollars:

	2007		2006		2005	
Balance, beginning of the year	\$	155	\$	140	\$	145
Provision charged to operations		62		51		19
Amounts written off		(59)		(39)		(28)
Other changes (primarily translation adjustments)		14		3		4
<b>Balance, end of the year</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140</b>

## 12. SECURITIZATION OF FINANCING RECEIVABLES

The company, as a part of its overall funding strategy, periodically transfers certain financing receivables (retail notes) into special purpose entities (SPEs) as part of its asset-backed securities programs (securitizations) involving its retail notes. For securitizations entered into prior to 2005, the structure of these transactions is such that the transfer of the retail notes met the criteria of sales in accordance with FASB Statement No. 140, Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishment of Liabilities. Beginning in 2005, the transfer of retail notes into new securitization transactions did not meet the sales criteria of FASB Statement No. 140 and are, therefore, accounted for as secured borrowings. SPEs utilized in securitizations of retail notes differ from other entities included in the company's consolidated statements because the assets they hold are legally isolated. For bankruptcy analysis purposes, the company has sold the receivables to the SPEs in a true sale and the SPEs are separate legal entities. Use of the assets held by the SPEs is restricted by terms of the documents governing the securitization transaction. Further information related to the secured borrowings and sales of retail notes is provided below.

### Secured Borrowings

In securitizations of retail notes related to secured borrowings, the retail notes are transferred to certain SPEs which in turn issue debt to investors. The resulting secured borrowings are included in short-term borrowings on the balance sheet as shown in the following table. The securitized retail notes are recorded as Restricted financing receivables - net on the balance sheet. The total restricted assets on the balance sheet related to these securitizations include the restricted financing receivables less an allowance for credit losses, and other assets representing restricted cash as shown in the following table. The SPEs supporting the secured borrowings to which the retail notes are transferred are consolidated unless the company is not the primary beneficiary or the SPE is a qualified special purpose entity as defined in FASB Statement No. 140.

The components of consolidated restricted assets related to secured borrowings in securitization transactions at October 31 were as follows in millions of dollars:

	2007		2006	
Restricted financing receivables (retail notes)	\$	2,301	\$	2,382
Allowance for credit losses		(12)		(11)
Other assets		45		82
Total restricted securitized assets	\$	2,334	\$	2,453

The components of consolidated secured borrowings and other liabilities related to securitizations at October 31 were as follows in millions of dollars:

	2007		2006	
Short-term borrowings	\$	2,344	\$	2,403
Accrued interest on borrowings		5		5
Total liabilities related to restricted securitized assets	\$	2,349	\$	2,408

The secured borrowings related to these restricted securitized retail notes are obligations that are payable as the retail notes are liquidated. Repayment of the secured borrowings depends primarily on cash flows generated by the restricted assets. Due to the company's short-term credit rating, cash collections from these restricted assets are not required to be placed into a restricted collection account until immediately prior to the time payment is required to the secured creditors. Under FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an SPE was consolidated that included assets (restricted retail notes) of \$1,494 million and \$1,147 million at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These restricted retail notes are included in the restricted financing receivables related to securitizations shown in the table above. At October 31, 2007, the maximum remaining term of all restricted receivables was approximately six years.

### Sales of Receivables

Prior to 2005, the company periodically transferred certain retail notes into SPEs as part of its securitization program in transactions that were structured such that the transfer of the retail notes met the criteria of sales in accordance with FASB Statement No. 140. The SPEs issue asset-backed securities to investors and use the proceeds of the debt issuance to pay for the retail notes. However, the company retains certain interests in the SPEs' assets including interest-only strips, a reserve account and subordinated certificates. These interests that continue to be held by the company (transferor) are carried at estimated fair value in Other receivables or Other assets on the balance sheet. Gains or losses on sales of the receivables depended in part on the previous carrying amount of the financial assets involved in the transfer, allocated between the assets sold and the interests that continue to be held based on their relative fair values at the date of transfer. The company generally estimates fair values based on the present value of future expected cash flows using management's key assumptions as discussed below. The company retains the rights to certain future cash flows and in the U.S. transactions receives annual servicing fees approximating one percent of the outstanding balance. No significant balances for servicing assets or liabilities exist because the benefits received for servicing are just adequate to compensate the servicer for the costs of providing the servicing. The company's maximum exposure under recourse provisions related to securitized sold retail notes at October 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$20 million and \$109 million, respectively. The recourse provisions contractually specified by the documents governing the securitization transaction are contingent liabilities that are remote at this time. Except for this exposure, the investors and securitization trusts have no recourse to the

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company for failure of debtors to pay when due. The interests that continue to be held by the company, are subordinate to investors' interests and their values are subject to certain key assumptions as shown below. The total assets of the unconsolidated SPEs related to these securitizations at October 31, 2007 and 2006 were \$120 million and \$994 million, respectively. At October 31, 2007, the maximum remaining term of these receivables sold was approximately three years.

Cash flows received from securitization trusts for retail notes sold in prior years in millions of dollars were as follows:

	2007		2006		2005	
Servicing fees received	\$	6	\$	13	\$	22
Other cash flows received	\$	18	\$	27	\$	46

The company has utilized a revolving multi-bank conduit facility to securitize floating rate retail notes that were structured as either sales or secured borrowings. In September 2007, the company amended the facility and simultaneously repurchased \$264 million of retail notes previously sold into the facility.

Components of interests that continue to be held by the company in securitized retail notes sold at October 31 in millions of dollars follow:

	2007		2006	
Interest only strips			\$	41
Reserve accounts held for benefit of securitization entities	\$	13		48
Subordinated certificates		4		9
Total	\$	17	\$	98

The total interests that continue to be held by the company, weighted-average life, weighted-average current key economic assumptions and the sensitivity analysis showing the hypothetical effects on these interests from immediate 10 percent and 20 percent adverse changes in those assumptions with dollars in millions were as follows:

	2007		2006	
<b>Securitized retail notes sold</b>				
Carrying amount/fair value of interests that continue to be held by the company	\$	17	\$	98
Weighted-average life (in months)		9		11
Prepayment speed assumption (annual rate)		12%		16%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	\$	*	\$	.2
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	\$	*	\$	.3
Expected credit losses (annual rate)		.80%		.46%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	\$	*	\$	.4
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	\$	.1	\$	.7
Residual cash flows discount rate (annual)		13%		11%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change	\$	.1	\$	1.9
Impact on fair value of 20% adverse change	\$	.1	\$	3.8

\* Impacts are less than \$.1 million.

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These sensitivities are hypothetical changes in fair value and cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the changes in assumption to the changes in fair value may not be linear. Also, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption is calculated without changing any other assumption, whereas changes in one factor may result in changes in another. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that actual results would be consistent with the results of these estimates.

Principal balances of owned, securitized retail notes sold and total managed retail notes; past due amounts; and credit losses (net of recoveries) as of and for the years ended October 31, in millions of dollars follow:

	Principal Outstanding	Principal 60 Days or More Past Due	Net Credit Losses
<b>2007</b>			
Owned	\$ 13,652	\$ 24	\$ 24
Securitized retail notes sold	107	1	1
Managed	\$ 13,759	\$ 25	\$ 25
<b>2006</b>			
Owned	\$ 11,888	\$ 19	\$ 10
Securitized retail notes sold	898	6	2
Managed	\$ 12,786	\$ 25	\$ 12

### 13. OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables for continuing operations at October 31 consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
Taxes receivable	\$ 361	\$ 224
Receivables relating to securitized retail notes sold	13	89
Other	222	135
<b>Other receivables</b>	<b>\$ 596</b>	<b>\$ 448</b>

The credit operations receivables related to securitizations are equal to the present value of payments to be received for certain interests that continue to be held by the company and deposits made with other entities for recourse provisions under the retail note sales agreements (see Note 12).

### 14. EQUIPMENT ON OPERATING LEASES

Operating leases arise primarily from the leasing of John Deere equipment to retail customers. Initial lease terms generally range from 36 to 60 months. Net equipment on operating leases totaled \$1,705 million and \$1,494 million at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the terms of the leases. The accumulated depreciation on this equipment was \$520 million and \$460 million at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The corresponding depreciation expense was \$297 million in 2007, \$269 million in 2006 and \$237 million in 2005.

Future payments to be received on operating leases totaled \$779 million at October 31, 2007 and are scheduled as follows in millions of dollars: 2008 \$339, 2009 \$227, 2010 \$133, 2011 \$63 and 2012 \$17.

**15. INVENTORIES**

Most inventories owned by Deere & Company and its United States equipment subsidiaries are valued at cost, on the last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis. Remaining inventories are generally valued at the lower of cost, on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis, or market. The value of gross inventories on the LIFO basis represented 58 percent and 60 percent of worldwide

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gross inventories at FIFO value on October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. If all inventories had been valued on a FIFO basis, estimated inventories by major classification at October 31 in millions of dollars would have been as follows:

	2007		2006
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 882	\$	712
Work-in-process	425		372
Finished machines and parts	2,263		2,013
Total FIFO value	3,570		3,097
Less adjustment to LIFO value	1,233		1,140
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>\$ 2,337</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,957</b>

## 16. PROPERTY AND DEPRECIATION

A summary of property and equipment for continuing operations at October 31 in millions of dollars follows:

	Useful Lives* (Years)	2007		2006
<b>Equipment Operations</b>				
Land		\$ 83	\$	83
Buildings and building equipment	25	1,795		1,592
Machinery and equipment	10	3,355		3,088
Dies, patterns, tools, etc	7	920		931
All other	5	594		591
Construction in progress		245		231
Total at cost		6,992		6,516
Less accumulated depreciation		4,271		4,102
Total		2,721		2,414
<b>Financial Services</b>				
Land		4		4
Buildings and building equipment	29	40		39
Machinery and equipment	10	91		65
All other	6	34		36
Construction in progress		691		245
Total at cost		860		389
Less accumulated depreciation		47		39
Total		813		350
<b>Property and equipment-net</b>		<b>\$ 3,534</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,764</b>

\* Weighted-averages

Leased property under capital leases amounting to \$23 million and \$15 million at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, is included in property and equipment.

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Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Total property and equipment additions in 2007, 2006 and 2005 for continuing operations were \$1,064 million, \$781 million and \$523 million and depreciation was \$402 million, \$379 million and \$354 million, respectively. Capitalized interest was \$31 million, \$6 million and \$2 million in the same periods, respectively. Financial Services property and equipment additions included above were \$476 million, \$292 million and \$46 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005 and depreciation was \$13 million, \$8 million and \$5 million, respectively. The increase in Financial Services additions in 2007 and 2006 was primarily due to wind turbines related to investments in wind energy generation.

Capitalized software is stated at cost less accumulated amortization, and the estimated useful life is three years. The amounts of total capitalized software costs, including purchased and internally developed software, classified as Other Assets for continuing operations at October 31, 2007 and 2006 were \$345 million and \$322 million, less accumulated amortization of \$270 million and \$258 million, respectively. Amortization of these software costs was \$33 million in 2007, \$32 million in 2006 and \$35 million in 2005.

The cost of compliance with foreseeable environmental requirements has been accrued and did not have a material effect on the company's financial position or results of operations.

### 17. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS-NET

The amounts of goodwill by operating segment were as follows in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
Agricultural equipment	\$ 174	\$ 180
Commercial and consumer equipment	448	357
Construction and forestry	612	573
<b>Goodwill</b>	<b>\$ 1,234</b>	<b>\$ 1,110</b>

The goodwill in the agricultural equipment segment decreased by approximately \$23 million in 2007 due to an adjustment of the goodwill related to a 2006 acquisition and the recognition of identifiable intangible assets from the acquisition. The goodwill in the commercial and consumer equipment segment increased by \$92 million in 2007 due to an acquisition (see Note 1). The remaining changes in goodwill were primarily due to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

The components of other intangible assets are as follows in millions of dollars:

	Useful Lives* (Years)	2007	2006
<b>Amortized intangible assets:</b>			
Customer lists and relationships	14	\$ 78	\$ 52
Gross patents, licenses and other	18	74	11
Total at cost		152	63
Less accumulated amortization		29	16
Total		123	47
<b>Unamortized intangible assets:</b>			
Trademark		8	
Intangible asset related to minimum pension liability**			9

<b>Other intangible assets-net</b>	\$	131	\$	56
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\* Weighted-averages

\*\* Before adoption of FASB Statement No. 158.

Other intangible assets, excluding the intangible pension asset, are stated at cost less accumulated amortization. The amortization of other intangible assets in 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$12 million, \$11 million and \$2 million, respectively. The estimated amortization expense for the next five years are as follows in millions of dollars: 2008 - \$13, 2009 - \$11, 2010 - \$11, 2011 - \$10, and 2012 - \$10.



**18. SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS**

Short-term borrowings at October 31 consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
<b>Equipment Operations</b>		
Commercial paper	\$ 34	\$ 228
Notes payable to banks	90	47
Long-term borrowings due within one year	6	7
Total	130	282
<b>Financial Services</b>		
Commercial paper	2,803	2,352
Notes payable to banks	77	13
Notes payable related to securitizations (see below)	2,344	2,403
Long-term borrowings due within one year	4,615	3,071
Total	9,839	7,839
<b>Short-term borrowings</b>	<b>\$ 9,969</b>	<b>\$ 8,121</b>

The notes payable related to securitizations for Financial Services are secured by restricted financing receivables (retail notes) on the balance sheet (see Note 12). Although these notes payable are classified as short-term since payment is required if the retail notes are liquidated early, the payment schedule for these borrowings of \$2,344 million at October 31, 2007 based on the expected liquidation of the retail notes in millions of dollars is as follows: 2008 - \$1,015, 2009 - \$713, 2010 - \$438, 2011 - \$156, 2012 - \$22.

The weighted-average interest rates on total short-term borrowings, excluding current maturities of long-term borrowings, at October 31, 2007 and 2006 were 5.1 percent in both years. All of the Financial Services short-term borrowings represent obligations of the credit subsidiaries.

Lines of credit available from U.S. and foreign banks were \$3,894 million at October 31, 2007. Some of these credit lines are available to both Deere & Company and John Deere Capital Corporation (Capital Corporation). At October 31, 2007, \$904 million of these worldwide lines of credit were unused. For the purpose of computing the unused credit lines, commercial paper and short-term bank borrowings, excluding secured borrowings and the current portion of long-term borrowings, were considered to constitute utilization.

Included in the above lines of credit was a long-term credit facility agreement for \$3.75 billion, expiring in February 2012. The agreement is mutually extendable and the annual facility fee is not significant. The credit agreement requires the Capital Corporation to maintain its consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges at not less than 1.05 to 1 for each fiscal quarter and the ratio of senior debt, excluding securitization indebtedness, to capital base (total subordinated debt and stockholders' equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)) at not more than 9.5 to 1 at the end of any fiscal quarter. The credit agreement also requires the Equipment Operations to maintain a ratio of total debt to total capital (total debt and stockholders' equity excluding accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)) of 65 percent or less at the end of each fiscal quarter according to accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. in effect at October 31, 2006. Under this provision, the company's excess equity capacity and retained earnings balance free of restriction at October 31, 2007 was \$6,661 million. Alternatively under this provision, the Equipment Operations had the capacity to incur additional debt of \$12,370 million at October 31, 2007. All of these requirements of the credit agreement have been met during the periods included in the financial statements.

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Deere & Company has an agreement with the Capital Corporation pursuant to which it has agreed to continue to own at least 51 percent of the voting shares of capital stock of the Capital Corporation and to maintain the Capital Corporation's consolidated tangible net worth at not less than \$50 million. This agreement also obligates Deere & Company to make income maintenance payments to the Capital Corporation such that its consolidated ratio of earnings to fixed charges is not less than 1.05 to 1 for each fiscal quarter. Deere & Company's obligations to make payments to the Capital Corporation under the agreement are independent of whether the Capital Corporation is in default on its indebtedness, obligations or other liabilities. Further, Deere & Company's obligations under the agreement are not measured by the amount of the Capital Corporation's indebtedness, obligations or other liabilities. Deere & Company's obligations to make payments under this agreement are expressly stated not to be a guaranty of any specific indebtedness, obligation or liability of the Capital Corporation and are enforceable only by or in the name of the Capital Corporation. No payments were required under this agreement during the periods included in the financial statements.

### 19. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at October 31 for continuing operations consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
<b>Equipment Operations</b>		
Accounts payable:		
Trade payables	\$ 1,691	\$ 1,246
Dividends payable	110	89
Other	101	62
Accrued expenses:		
Employee benefits	1,060	981
Product warranties	549	507
Dealer sales program discounts	390	378
Dealer sales volume discounts	266	220
Other	717	632
Total	4,884	4,115
<b>Financial Services</b>		
Accounts payable:		
Deposits withheld from dealers and merchants	192	194
Other	251	178
Accrued expenses:		
Unearned revenue	236	204
Interest payable	140	129
Employee benefits	73	69
Other	32	29
Total	924	803
Eliminations*	450	435
<b>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,358</b>	<b>\$ 4,483</b>

\* Primarily trade receivable valuation accounts which are reclassified as accrued expenses by the Equipment Operations as a result of their trade receivables being sold to Financial Services.

**20. LONG-TERM BORROWINGS**

Long-term borrowings at October 31 consisted of the following in millions of dollars:

	2007	2006
<b>Equipment Operations**</b>		
Notes and debentures:		
7.85% debentures due 2010	\$ 306	\$ 306
6.95% notes due 2014: (\$700 principal) Swapped to variable interest rates of 6.1% 2007, 6.4% 2006	743*	734*
8.95% debentures due 2019	56	56
8-1/2% debentures due 2022	105	105
6.55% debentures due 2028	200	200
8.10% debentures due 2030	250	250
7.125% notes due 2031	300	300
Other notes	13	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>1,969</b>
<b>Financial Services**</b>		
Notes and debentures:		
Medium-term notes due 2008 2017: (principal \$6,842 - 2007, \$5,820 - 2006) Average interest rates of 5.1% 2007, 4.8% 2006	6,850*	5,805*
3.90% notes due 2008: (\$850 principal) Swapped \$350 to variable interest rates of 5.9% 2006		839*
6% notes due 2009: (\$300 principal) Swapped to variable interest rate of 5.6% 2006	303*	304*
7% notes due 2012: (\$1,500 principal) Swapped \$1,225 to variable interest rates of 6.7% 2007, 6.4% 2006	1,580*	1,570*
5.10% debentures due 2013: (\$650 principal) Swapped to variable interest rates of 5.9% 2007, 6.1% 2006	640*	626*
Other notes	452	471
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>9,615</b>
<b>Long-term borrowings</b>	<b>\$ 11,798</b>	<b>\$ 11,584</b>

\* Includes fair value adjustments related to interest rate swaps.

\*\* All interest rates are as of year end.

All of the Financial Services long-term borrowings represent obligations of the credit subsidiaries.

The approximate principal amounts of the Equipment Operations long-term borrowings maturing in each of the next five years in millions of dollars are as follows: 2008 \$6, 2009 \$9, 2010 \$312, 2011 none and 2012 none. The approximate principal amounts of the credit subsidiaries long-term borrowings maturing in each of the next five years in millions of dollars are as follows: 2008 \$4,619, 2009 \$3,899, 2010 \$1,975, 2011 \$944 and 2012 \$1,881.

**21. LEASES**

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At October 31, 2007, future minimum lease payments under capital leases amounted to \$29 million as follows: 2008 \$3, 2009 \$3, 2010 \$3, 2011 \$2, 2012 \$2 and later years \$16. Total rental expense for operating leases was \$126 million in 2007, \$118 million in 2006 and \$111 million in 2005. At October 31, 2007, future minimum lease payments under operating leases amounted to \$358 million as follows: 2008 \$100, 2009 \$73, 2010 \$47, 2011 \$32, 2012 \$26 and later years \$80.

## 22. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

The company generally determines its total warranty liability by applying historical claims rate experience to the estimated amount of equipment that has been sold and is still under warranty based on dealer inventories and retail sales. The historical claims rate is primarily determined by a review of five-year claims costs and current quality developments.

A reconciliation of the changes in the warranty liability in millions of dollars follows:

	Warranty Liability			
	2007		2006	
Beginning of year balance	\$	507	\$	535
Payments		(480)		(509)
Accruals for warranties		522		481
End of year balance	\$	549	\$	507

The premiums for the Equipment Operations extended warranties are primarily recognized in income in proportion to the costs expected to be incurred over the contract period. These unamortized warranty premiums totaled \$77 million and \$45 million at October 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The company has certain recourse obligations on financing receivables that it has previously sold. If the receivables sold are not collected, the company would be required to cover those losses up to the amount of its recourse obligation. At October 31, 2007, the maximum amount of exposure to losses under these agreements was \$30 million. The estimated credit risk associated with sold receivables totaled \$1 million at October 31, 2007. This risk of loss is recognized primarily in the interests that continue to be held by the company and recorded on its balance sheet (see Note 12). The company may recover a portion of any required payments incurred under these agreements from the repossession of the equipment collateralizing the receivables. At October 31, 2007, the maximum remaining term of the receivables guaranteed was approximately three years.

At October 31, 2007, the company had approximately \$190 million of guarantees issued primarily to banks outside the U.S. and Canada related to third-party receivables for the retail financing of John Deere equipment. The company may recover a portion of any required payments incurred under these agreements from repossession of the equipment collateralizing the receivables. At October 31, 2007, the company had accrued losses of approximately \$6 million under these agreements. The maximum remaining term of the receivables guaranteed at October 31, 2007 was approximately eight years.

The credit operations subsidiary, John Deere Risk Protection, Inc., offers crop insurance products through a managing general agency agreement (Agreement) with an insurance company (Insurance Carrier) rated Excellent by A.M. Best Company. As a managing general agent, John Deere Risk Protection, Inc. will receive commissions from the Insurance Carrier for selling crop insurance to producers. The credit operations have guaranteed certain obligations under the Agreement, including the obligation to pay the Insurance



Carrier for any uncollected premiums. At October 31, 2007, the maximum exposure for uncollected premiums was approximately \$57 million. Substantially all of the credit operations' crop insurance risk under the Agreement has been mitigated by a syndicate of private reinsurance companies. The reinsurance companies are rated Excellent or higher by A.M. Best Company. In the event of a widespread catastrophic crop failure throughout the U.S. and the default of these highly rated private reinsurance companies on their reinsurance obligations, the credit operations would be required to reimburse the Insurance Carrier for exposure under the Agreement of approximately \$489 million at October 31, 2007. The credit operations believe that the likelihood of the occurrence of events that give rise to the exposures under this Agreement is substantially remote and as a result, at October 31, 2007, the credit operations' accrued liability under the Agreement was not material.

At October 31, 2007, the company had commitments of approximately \$379 million for the construction and acquisition of property and equipment. At October 31, 2007, the company also had pledged or restricted assets of \$144 million, primarily as collateral for borrowings. Also, see Note 12 for restricted assets associated with borrowings related to securitizations.

The company also had other miscellaneous contingent liabilities totaling approximately \$55 million at October 31, 2007, for which it believes the probability for payment is remote.

The company is subject to various unresolved legal actions which arise in the normal course of its business, the most prevalent of which relate to product liability (including asbestos related liability), retail credit, software licensing, patent and trademark matters. Although it is not possible to predict with certainty the outcome of these unresolved legal actions or the range of possible loss, the company believes these unresolved legal actions will not have a material effect on its financial statements.

### 23. CAPITAL STOCK

Changes in the common stock account in millions were as follows:

	Number of Shares Issued*	Amount
Balance at October 31, 2004	536.4	\$ 2,044
Stock options and other		38
Balance at October 31, 2005	536.4	2,082
Stock options and other**		122
Balance at October 31, 2006**	536.4	2,204
Transfer from retained earnings for two-for-one stock split		268
Stock options and other		305
<b>Balance at October 31, 2007</b>	<b>536.4</b>	<b>\$ 2,777</b>

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

\*\* See Note 1 for reclassification.

On November 14, 2007, the stockholders of the company approved a two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a 100 percent stock dividend to stockholders of record on November 26, 2007, distributed on December 3, 2007. This stock split has been recorded as of October 31, 2007 by a transfer of \$268 million from retained earnings to common stock, representing a \$1 par value for each additional share issued. The number of

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common shares the company is authorized to issue was also increased from 600 million to 1,200 million. The number of authorized preferred shares, none of which has been issued, remained at nine million.

In May 2007, the board of directors authorized plans to repurchase up to 40 million (post stock split) additional shares of common stock. The new repurchase plan went into effect after the previous 52 million (post stock split) share repurchase plan, announced in November 2005, was completed in August 2007. Repurchases will be made at the company's discretion in the open market.

A reconciliation of basic and diluted income per share follows in millions, except per share amounts:

	2007		2006		2005
<b>Continuing Operations:</b>					
Income	\$ 1,821.7	\$	1,453.2	\$	1,414.0
Average shares outstanding*	449.3		466.8		486.6
<b>Basic income per share*</b>	<b>\$ 4.05</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3.11</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2.90</b>
Average shares outstanding*	449.3		466.8		486.6
Effect of dilutive stock options*	5.7		4.8		6.3
Total potential shares outstanding*	455.0		471.6		492.9
<b>Diluted income per share*</b>	<b>\$ 4.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2.87</b>
<b>Total Operations:</b>					
Net Income	\$ 1,821.7	\$	1,693.8	\$	1,446.8
Average shares outstanding*	449.3		466.8		486.6
<b>Basic net income per share*</b>	<b>\$ 4.05</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2.97</b>
Total potential shares outstanding*	455.0		471.6		492.9
<b>Diluted net income per share*</b>	<b>\$ 4.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2.94</b>

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

All stock options outstanding were included in the computation during 2007, 2006 and 2005, except 18 thousand stock options in 2006 on a post stock split basis that had an antidilutive effect under the treasury stock method.

### 24. STOCK OPTION AND RESTRICTED STOCK AWARDS

In the first quarter of 2006, the company adopted FASB Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, (see Note 1 for Share-Based Compensation for 2005 information).

The company issues stock options and restricted stock awards to key employees under plans approved by stockholders. Restricted stock is also issued to nonemployee directors for their services as directors under a plan approved by stockholders. Options are awarded with the exercise price equal to the market price and become exercisable in one to three years after grant. Options expire ten years after the date of grant. Restricted stock awards generally vest after three years. The company recognizes the compensation cost on these stock options and restricted stock awards either immediately if the employee is eligible to retire or on a straight-line basis over the vesting period for the entire award. According to these plans at October 31, 2007, the company is authorized to grant an additional 18.7 million shares related to stock options or restricted stock on a post stock split basis.





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The fair value of each option award was estimated on the date of grant using a binomial lattice option valuation model. Expected volatilities are based on implied volatilities from traded call options on the company's stock. The expected volatilities are constructed from the following three components: the starting implied volatility of short-term call options traded within a few days of the valuation date; the predicted implied volatility of long-term call options; and the trend in implied volatilities over the span of the call options' time to maturity. The company uses historical data to estimate option exercise behavior and employee termination within the valuation model. The expected term of options granted is derived from the output of the option valuation model and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free rates utilized for periods throughout the contractual life of the options are based on U.S. Treasury security yields at the time of grant.

The assumptions used for the binomial lattice model to determine the fair value of options follow:

	2007	2006
Risk-free interest rate	4.4% - 5.0%	3.8% - 4.5%
Expected dividends	2.0%	1.8%
Expected volatility	26.2% - 28.8%	25.3% - 27.5%
Weighted-average volatility	26.3%	25.4%
Expected term(in years)	6.7 - 7.6	6.9 - 7.7

Stock option activity at October 31, 2007 and changes during 2007 in millions of dollars and shares except for share price follow:

	Shares	Exercise Price**	Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at beginning of year*	26.4	\$ 28.98		
Granted*	3.2	48.38		
Exercised*	(11.2)	27.40		
Expired or forfeited*	(.1)	37.08		
Outstanding at end of year*	18.3	33.31	6.47	\$ 722.1
Exercisable at end of year*	10.3	28.12	5.54	458.4

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

\*\* Weighted-averages

The weighted-average grant-date fair values of options granted during 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$14.10, \$10.10 and \$9.99 on a post stock split basis, respectively. The total intrinsic values of options exercised during 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$320 million, \$236 million and \$102 million, respectively. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, cash received from stock option exercises was \$286 million, \$328 million and \$154 million with tax benefits of \$119 million, \$87 million and \$38 million, respectively.

The company's nonvested restricted shares at October 31, 2007 and changes during 2007 in millions of dollars and shares follow:

	Shares	Grant-Date FairValue**
Nonvested at beginning of year*	1.4	\$ 33.45

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Granted*	.3	49.13
Vested*	(.5)	31.33
Nonvested at end of year*	1.2	38.09

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\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

\*\* Weighted-averages

During 2007 and 2006, the total share-based compensation expense was \$82 million and \$91 million with an income tax benefit recognized in net income of \$30 million and \$34 million. At October 31, 2007, there was \$28 million of total unrecognized compensation cost from share-based compensation arrangements granted under the plans, which is related to nonvested shares. This compensation is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2 years. The total fair values of stock options and restricted shares vested during 2007, 2006 and 2005 were \$69 million, \$63 million and \$55 million, respectively.

Prior to adoption of the new standard, the pro-forma disclosure used a straight-line amortization of the stock option and restricted stock expense over the vesting period according to the prior standard, FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, which included employees eligible to retire. Under the new standard, the awards granted after the adoption must be recognized in expense over the requisite service period, which is either immediate if the employee is eligible to retire, or over the vesting period if the employee is not eligible to retire. The amount of expense for awards granted prior to adoption of the new standard for employees eligible to retire that continued to be amortized over the nominal vesting period in 2007 and 2006 was approximately \$12 million and \$19 million pretax, \$8 million and \$12 million after-tax (\$.02 per share and \$.03 per share, basic and diluted), respectively.

The company currently uses shares which have been repurchased through its stock repurchase programs to satisfy share option exercises. At October 31, 2007, the company had 96.8 million shares in treasury stock and 34.9 million shares remaining to be repurchased under its current publicly announced 40.0 million share repurchase program on a post stock split basis.

### 25. EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT AND SAVINGS PLANS

The company has defined contribution plans related to employee investment and savings plans primarily in the U.S. Company contributions and costs under these plans were \$114 million in 2007, \$100 million in 2006 and \$81 million in 2005.

**26. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ITEMS**

Other comprehensive income items under FASB Statement No. 130, Reporting Comprehensive Income, are transactions recorded in stockholders' equity during the year, excluding net income and transactions with stockholders. Following are the items included in other comprehensive income (loss) and the related tax effects in millions of dollars:

	Before Tax Amount		Tax (Expense) Credit		After Tax Amount
<b>2005</b>					
Minimum pension liability adjustment	\$	(86)	\$	34	\$ (52)
Cumulative translation adjustment		60		1	61
Unrealized gain on derivatives:					
Hedging gain		6		(2)	4
Reclassification of realized loss to net income		14		(5)	9
Net unrealized gain		20		(7)	13
Unrealized holding loss and net loss on investments*		(9)		3	(6)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$	(15)	\$	31	\$ 16

\* Reclassification of realized gains or losses to net income were not material.

<b>2006</b>					
Minimum pension liability adjustment	\$	34	\$	(13)	\$ 21
Cumulative translation adjustment		73		7	80
Unrealized hedging gain and net gain on derivatives*				1	1
Unrealized loss on investments:					
Holding loss		(5)		2	(3)
Reclassification of realized loss to net income		4		(2)	2
Net unrealized loss		(1)			(1)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$	106	\$	(5)	\$ 101

\* Reclassification of realized gains or losses to net income were not material.

<b>2007</b>					
Minimum pension liability adjustment	\$	104	\$	(38)	\$ 66
Cumulative translation adjustment		325		4	329
Unrealized loss on derivatives:					
Hedging loss		(16)		6	(10)
Reclassification of realized gain to net income		(6)		2	(4)
Net unrealized loss		(22)		8	(14)
Unrealized loss on investments:					
Holding loss		(6)		2	(4)
Reclassification of realized loss to net income		4		(1)	3
Net unrealized loss		(2)		1	(1)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	\$	405	\$	(25)	\$ 380

**27. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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The fair values of financial instruments that do not approximate the carrying values in the financial statements at October 31 in millions of dollars follow:

	2007		2006	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Financing receivables	\$ 15,631	\$ 15,474	\$ 14,004	\$ 13,799
Restricted financing receivables	\$ 2,289	\$ 2,284	\$ 2,371	\$ 2,348
Short-term secured borrowings*	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,356	\$ 2,403	\$ 2,402
Long-term borrowings:				
Equipment Operations	\$ 1,973	\$ 2,172	\$ 1,969	\$ 2,197
Financial Services	9,825	9,897	9,615	9,678
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,798</b>	<b>\$ 12,069</b>	<b>\$ 11,584</b>	<b>\$ 11,875</b>

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\* See Note 18.

### Fair Value Estimates

Fair values of the long-term financing receivables with fixed rates were based on the discounted values of their related cash flows at current market interest rates. The fair values of the remaining financing receivables approximated the carrying amounts.

Fair values of long-term borrowings and short-term secured borrowings with fixed rates were based on the discounted values of their related cash flows at current market interest rates. Certain long-term borrowings have been swapped to current variable interest rates. The carrying values of these long-term borrowings include adjustments related to fair value hedges.

### Derivatives

All derivative instruments are recorded at fair values and classified as either other assets or accounts payable and accrued expenses on the balance sheet (see Note 1).

### Interest Rate Swaps

The company enters into interest rate swap agreements primarily to more closely match the fixed or floating interest rates of the credit operations borrowings to those of the assets being funded. For transactions not designated as hedges under FASB Statement No. 133, the fair value gains or losses from these interest rate swaps are recognized currently in interest expense, generally offsetting the interest expense on the exposures being hedged.

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Certain interest rate swaps were designated as hedges of future cash flows from variable interest rate borrowings. The effective portion of the fair value gains or losses on these cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified into interest expense as payments are accrued and the swaps approach maturity. These amounts offset the effects of interest rate changes on the related borrowings. Gains or losses in other comprehensive income related to cash flow hedges that have been discontinued are amortized to interest expense over the remaining duration of the original forecasted transaction that will still occur. The total amount of gain recorded in other comprehensive income at October 31, 2007 that is expected to be reclassified to interest expense in the next twelve months if interest rates remain unchanged is approximately \$2 million after-tax. These swaps mature in up to forty-one months.

Certain interest rate swaps were designated as fair value hedges of fixed-rate, long-term borrowings. The effective portions of the fair value gains or losses on these swaps were offset by fair value adjustments in the underlying borrowings.

Any ineffective portions of the gains or losses on all cash flow and fair value interest rate swaps designated as hedges were recognized currently in interest expense and were not material. There were no gains or losses reclassified from unrealized in other comprehensive income to realized in earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges because it is probable that the original forecasted transaction will not occur. There were no components of cash flow or fair value hedges that were excluded from the assessment of effectiveness.

The company has certain interest rate swap agreements that are not designated as hedges under FASB Statement No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, and the fair value gains or losses are recognized currently in interest expense. These swaps are used to facilitate certain borrowings.

The cash flows from all interest rate swaps are related to managing interest rate exposures and are recorded in operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

#### **Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts, Swaps and Options**

The company has entered into foreign exchange forward contracts, swaps and options in order to manage the currency exposure of certain receivables, liabilities and expected inventory purchases. For transactions not designated as hedges under FASB Statement No. 133, the fair value gains or losses from these foreign currency derivatives are recognized currently in cost of sales or other operating expenses, generally offsetting the foreign exchange gains or losses on the exposures being managed.

The company has designated certain foreign exchange forward contracts as cash flow hedges of expected inventory purchases. The effective portions of the fair value gains or losses on these cash flow hedges are recorded in other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified into cost of sales as the inventory costs are recognized in cost of sales. These amounts offset the effect of the changes in foreign exchange rates on the related inventory purchases. The amount of the gain recorded in other comprehensive income that is expected to be reclassified to cost of sales in the next twelve months is approximately \$.1 million after-tax. These contracts mature in up to six months.

Any ineffective portions of the gains or losses on all cash flow and fair value foreign exchange contracts and swaps designated as hedges were recognized currently in earnings and were not material. There were no gains or losses reclassified from unrealized in other comprehensive income to realized in earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges because it is probable that the original forecasted transaction will not occur. There were no components of cash flow or fair value hedges that were excluded from the assessment of effectiveness.

The cash flows from foreign exchange forward contracts, swaps and options are related to purchases of inventory and sales of equipment and are recorded in operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

#### **28. SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA DATA FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2007, 2006 AND 2005**

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The company's operations are organized and reported in four major business segments described as follows:

The agricultural equipment segment manufactures and distributes a full line of farm equipment and related service parts including tractors; combine, cotton and sugarcane harvesters; tillage, seeding and soil preparation machinery; sprayers; hay and forage equipment; integrated agricultural management systems technology; and precision agricultural irrigation equipment.

The commercial and consumer equipment segment manufactures and distributes equipment, products and service parts for commercial and residential uses including tractors for lawn, garden, commercial and utility purposes; mowing equipment, including walk-behind mowers; golf course equipment; utility vehicles; landscape and nursery products; irrigation equipment; and other outdoor power products.

The construction and forestry segment manufactures, distributes to dealers and sells at retail a broad range of machines and service parts used in construction, earthmoving, material handling and timber harvesting including backhoe loaders; crawler dozers and loaders; four-wheel-drive loaders; excavators; motor graders; articulated dump trucks; landscape loaders; skid-steer loaders; and log skidders, feller bunchers, log loaders, log forwarders, log harvesters and related attachments.

The products and services produced by the segments above are marketed primarily through independent retail dealer networks and major retail outlets.

The credit segment primarily finances sales and leases by John Deere dealers of new and used agricultural, commercial and consumer, and construction and forestry equipment. In addition, it provides wholesale financing to dealers of the foregoing equipment, provides operating loans, finances retail revolving charge accounts, offers certain crop risk mitigation products and invests in wind energy generation.

The company's tractors and implements segment and the harvesting equipment segment have been aggregated in the agricultural equipment segment described above since they have similar economic characteristics as well as similar products and services, production processes, types of customers and methods used for distribution of their products.

Certain operations do not meet the materiality threshold of FASB Statement No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, and have been grouped together as "Other." Due to the sale of the health care operations in 2006 (see Note 2), the health care operations were reclassified from "Other" to discontinued operations for all years presented. Applicable segment information as follows has been revised for this reclassification. The remaining "Other" information consists of certain miscellaneous service operations that do not meet the materiality threshold.

Because of integrated manufacturing operations and common administrative and marketing support, a substantial number of allocations must be made to determine operating segment and geographic area data. Intersegment sales and revenues represent sales of components and finance charges, which are generally based on market prices.

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Information relating to operations by operating segment in millions of dollars follows. In addition to the following unaffiliated sales and revenues by segment, intersegment sales and revenues in 2007, 2006 and 2005 were as follows: agricultural equipment net sales of \$104 million, \$138 million and \$105 million, construction and forestry net sales of \$9 million, \$10 million and \$13 million, and credit revenues of \$276 million, \$216 million and \$237 million, respectively.

OPERATING SEGMENTS	2007	2006	2005
<b>Net sales and revenues</b>			
Unaffiliated customers:			
Agricultural equipment net sales	\$ 12,121	\$ 10,232	\$ 10,567
Commercial and consumer equipment net sales	4,333	3,877	3,605
Construction and forestry net sales	5,035	5,775	5,229
Total net sales	21,489	19,884	19,401
Credit revenues	2,094	1,819	1,450
Other revenues*	499	445	340
Total	\$ 24,082	\$ 22,148	\$ 21,191

\* Other revenues are primarily the Equipment Operations revenues for finance and interest income, and other income as disclosed in Note 30, net of certain intercompany eliminations.

<b>Operating profit</b>			
Agricultural equipment	\$ 1,443	\$ 882	\$ 970
Commercial and consumer equipment	304	221	183
Construction and forestry	571	802	689
Credit*	548	520	491
Other	5	1	
Total operating profit	2,871	2,426	2,333
Interest income	103	75	103
Investment income	75	83	25
Interest expense	(181)	(193)	(211)
Foreign exchange gain (loss) from equipment operations financing activities	3	12	(7)
Corporate expenses net	(166)	(208)	(130)
Income taxes	(883)	(742)	(699)
Total	(1,049)	(973)	(919)
Income from continuing operations	1,822	1,453	1,414
Income from discontinued operations		241	33
<b>Net income</b>	\$ 1,822	\$ 1,694	\$ 1,447

\* Operating profit of the credit business segment includes the effect of its interest expense and foreign exchange gains or losses.

<b>Interest income*</b>			
Agricultural equipment	\$ 10	\$ 7	\$ 6
Commercial and consumer equipment	6	6	5
Construction and forestry	4	4	4
Credit**	1,758	1,570	1,241
Corporate	103	75	103
Intercompany**	(293)	(295)	(281)
Total	\$ 1,588	\$ 1,367	\$ 1,078

\* Does not include finance rental income for equipment on operating leases.



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\*\* Includes interest income from Equipment Operations for financing trade receivables.

OPERATING SEGMENTS	2007		2006		2005	
<b>Interest expense</b>						
Agricultural equipment*	\$	152	\$	142	\$	138
Commercial and consumer equipment*		56		57		52
Construction and forestry*		39		44		34
Credit		1,017		876		607
Corporate		181		193		211
Intercompany*		(294)		(295)		(281)
Total	\$	1,151	\$	1,017	\$	761

\* Includes interest compensation to credit operations for financing trade receivables.

<b>Depreciation* and amortization expense</b>						
Agricultural equipment	\$	274	\$	255	\$	236
Commercial and consumer equipment		80		82		75
Construction and forestry		75		70		66
Credit		315		284		250
Discontinued operations						9
Total	\$	744	\$	691	\$	636

\* Includes depreciation for equipment on operating leases.

<b>Equity in income (loss) of unconsolidated affiliates</b>						
Agricultural equipment	\$	12	\$	10	\$	8
Commercial and consumer equipment		1		1		(1)
Construction and forestry		16		10		(2)
Credit						1
Total	\$	29	\$	21	\$	6

<b>Identifiable operating assets</b>						
Agricultural equipment	\$	4,227	\$	3,342	\$	3,383
Commercial and consumer equipment		1,689		1,383		1,460
Construction and forestry		2,334		2,386		2,078
Credit		23,518		21,316		19,057
Other		193		157		17
Corporate*		6,615		6,136		7,291
Discontinued operations						351
Total	\$	38,576	\$	34,720	\$	33,637

\* Corporate assets are primarily the Equipment Operations retirement benefits, deferred income tax assets, marketable securities and cash and cash equivalents as disclosed in Note 30, net of certain intercompany eliminations.

<b>Capital additions</b>						
Agricultural equipment	\$	386	\$	354	\$	333
Commercial and consumer equipment		85		43		67
Construction and forestry		118		92		77
Credit		475		292		46
Discontinued operations						1
Total	\$	1,064	\$	781	\$	524

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<b>Investment in unconsolidated affiliates</b>						
Agricultural equipment	\$	36	\$	31	\$	20
Commercial and consumer equipment		5		4		3
Construction and forestry		104		84		80
Credit		5		5		4
Total	\$	150	\$	124	\$	107

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The company views and has historically disclosed its operations as consisting of two geographic areas, the U.S. and Canada, and outside the U.S. and Canada, shown below in millions of dollars. No individual foreign country's net sales and revenues were material for disclosure purposes.

<b>GEOGRAPHIC AREAS</b>	<b>2007</b>		<b>2006</b>		<b>2005</b>	
<b>Net sales and revenues</b>						
Unaffiliated customers:						
U.S. and Canada:						
Equipment Operations net sales (89%)*	\$	13,829	\$	13,851	\$	13,511
Financial Services revenues (83%)*		1,925		1,655		1,251
Total		15,754		15,506		14,762
Outside U.S. and Canada:						
Equipment Operations net sales		7,660		6,033		5,890
Financial Services revenues		234		216		200
Total		7,894		6,249		6,090
Other revenues		434		393		339
Total	\$	24,082	\$	22,148	\$	21,191

\* The percentages indicate the approximate proportion of each amount that relates to the U.S. only and are based upon a three-year average for 2007, 2006 and 2005.

<b>Operating profit</b>						
U.S. and Canada:						
Equipment Operations	\$	1,539	\$	1,445	\$	1,298
Financial Services		486		470		431
Total		2,025		1,915		1,729
Outside U.S. and Canada:						
Equipment Operations		779		460		544
Financial Services		67		51		60
Total		846		511		604
Total	\$	2,871	\$	2,426	\$	2,333

<b>Property and equipment</b>						
U.S.	\$	2,283	\$	1,730	\$	1,413
Germany		381		320		284
Other countries		870		714		647
Total	\$	3,534	\$	2,764	\$	2,344

**29. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

Common stock per share sales prices from New York Stock Exchange composite transactions quotations follow:

	<b>First Quarter</b>		<b>Second Quarter</b>		<b>Third Quarter</b>		<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	
<b>2007 Market price*</b>								
High	\$	50.70	\$	58.25	\$	66.98	\$	78.65

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Low	\$	41.63	\$	49.00	\$	53.76	\$	56.96
<b>2006 Market price*</b>								
High	\$	36.30	\$	44.50	\$	45.99	\$	45.24
Low	\$	30.20	\$	34.91	\$	34.90	\$	33.45

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

At October 31, 2007, there were 27,631 holders of record of the company's \$1 par value common stock.

Quarterly information with respect to net sales and revenues and earnings is shown in the following schedule. Such information is shown in millions of dollars except for per share amounts.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
<b>2007</b>				
Net sales and revenues	\$ 4,425	\$ 6,882	\$ 6,634	\$ 6,141
Net sales	3,815	6,266	5,985	5,423
Gross profit	865	1,560	1,442	1,369
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	366	889	802	619
Net income	239	624	537	422
Income per share from continuing operations				
basic*	.53	1.38	1.20	.96
Net Income per share basic*	.53	1.38	1.20	.96
Income per share from continuing operations diluted*	.52	1.36	1.18	.94
Net Income per share diluted*	.52	1.36	1.18	.94
Dividends declared per share*	.22	.22	.22	.25
Dividends paid per share*	.191/2	.22	.22	.22
<b>2006**</b>				
Net sales and revenues	\$ 4,202	\$ 6,562	\$ 6,267	\$ 5,117
Net sales	3,691	6,029	5,677	4,487
Gross profit	795	1,486	1,279	962
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	340	785	681	368
Net income	236	745	436	277
Income per share from continuing operations				
basic*	.47	1.10	.93	.61
Net Income per share basic*	.50	1.58	.93	.61
Income per share from continuing operations				
diluted*	.47	1.08	.92	.60
Net Income per share diluted*	.49	1.56	.92	.60
Dividends declared per share*	.191/2	.191/2	.191/2	.191/2
Dividends paid per share*	.151/2	.191/2	.191/2	.191/2

Net income per share for each quarter must be computed independently. As a result, their sum may not equal the total net income per share for the year.

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split.

\*\* See Notes 2 and 3.

**Dividend and Other Events**

A quarterly dividend of \$.25 per share on a post stock split basis was declared at the board of directors meeting on November 29, 2007, payable on February 1, 2008 to stockholders of record on December 31, 2007.

In December 2007, the company's credit operations issued \$500 million of 4.95% medium term notes due in 2012 and entered into interest rate swaps related to these notes, which swapped the fixed rate to a variable rate of 5.58% as of December 13, 2007.

**30. SUPPLEMENTAL CONSOLIDATING DATA****INCOME STATEMENT**

For the Years Ended October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005

(In millions of dollars)

	EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS*			FINANCIAL SERVICES		
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
<b>Net Sales and Revenues</b>						
Net sales	\$ 21,489.1	\$ 19,884.0	\$ 19,401.4			
Finance and interest income	123.4	92.2	118.8	\$ 2,225.2	\$ 1,980.3	\$ 1,601.5
Other income	403.7	383.9	308.1	214.3	163.6	86.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,016.2</b>	<b>20,360.1</b>	<b>19,828.3</b>	<b>2,439.5</b>	<b>2,143.9</b>	<b>1,687.6</b>
<b>Costs and Expenses</b>						
Cost of sales	16,254.0	15,362.0	15,179.3			
Research and development expenses	816.8	725.8	677.3			
Selling, administrative and general expenses	2,237.0	1,942.1	1,766.8	390.8	384.3	322.3
Interest expense	181.2	193.4	211.3	1,017.3	876.1	607.3
Interest compensation to Financial Services	246.4	243.7	223.1			
Other operating expenses	157.8	239.9	146.4	478.8	362.9	275.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,893.2</b>	<b>18,706.9</b>	<b>18,204.2</b>	<b>1,886.9</b>	<b>1,623.3</b>	<b>1,205.2</b>
<b>Income of Consolidated Group before</b>						
<b>Income Taxes</b>	2,123.0	1,653.2	1,624.1	552.6	520.6	482.4
Provision for income taxes	693.8	564.4	527.7	189.3	177.3	170.8
<b>Income of Consolidated Group</b>	<b>1,429.2</b>	<b>1,088.8</b>	<b>1,096.4</b>	<b>363.3</b>	<b>343.3</b>	<b>311.6</b>
<b>Equity in Income of Unconsolidated</b>						
<b>Subsidiaries and Affiliates</b>						
Credit	360.8	342.8	317.4	.4	.4	.6
Other	31.7	21.6	.2			
<b>Total</b>	<b>392.5</b>	<b>364.4</b>	<b>317.6</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>.4</b>	<b>.6</b>
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>	<b>1,821.7</b>	<b>1,453.2</b>	<b>1,414.0</b>	<b>363.7</b>	<b>343.7</b>	<b>312.2</b>
<b>Income from Discontinued Operations</b>		<b>240.6</b>	<b>32.8</b>		<b>240.6</b>	<b>32.8</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,821.7</b>	<b>\$ 1,693.8</b>	<b>\$ 1,446.8</b>	<b>\$ 363.7</b>	<b>\$ 584.3</b>	<b>\$ 345.0</b>

\* Deere & Company with Financial Services on the equity basis except for the health care operations reported on a discontinued basis.

The supplemental consolidating data is presented for informational purposes. The Equipment Operations reflect the basis of consolidation described in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated group data in the Equipment Operations income statement reflect the results of the agricultural equipment, commercial and consumer equipment and construction and forestry operations. The supplemental Financial Services data represent primarily Deere & Company's credit operations with the health care operations reported on a discontinued basis. Transactions between the Equipment Operations and Financial Services have been eliminated to arrive at the consolidated financial statements.

**30. SUPPLEMENTAL CONSOLIDATING DATA (continued)****BALANCE SHEET**

As of October 31, 2007 and 2006

(In millions of dollars except per share amounts)

	EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS*		FINANCIAL SERVICES	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,019.6	\$ 1,476.7	\$ 259.1	\$ 210.8
Marketable securities	1,468.2	1,709.0	155.1	107.7
Receivables from unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	437.0	494.2	.2	.1
Trade accounts and notes receivable-net	1,028.8	986.7	2,475.9	2,485.6
Financing receivables-net	11.0	5.3	15,620.2	13,998.7
Restricted financing receivables-net			2,289.0	2,370.8
Other receivables	524.0	317.9	74.2	130.4
Equipment on operating leases-net			1,705.3	1,493.9
Inventories	2,337.3	1,957.3		
Property and equipment-net	2,721.4	2,414.0	812.6	349.6
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	2,643.4	2,665.3	5.1	4.6
Goodwill	1,234.3	1,110.0		
Other intangible assets-net	131.0	56.4		
Retirement benefits	1,967.6	2,630.3	9.0	12.1
Deferred income taxes	1,418.5	681.5	46.1	10.6
Other assets	347.6	306.1	259.3	298.3
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,289.7</b>	<b>\$ 16,810.7</b>	<b>\$ 23,711.1</b>	<b>\$ 21,473.2</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>				
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Short-term borrowings	\$ 129.8	\$ 282.5	\$ 9,839.7	\$ 7,838.6
Payables to unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	136.5	31.0	407.4	472.2
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,884.4	4,115.2	924.2	803.1
Accrued taxes	242.4	137.9	33.7	14.6
Deferred income taxes	99.8	16.8	148.8	158.0
Long-term borrowings	1,973.2	1,969.5	9,825.0	9,614.5
Retirement benefits and other liabilities	3,667.8	2,766.6	33.1	26.3
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>11,133.9</b>	<b>9,319.5</b>	<b>21,211.9</b>	<b>18,927.3</b>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>				
Common stock, \$1 par value (authorized 1,200,000,000** shares; issued 536,431,204** shares in 2007 and 2006), at stated value	2,777.0	2,203.5	1,122.4	1,014.1
Common stock in treasury, 96,795,090** shares in 2007 and 81,965,080** shares in 2006, at cost	(4,015.4)	(2,673.4)		
Retained earnings	9,031.7	7,886.8	1,228.8	1,453.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,793.3</b>	<b>7,416.9</b>	<b>2,351.2</b>	<b>2,467.3</b>
Retirement benefits adjustment	(1,113.1)			
Minimum pension liability adjustment		(87.6)		
Cumulative translation adjustment	479.4	150.3	153.6	65.2
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives	(7.6)	6.8	(7.7)	8.7
Unrealized gain on investments	3.8	4.8	2.1	4.7
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(637.5)	74.3	148.0	78.6
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	<b>7,155.8</b>	<b>7,491.2</b>	<b>2,499.2</b>	<b>2,545.9</b>

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<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders</b>	<b>Equity</b>	\$	18,289.7	\$	16,810.7	\$	23,711.1	\$	21,473.2
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- \* Deere & Company with Financial Services on the equity basis except for the health care operations reported on a discontinued basis.
  - \*\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007.

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**30. SUPPLEMENTAL CONSOLIDATING DATA (continued)****STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the Years Ended October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005

(In millions of dollars)

	EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS*			FINANCIAL SERVICES		
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>						
Net income	\$ 1,821.7	\$ 1,693.8	\$ 1,446.8	\$ 363.7	\$ 584.3	\$ 345.0
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Provision for doubtful receivables	7.5	14.6	13.2	63.5	51.4	12.9
Provision for depreciation and amortization	429.2	406.8	377.4	374.6	323.2	297.9
Gain on the sale of a business		(356.0)			(356.0)	
Undistributed earnings of unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	207.7	(273.7)	(181.8)	(.3)	(.3)	(.6)
Provision (credit) for deferred income taxes	39.1	19.1	(40.2)	(43.3)	(3.4)	(9.1)
Changes in assets and liabilities:						
Receivables	(38.8)	(108.4)	16.7	(17.0)	(20.6)	(4.3)
Inventories	(87.9)	211.8	(68.5)			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	329.8	83.8	295.6	104.0	128.7	78.5
Accrued income taxes payable/receivable	(5.1)	45.1	143.3	15.6	(15.4)	6.5
Retirement benefit accruals/prepaid pension costs	(172.1)	(395.1)	(313.7)	9.0	(4.9)	1.7
Other	157.6	(30.5)	(27.4)	(18.8)	105.2	(143.1)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,688.7	1,311.3	1,661.4	851.0	792.2	585.4
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>						
Collections of receivables				30,178.1	29,067.2	27,407.3
Proceeds from sales of financing receivables				229.9	139.6	132.7
Proceeds from maturities and sales of marketable securities	2,453.5	2,901.6	1,016.0	5.0	104.4	48.9
Proceeds from sales of equipment on operating leases			5.6	355.2	310.9	393.5
Proceeds from sales of businesses, net of cash sold	77.2	440.1	50.0			
Cost of receivables acquired				(31,195.0)	(30,907.0)	(30,415.2)
Purchases of marketable securities	(2,200.8)	(2,447.3)	(3,175.4)	(50.8)	(118.3)	(100.9)
Purchases of property and equipment	(557.3)	(493.1)	(466.9)	(465.2)	(272.9)	(45.7)
Cost of equipment on operating leases acquired				(825.6)	(808.9)	(687.4)
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(189.3)	(55.7)	(169.7)			
Other	(97.2)	32.4	(10.5)	48.6	(106.3)	(42.9)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	(513.9)	378.0	(2,750.9)	(1,719.8)	(2,591.3)	(3,309.7)

**Cash Flows from Financing Activities**

Increase (decrease) in short-term borrowings	(208.0)	(140.6)	96.7	307.5	1,349.3	1,717.7
Change in intercompany receivables/payables	67.6	(184.4)	1,132.7	(67.6)	4.7	(1,177.4)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings				4,283.8	3,140.2	3,805.4
Payments of long-term borrowings	(7.8)	(782.7)	(76.6)	(3,128.7)	(2,737.8)	(1,433.0)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	285.7	327.6	153.6			
Repurchases of common stock	(1,517.8)	(1,299.3)	(918.9)			
Dividends paid	(386.7)	(348.4)	(289.7)	(588.1)	(106.7)	(166.7)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	102.2	85.6				
Other	3.7	(10.6)	(2.0)	93.4	40.8	23.7
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	(1,661.1)	(2,352.8)	95.8	900.3	1,690.5	2,769.7
<b>Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	29.2	16.6	(22.2)	16.8	5.2	2.8
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	542.9	(646.9)	(1,015.9)	48.3	(103.4)	48.2
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year</b>	1,476.7	2,123.6	3,139.5	210.8	314.2	266.0
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year</b>	\$ 2,019.6	\$ 1,476.7	\$ 2,123.6	\$ 259.1	\$ 210.8	\$ 314.2

\* Deere & Company with Financial Services on the equity basis.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(Dollars in millions except per share amounts)

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Net sales and revenues	\$ 24,082	\$ 22,148	\$ 21,191	\$ 19,204	\$ 14,856	\$ 13,296	\$ 12,694	\$ 12,650	\$ 11,289	\$ 13,389
Net sales	21,489	19,884	19,401	17,673	13,349	11,703	11,077	11,169	9,701	11,926
Finance and interest income	2,055	1,777	1,440	1,196	1,276	1,339	1,445	1,321	1,104	1,007
Research and development expenses	817	726	677	612	577	528	590	542	458	445
Selling, administrative and general expenses	2,621	2,324	2,086	1,984	1,623	1,546	1,609	1,407	1,265	1,213
Interest expense	1,151	1,018	761	592	629	637	766	677	557	519
Income (loss) from continuing operations	1,822	1,453	1,414	1,398	620	296	(83)	470	227	1,016
Net income (loss)	1,822	1,694	1,447	1,406	643	319	(64)	486	239	1,021
Return on net sales	8.5%	8.5%	7.5%	8.0%	4.8%	2.7%	(.6)%	4.3%	2.5%	8.6%
Return on beginning stockholders equity	24.3%	24.7%	22.6%	35.1%	20.3%	8.0%	(1.5)%	11.9%	5.9%	24.6%
Income (loss) per share from continuing operations basic*	\$ 4.05	\$ 3.11	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.82	\$ 1.29	\$ .62	\$ (.18)	\$ 1.01	\$ .48	\$ 2.09
diluted*	4.00	3.08	2.87	2.76	1.27	.61	(.18)	1.00	.48	2.07
Net income (loss) per share basic*	4.05	3.63	2.97	2.84	1.34	.67	(.14)	1.04	.51	2.10
diluted*	4.00	3.59	2.94	2.78	1.32	.66	(.14)	1.03	.51	2.08
Dividends declared per share*	.91	.78	.601/2	.53	.44	.44	.44	.44	.44	.44
Dividends paid per share*	.851/2	.74	.59	.50	.44	.44	.44	.44	.44	.43
Average number of common shares outstanding (in millions) basic*	449.3	466.8	486.6	494.5	480.4	476.4	470.0	468.6	465.7	486.6
diluted*	455.0	471.6	492.9	506.2	486.7	481.8	473.5	472.0	468.8	491.4

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007.

Total assets	\$ 38,576	\$ 34,720	\$ 33,637	\$ 28,754	\$ 26,258	\$ 23,768	\$ 22,663	\$ 20,469	\$ 17,578	\$ 18,002
Trade accounts and notes receivable net	3,055	3,038	3,118	3,207	2,619	2,734	2,923	3,169	3,251	4,059
Financing receivables net	15,631	14,004	12,869	11,233	9,974	9,068	9,199	8,276	6,743	6,333
	2,289	2,371	1,458							

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Restricted financing receivables net											
Equipment on operating leases net	1,705	1,494	1,336	1,297	1,382	1,609	1,939	1,954	1,655	1,209	
Inventories	2,337	1,957	2,135	1,999	1,366	1,372	1,506	1,553	1,294	1,287	
Property and equipment net	3,534	2,764	2,343	2,138	2,064	1,985	2,037	1,893	1,759	1,675	
Short-term borrowings:											
Equipment Operations	130	282	678	312	577	398	773	928	642	1,512	
Financial Services	9,839	7,839	6,206	3,146	3,770	4,039	5,425	4,831	3,846	3,810	
Total	9,969	8,121	6,884	3,458	4,347	4,437	6,198	5,759	4,488	5,322	
Long-term borrowings:											
Equipment Operations	1,973	1,969	2,423	2,728	2,727	2,989	2,210	1,718	1,036	553	
Financial Services	9,825	9,615	9,316	8,362	7,677	5,961	4,351	3,046	2,770	2,239	
Total	11,798	11,584	11,739	11,090	10,404	8,950	6,561	4,764	3,806	2,792	
Total stockholders equity	7,156	7,491	6,852	6,393	4,002	3,163	3,992	4,302	4,094	4,080	
Book value per share*	\$ 16.28	\$ 16.48	\$ 14.46	\$ 12.95	\$ 8.22	\$ 6.62	\$ 8.41	\$ 9.17	\$ 8.76	\$ 8.78	
Capital expenditures	\$ 1,025	\$ 774	\$ 512	\$ 364	\$ 313	\$ 358	\$ 495	\$ 419	\$ 308	\$ 438	
Number of employees (at year end)	52,022	46,549	47,423	46,465	43,221	43,051	45,069	43,670	38,726	37,002	

\* Adjusted for two-for-one stock split effective November 26, 2007.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Deere & Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Deere & Company and subsidiaries (the Company) as of October 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of consolidated income, changes in consolidated stockholders' equity, and consolidated cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended October 31, 2007. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index under Part IV, Item 15(2). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2007, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's

internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of October 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended October 31, 2007, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2007, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

As discussed in Notes 1 and 5 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Statement No. 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans - an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106, and 132(R)*, which changed its method of accounting for pension and other postretirement benefits as of October 31, 2007.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois

December 18, 2007

**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.

DEERE & COMPANY

By: */s/ R. W. Lane*  
 R. W. Lane  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 20, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Each person signing below also hereby appoints Robert W. Lane, Michael J. Mack, Jr. and Marc A. Howze, and each of them singly, his or her lawful attorney-in-fact with full power to execute and file any and all amendments to this report together with exhibits thereto and generally to do all such things as such attorney-in-fact may deem appropriate to enable Deere & Company to comply with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Signature	Title	Date
<i>/s/ C. C. Bowles</i>	Director	
C. C. Bowles		
<i>/s/ Vance D. Coffman</i>	Director	
Vance D. Coffman		
<i>/s/ T. Kevin Dunnigan</i>	Director	December 20, 2007
T. Kevin Dunnigan		
<i>/s/ Charles O. Holliday, Jr.</i>	Director	
Charles O. Holliday, Jr.		

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*/s/ Dipak C. Jain*  
Dipak C. Jain

Director

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Signature	Title	Date
<i>/s/ Clayton M. Jones</i> Clayton M. Jones	Director	
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<i>/s/ Arthur L. Kelly</i> Arthur L. Kelly	Director	
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<i>/s/ R. W. Lane</i> R. W. Lane	Chairman, Director and Chief Executive Officer	
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<i>/s/ Antonio Madero B.</i> Antonio Madero B.	Director	December 20, 2007
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<i>/s/ M. J. Mack, Jr.</i> M. J. Mack, Jr.	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer	
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<i>/s/ Joachim Milberg</i> Joachim Milberg	Director	
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<i>/s/ Richard B. Myers</i> Richard B. Myers	Director	
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<i>/s/ Thomas H. Patrick</i> Thomas H. Patrick	Director	
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<i>/s/ Aulana L. Peters</i> Aulana L. Peters	Director	
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## DEERE &amp; COMPANY AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES

## VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

For the Years Ended October 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005

(in thousands of dollars)

Column A	Column B		Column C		Column D		Column E
Description	Balance at beginning of period	Charged to costs and expenses	Description	Charged to other accounts Amount	Description	Deductions Amount	Balance at end of period
<b>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2007</b>							
Allowance for doubtful receivables:							
Equipment Operations							
Trade receivable allowances	\$ 55,820	\$ 7,565	Bad debt recoveries	\$ 143	Trade receivable write-offs	\$ 5,248	\$ 58,280
Financial Services							
Trade receivable allowances	5,880	1,711	Other	66	Trade receivable write-offs	1,590	6,067
Financing receivable allowances	155,363	61,681	Other (translation)	13,846	Financing receivable write-offs	58,893	171,997
Consolidated receivable allowances	\$ 217,063	\$ 70,957		\$ 14,055		\$ 65,731	\$ 236,344
<b>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2006</b>							
Allowance for doubtful receivables:							
Equipment Operations							
Trade receivable allowances	\$ 48,219	\$ 14,493	Bad debt recoveries	\$ 499	Trade receivable write-offs	\$ 7,391	\$ 55,820
Financial Services							
Trade receivable allowances	5,771	939	Other	174	Trade receivable write-offs	1,004	5,880
Financing receivable allowances	140,333	50,554	Other (translation)	3,299	Financing receivable write-offs	38,823	155,363
Consolidated receivable allowances	\$ 194,323	\$ 65,986		\$ 3,972		\$ 47,218	\$ 217,063
<b>YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2005</b>							
Allowance for doubtful receivables:							

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Equipment Operations							
Trade receivable allowances	\$ 43,248	\$ 13,218	Bad debt recoveries	\$ 407	Trade receivable write-offs	\$ 9,654	\$ 48,219
			Acquisitions	1,053	Transfers related to trade receivable sales	53	
Financial Services							
Trade receivable allowances	12,686	(5,759)	Acquisitions	53	Trade receivable write-offs	1,209	5,771
Financing receivable allowances	145,437	19,350	Other (translation)	3,281	Financing receivable write-offs	27,735	140,333
Consolidated receivable allowances	\$ 201,371	\$ 26,809		\$ 4,794		\$ 38,651	\$ 194,323

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

2. Not applicable
- 3.1 Certificate of incorporation, as amended
- 3.2 Certificate of Designation Preferences and Rights of Series A Participating Preferred Stock (Exhibit 3.2 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 1998, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)
- 3.3 Bylaws , as amended (Exhibit 3 to Form 8-K of registrant dated December 4, 2006\*)
- 4.1 Five-Year Credit Agreement among registrant, John Deere Capital Corporation, various financial institutions, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. as administrative agent, Citibank N.A. and Credit Suisse as documentation agents, Merrill Lynch Bank USA as co-documentation agent, and Bank of America, N.A. and Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch as syndication agents, et al, dated as of February 14, 2006 (Exhibit 4.1 to form 10-Q of registrant for the quarter ended January 31, 2006\*)
- 4.2 Form of common stock certificate (Exhibit 4.6 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 1998, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)
- 4.3 Rights Agreement dated as of December 3, 1997 between registrant and The Bank of New York (Exhibit 4.4 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2002\*)
- 4.4 Terms and Conditions of the Notes, published on May 31, 2002, applicable to the U.S. \$3,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of registrant, John Deere Capital Corporation, John Deere Bank S.A., John Deere Cash Management S.A. and John Deere Credit Limited (Exhibit 4.5 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2002\*)
- Certain instruments relating to long-term debt constituting less than 10% of the registrant's total assets, are not filed as exhibits herewith pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(iii)(A) of Regulation S-K. The registrant will file copies of such instruments upon request of the Commission.
9. Not applicable
- 10.1 Agreement as amended November 1, 1994 between registrant and John Deere Capital Corporation concerning agricultural retail notes (Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 1998, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)
- 10.2 Agreement as amended November 1, 1994 between registrant and John Deere Capital Corporation relating to lawn and grounds care retail notes (Exhibit 10.2 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 1998, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)
- 10.3 Agreement as amended November 1, 1994 between John Deere Construction Equipment Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of registrant and John Deere Capital Corporation concerning construction retail notes (Exhibit 10.3 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 1998, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)
- 10.4 Agreement dated July 14, 1997 between the John Deere Construction Equipment Company and John Deere Capital Corporation concerning construction retail notes (Exhibit 10.4 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2003\*)

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- 10.5 Agreement dated November 1, 2003 between registrant and John Deere Capital Corporation relating to fixed charges ratio, ownership and minimum net worth of John Deere Capital Corporation (Exhibit 10.5 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2003\*)
- 10.6 Deere & Company Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan, (Exhibit 10.6 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2006\*)
- 10.7 John Deere Short-Term Incentive Bonus Plan
- 10.8 John Deere Mid-Term Incentive Plan
- 10.9 1991 John Deere Stock Option Plan (Exhibit 10.9 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 1999, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)

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- 10.10 John Deere Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10 to Form 8-K of registrant dated February 22, 2006\*)
- 10.11 Form of John Deere Nonqualified Stock Option Grant (Exhibit 10.11 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2004\*)
- 10.12 Form of John Deere Restricted Stock Unit Grant (Exhibit 10.12 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
- 10.13 Form of Nonemployee Director Restricted Stock Grant (Exhibit 10.13 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2004\*)
- 10.14 John Deere Defined Contribution Restoration Plan as amended December 2005 (Exhibit 10.14 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
- 10.15 John Deere Supplemental Pension Benefit Plan, as amended December 2005 (Exhibit 10.15 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
- 10.16 John Deere Senior Supplementary Pension Benefit Plan as amended December 2005 (Exhibit 10.16 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
- 10.17 John Deere ERISA Supplementary Pension Benefit Plan as amended December 2005 (Exhibit 10.17 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
- 10.18 Nonemployee Director Stock Ownership Plan (Appendix A to Notice and Proxy Statement of registrant for the annual shareholder meeting on February 27, 2002 \*)
- 10.19 Deere & Company Nonemployee Director Deferred Compensation Plan (Exhibit 10.19 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2006\*)
- 10.20 Form of Severance Protection Agreement between registrant and the executive officers (Exhibit 10.1 to Form 10-Q of registrant for the quarter ended April 30, 2000, Securities and Exchange Commission File Number 1-4121\*)
- 10.21 Asset Purchase Agreement dated October 29, 2001 between registrant and Deere Capital, Inc. concerning the sale of trade receivables (Exhibit 10.19 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2001\*)
- 10.22 Asset Purchase Agreement dated October 29, 2001 between John Deere Construction & Forestry Company and Deere Capital, Inc. concerning the sale of trade receivables (Exhibit 10.20 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2001\*)
- 10.23 Factoring Agreement dated September 20, 2002 between John Deere Bank S.A. (as successor in interest to John Deere Finance S.A.) and John Deere Vertrieb, a branch of Deere & Company, concerning the sale of trade receivables (Exhibit 10.21 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2002\*)
- 10.24 Receivables Purchase Agreement dated August 23, 2002 between John Deere Bank S.A. (as successor in interest to John Deere Finance S.A.) and John Deere Limited (Scotland) concerning the sale of trade receivables (Exhibit 10.22 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2002\*)
- 10.25 Joint Venture Agreement dated May 16, 1988 between registrant and Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd ((Exhibit 10.26 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
- 10.26 Marketing Profit Sharing Agreement dated January 1, 2002 between John Deere Construction and Forestry Equipment Company (n.k.a. John Deere Construction & Forestry Company) and Hitachi Construction Machinery Holding U.S.A. Corporation (Exhibit 10.27 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)

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- 10.27 Integrated Marketing Agreement dated October 16, 2001 between registrant and Hitachi Construction Machinery Co. Ltd. (Exhibit 10.28 to Form 10-K of registrant for the year ended October 31, 2005\*)
12. Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges
13. Not applicable
14. Not applicable

- 16. Not applicable
- 18. Not applicable
- 21. Subsidiaries
- 22. Not applicable
- 23. Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
- 24. Power of Attorney (included on signature page)
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification
- 32 Section 1350 Certifications

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\* Incorporated by reference. Copies of these exhibits are available from the Company upon request.