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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the period ended November 10, 2002

Commission file number 0-3833

Morgan's Foods, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 34-0562210

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

24200 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 126, Beachwood, Ohio 44122

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 360-7500

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Yes ...X... No

As of December 20, 2002, the issuer had 2,718,441 shares of common stock outstanding.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

Morgan's Foods, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

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(unaudited)

| | QUARTER ENDED | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| | NOVEMBER 10, 2002 | NOVEMBER 4, 2001 |
| Revenues | \$ 19,617,000 | \$ 20,418,000 |
| Cost of sales: | | |
| Food, paper and beverage | 6,245,000 | 6,134,000 |
| Labor and benefits | 5,190,000 | 5,107,000 |
| Restaurant operating expenses | 5,055,000 | 5,284,000 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 811,000 | 893,000 |
| General and administrative expenses | 1,348,000 | 1,210,000 |
| Loss on restaurant assets | 125,000 | 81,000 |
| Operating income | 843,000 | 1,709,000 |
| Interest Expense: | | |
| Bank Debt and Notes Payable | (1,136,000) | (1,157,000) |
| Capital Leases | (14,000) | (16,000) |
| Other income and expense, net | 24,000 | 25,000 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes . | (283,000) | 561,000 |
| Provision for income taxes | 1,000 | 9,000 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (284,000) | \$ 552,000 |
| Basic and diluted net income (loss) Per common share | \$ (.10) | \$.20 |
| Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding | 2,718,441 | 2,795,524 |
| Diluted weighted average number of Shares outstanding | 2,718,441 | 2,797,635 |

SEE NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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THIRTY-SIX WEEKS ENDED

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| | NOVEMBER 10, 2002 | NOVEMBER 4, 2001 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Revenues | \$ 59,124,000 | \$ 58,964,000 |
| Cost of sales: | | |
| Food, paper and beverage | 18,432,000 | 17,982,000 |
| Labor and benefits | 15,811,000 | 15,162,000 |
| Restaurant operating expenses | 14,946,000 | 15,122,000 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,361,000 | 2,667,000 |
| General and administrative expenses | 4,054,000 | 3,517,000 |
| Loss on restaurant assets | 193,000 | 112,000 |
| Operating income | 3,327,000 | 4,402,000 |
| Interest Expense: | | |
| Bank debt and notes payable | (3,391,000) | (3,526,000) |
| Capital leases | (42,000) | (49,000) |
| Other income and expense, net | 118,000 | 105,000 |
| Income before income taxes | 12,000 | 932,000 |
| Provision for income taxes | 6,000 | 10,000 |
| Net income | \$ 6,000 | \$ 922,000 |
| Basic and diluted net income per common share | \$ -- | \$.32 |
| Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding | 2,720,926 | 2,882,442 |
| Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding | 2,731,158 | 2,883,776 |

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MORGAN'S FOODS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(UNAUDITED)

| | NOVEMBER 10, 2002 | MARCH 3, 2002 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and equivalents..... | \$ 5,742,000 | \$ 7,441,000 |
| Receivables..... | 118,000 | 232,000 |
| Inventories..... | 549,000 | 520,000 |
| Prepaid expenses..... | 723,000 | 301,000 |
| | 7,132,000 | 8,494,000 |

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| | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| Property and equipment: | | |
| Land..... | 11,001,000 | 10,801,0 |
| Buildings and improvements..... | 18,653,000 | 17,949,0 |
| Property under capital leases..... | 1,006,000 | 1,006,0 |
| Leasehold improvements..... | 7,476,000 | 7,483,0 |
| Equipment, furniture and fixtures..... | 18,540,000 | 18,105,0 |
| Construction in progress..... | 333,000 | 108,0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 57,009,000 | 55,452,0 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization..... | 19,316,000 | 17,304,0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 37,693,000 | 38,148,0 |
| Other assets..... | 1,341,000 | 1,521,0 |
| Franchise agreements..... | 2,081,000 | 2,119,0 |
| Deferred taxes..... | 600,000 | 600,0 |
| Goodwill..... | 9,371,000 | 9,371,0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$ 58,218,000 | \$ 60,253,0 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt..... | \$ 2,544,000 | \$ 2,331,0 |
| Current maturities of capital lease obligations .. | 113,000 | 105,0 |
| Accounts payable..... | 3,588,000 | 3,761,0 |
| Accrued liabilities..... | 3,316,000 | 3,609,0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 9,561,000 | 9,806,0 |
| Long-term debt | 46,806,000 | 48,563,0 |
| Long-term capital lease obligations | 463,000 | 544,0 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 1,612,000 | 1,537,0 |
| Shareholders' deficiency | | |
| Preferred shares, 1,000,000 shares authorized, no shares outstanding | | |
| Common stock | | |
| Authorized shares - 25,000,000 | | |
| Issued shares - 2,969,405..... | 30,000 | 30,0 |
| Treasury stock - | | |
| 250,964 and 241,564 shares, respectively..... | (284,000) | (251,0 |
| Capital in excess of stated value..... | 28,829,000 | 28,829,0 |
| Accumulated deficiency..... | (28,799,000) | (28,805,0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total shareholders' deficiency..... | (224,000) | (197,0 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | \$ 58,218,000 | \$ 60,253,0 |
| | ===== | ===== |

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY

(unaudited)

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| | COMMON SHARES | | TREASURY SHARES | | CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF STATED VALUE |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| | SHARES | AMOUNT | SHARES | AMOUNT | |
| Balance, February 25, 2001 .. | 2,969,405 | \$ 30,000 | (31,833) | \$ (76,000) | \$ 28,875,000 |
| Net income | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Issue of treasury shares for 401(k) contributions | -- | -- | 31,833 | 76,000 | (46,000) |
| Purchase of common shares .. | -- | -- | (241,564) | (251,000) | -- |
| Balance, March 3, 2002 | 2,969,405 | 30,000 | (241,564) | (251,000) | 28,829,000 |
| Net income | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Purchase of common shares .. | -- | -- | (9,400) | (33,000) | -- |
| Balance November 10, 2002 .. | 2,969,405 | \$ 30,000 | (250,964) | \$ (284,000) | \$ 28,829,000 |

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Morgan's Foods, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(unaudited)

| | THIRTY-SIX WEEKS ENDED | |
|--|------------------------|------------------|
| | NOVEMBER 10, 2002 | NOVEMBER 4, 2001 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 6,000 | \$ 922,000 |
| Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,361,000 | 2,667,000 |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs ... | 97,000 | 98,000 |
| Amortization of supply agreement advances .. | (499,000) | (124,000) |
| Funding from supply agreements | 664,000 | 52,000 |
| Loss on restaurant assets | 193,000 | 112,000 |
| Change in assets and liabilities: | | |
| Decrease in receivables | 114,000 | 29,000 |
| Increase in inventories | (29,000) | (33,000) |
| Increase in prepaid expenses | (422,000) | (124,000) |
| Decrease (increase) in other assets | 43,000 | (16,000) |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable ... | (173,000) | 91,000 |

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| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Decrease in accrued liabilities | (555,000) | (286,000) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 1,800,000 | 3,388,000 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (1,849,000) | (583,000) |
| Purchase of franchise agreements | -- | (10,000) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (1,849,000) | (593,000) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt | | |
| Net of financing costs | -- | 36,000 |
| Principal payments on long-term debt | (1,544,000) | (1,536,000) |
| Principal payments on capital lease obligations | (73,000) | (66,000) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (33,000) | (171,000) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net cash used by financing activities | (1,650,000) | (1,737,000) |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net change in cash and equivalents | (1,699,000) | 1,058,000 |
| Cash and equivalents, beginning balance | 7,441,000 | 5,840,000 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Cash and equivalents, ending balance | \$ 5,742,000 | \$ 6,898,000 |
| | ===== | ===== |

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Morgan's Foods, Inc.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 QUARTERS ENDED NOVEMBER 10, 2002 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2001
 (unaudited)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim consolidated financial statements of Morgan's Foods, Inc. ("the Company") have been prepared without audit. In the opinion of Company Management, all adjustments have been included. Unless otherwise disclosed, all adjustments consist only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair statement of results of operations for the interim periods. Except as noted in the notes to the financial statements, these unaudited financial statements have been prepared using the same accounting principles that were used in preparation of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 3, 2002. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE 2. INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per common share is based on the combined weighted average number of shares outstanding, which includes the assumed exercise, or conversion of options. In computing diluted net income per common share, the Company has utilized the treasury stock method.

NOTE 3. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS.

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In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 141, Business Combinations. SFAS No. 141 requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. As specified therein, intangible assets acquired that are obtained through contractual or legal right, or are capable of being separately sold, transferred, licensed, rented or exchanged are recognized as assets apart from goodwill. SFAS No. 141 is effective for all acquisitions subsequent to June 30, 2001. At the beginning of fiscal 2003, the Company reclassified amounts previously reported as acquired franchise rights into goodwill for all periods presented as the amounts do not meet the criteria set forth in SFAS No. 141 for recognition apart from goodwill.

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. SFAS No. 142 changes the accounting for goodwill and certain intangible assets from an amortization method to an impairment only approach. Goodwill and intangibles with indefinite lives are no longer subject to amortization, but are subject to at least an annual assessment for impairment by applying a fair value based test. The Company implemented SFAS No. 142 for its fiscal 2003 year beginning March 4, 2002. SFAS No. 142 allows up to six months from the date of adoption to perform the transitional goodwill impairment test which requires the comparison of the fair value of each reporting unit to its carrying value (using amounts measured as of the beginning of the year of adoption) to determine whether there is an indicated transitional goodwill impairment. The Company performed the transitional goodwill impairment test and determined that as of March 4, 2002 the fair value of each reporting unit was greater than its carrying value.

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| | INTANGIBLE ASSETS | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| | As of November 10, 2002 | | As of March 3, 2002 | |
| | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Gross Carrying Amount | |
| Franchise Agreements | \$ 2,551,000 | \$ (470,000) | \$ 2,514,000 | \$ |
| Goodwill | 10,763,000 | (1,392,000) | 10,763,000 | |
| Total | \$ 13,314,000 | \$ (1,862,000) | \$ 13,277,000 | \$ |

The Company's intangible asset amortization expense relating to its franchise agreements for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 was \$78,000. Intangible assets relating to franchise agreements continue to be amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of each franchise agreement, all of which were originally 20 years. The estimated intangible amortization expense for each of the next five years is \$125,000.

The following table reports the comparative impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 142 on the reported results of operations.

Quarter Ended

Thirty-Six Weeks

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| | Nov. 10, 2002 ----- | Nov. 4, 2001 ----- | Nov. 10, 2002 ----- | Nov ----- |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Reported net income (loss) | \$ (284,000) | \$ 552,000 | \$6,000 | \$ |
| Add Back: Goodwill amortization .. | -- | 124,000 | -- | |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Adjusted net income (loss) | \$ (284,000) | \$ 676,000 | \$6,000 | \$ |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share: | | | | |
| Reported net income (loss) | \$ (.10) | \$.20 | \$ -- | \$ |
| Goodwill amortization | -- | .04 | -- | |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Adjusted net income (loss) | \$ (.10) | \$.24 | \$ -- | \$ |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== | ===== |

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 143, Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations, which addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and associated asset retirement costs. The new rules apply to legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal operation of long-lived assets. The Company intends to adopt the provisions of SFAS No. 143 beginning in fiscal 2004. The adoption of SFAS No. 143 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. SFAS No. 144 supersedes SFAS No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of, and the accounting and reporting provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion ("APB") No. 30, Reporting the Results of Operations - Reporting the Effects of Disposal of a Segment of a Business, and Extraordinary, Unusual and Infrequently Occurring Events and Transactions, for the disposal of a segment of a business (as previously defined in that opinion). SFAS No. 144 requires that one accounting model be used for long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale, whether previously held and used or newly acquired and broadens the presentation of discontinued operations to include more disposal transactions than were included under the previous standards. The Company adopted SFAS No. 144 beginning in fiscal 2003, as required; however, adoption of the statement did not have a material impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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SFAS No. 145 which was issued in April 2002 rescinds and amends several authoritative pronouncements, and makes certain technical corrections and clarifications. SFAS No. 145 requires that gains or losses from debt extinguishments that are part of recurring operations no longer be reported as extraordinary items. SFAS No. 145 also requires certain lease modifications that have economic effects similar to sale-leaseback transactions to be accounted for as sale-leasebacks. The various provisions of SFAS No. 145 have effective dates through the first quarter of fiscal year 2004. Currently effective provisions did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations, and the Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of provisions with future effective dates.

In June 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 146 Accounting for Costs Associated

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with Exit or Disposal Activities. SFAS No. 146 requires that a liability for a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity be recognized and measured initially at fair value only when the liability is incurred. SFAS 146 is effective for activity initiated after December 31, 2002. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of this statement on its financial statements and will adopt the provision of this statement for any exit or disposal activity that occurs in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2003 or later.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Description of Business. Morgan's Foods, Inc. operates through wholly-owned subsidiaries KFC restaurants under franchises from KFC Corporation and Taco Bell restaurants under franchises from Taco Bell Corporation. As of December 20, 2002, the Company operates 75 KFC restaurants, 7 Taco Bell restaurants, 16 KFC/Taco Bell "2n1's" under franchises from KFC Corporation and franchises or licenses from Taco Bell Corporation, 3 Taco Bell/Pizza Hut Express "2n1's" operated under franchises from Taco Bell Corporation and licenses from Pizza Hut Corporation, 1 KFC/Pizza Hut Express "2n1" operated under a franchise from KFC Corporation and a license from Pizza Hut Corporation and 1 KFC/A&W Restaurants, Inc. The Company's fiscal year is a 52 - 53 week year ending on the Sunday nearest the last day of February.

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND OPERATING INCOME AS A PERCENTAGE OF REVENUES

| | QUARTER ENDED | | THI |
|--|---------------|--------------|----------|
| | NOV. 10, 2002 | NOV. 4, 2001 | NOV. 10, |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Cost of sales: | | | |
| Food, paper and beverage..... | 31.8% | 30.0% | 31.2% |
| Labor and benefits..... | 26.5% | 25.0% | 26.7% |
| Restaurant operating expenses..... | 25.8% | 25.9% | 25.3% |
| Depreciation and amortization..... | 4.1% | 4.4% | 4.0% |
| General and administrative expenses..... | 6.9% | 5.9% | 6.9% |
| Operating income..... | 4.3% | 8.4% | 5.6% |

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Revenues. Revenues for the quarter ended November 10, 2002 were \$19,617,000 compared to \$20,418,000 for the quarter ended November 4, 2001. This decrease of \$801,000 was due mainly to a 4.6% decrease in comparable restaurant revenues. The decrease in comparable restaurant revenues was primarily the result of ineffective product promotions by the franchisors during the quarter. Revenues for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 were \$59,124,000 compared to \$58,964,000 for the thirty-six weeks ended November 4, 2001. This increase of \$160,000 was primarily due to the image enhancement of two locations and the addition of the A&W concept to a KFC restaurant which was offset by the Company's removal of the Taco Bell concept from 2 KFC restaurants and a .1% decrease in comparable restaurant revenues.

Costs of Sales - Food, Paper and Beverages. Food, paper and beverage costs for the third quarter increased as a percentage of revenue from 30.0% in fiscal 2002 to 31.8% in fiscal 2003. This increase was primarily the result of product promotions during the third quarter of fiscal 2003 having a higher food cost than those which were promoted during the third quarter of fiscal 2002. These

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increases in food, paper and beverage cost percentages were partially offset by the effect of the amortization of a new supply agreement advance as a reduction of food, paper and beverage cost of sales. Food, paper and beverage costs for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 increased to 31.2% of revenue compared to 30.5% in the year earlier period for the reasons discussed above.

Cost of Sales - Labor and Benefits. Labor and benefits increased as a percentage of revenue for the quarter ended November 10, 2002 to 26.5% compared to 25.0% for the year earlier quarter. The increase was primarily due to higher workers compensation costs and higher wages due to an increasingly competitive labor market in the Company's market areas as well as lower average restaurant volumes in the current year quarter. Labor and benefits for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 increased as a percentage of revenue to 26.7% from 25.7% in the year earlier period primarily due to higher workers compensation costs and higher wages due to an increasingly competitive labor market in the Company's market areas.

Restaurant Operating Expenses. Restaurant operating expenses decreased as a percentage of revenue to 25.8% in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 compared to 25.9% in the third quarter of fiscal 2002. This improvement was the result of lower utility costs and the removal of home delivery services from the remaining restaurants which offered it. Restaurant operating expenses for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 decreased to 25.3% of revenue compared to 25.7% in the prior year period for the reason discussed above.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization decreased to \$811,000 in the current year third quarter from \$893,000 in the prior year third quarter. This decrease was due to the implementation of SFAS No. 142 whereby goodwill is no longer amortized. Depreciation and amortization for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 decreased to \$2,361,000 from \$2,667,000 for the year earlier period for the reason discussed above.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased to \$1,348,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 from \$1,210,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2002. The increase of \$138,000 was mainly the result of increased workers compensation and medical costs, increased insurance costs, increased employee placement costs and current year salary increases as well as other minor fluctuations. General and administrative expenses for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 increased to \$4,054,000 from \$3,517,000 in the prior year period. The increase of \$537,000 was due to the reasons discussed above.

Loss on Restaurant Assets. The loss on restaurant assets increased from \$81,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2002 to \$125,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 as a result of an increase in the reserve for the costs necessary to dispose of previously closed restaurants in the current year quarter. The loss on restaurant assets for

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the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 increased to \$193,000 from \$112,000 in the year earlier period for the reason discussed above.

Operating Income. Operating income in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 decreased to \$843,000 or 4.3% of revenues compared to \$1,709,000 or 8.4% of revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 2002. Operating income for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 decreased to \$3,327,000 or 5.6% of revenues compared to \$4,402,000 or 7.5% of revenues for the year earlier period. These decreases were primarily the result of higher food cost product promotions, increased workers compensation and medical expenses, increased insurance costs, increased employee placement costs and increased labor costs

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which were partially offset by the implementation of SFAS No. 142 whereby goodwill is no longer amortized.

Interest Expense. Interest expense on bank debt decreased to \$1,136,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2003 from \$1,157,000 in the third quarter of fiscal 2002 due to lower debt balances during the fiscal 2003 quarter. Interest expense on bank debt for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002 decreased to \$3,391,000 from \$3,526,000 for the year earlier period for the reason discussed above. Interest expense on capitalized leases was substantially unchanged from the prior year third quarter and prior year thirty-six weeks.

Other Income. Other income was substantially unchanged in the third quarter and first thirty-six weeks of fiscal 2003 compared to the comparable periods in 2002.

Provision for Income Taxes. The provision for income taxes was substantially unchanged in the third quarter and first thirty-six weeks of fiscal 2003 compared to the comparable periods in 2002. The low effective tax rates result from tax net operating loss carryforwards.

Liquidity and Capital Resources. Cash flow activity for the thirty-six weeks of fiscal 2003 and fiscal 2002 is presented in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Cash provided by operating activities was \$1,800,000 for the thirty-six weeks ended November 10, 2002. The Company paid scheduled long-term bank and capitalized lease debt of \$1,617,000 in the first thirty-six weeks of fiscal 2003.

The quick service restaurant operations of the Company have historically provided sufficient cash flow to service the Company's debt, refurbish and upgrade restaurant properties and cover administrative overhead. Management believes that operating cash flow will provide sufficient capital to continue to operate and maintain its restaurants, service the Company's debt and support required corporate expenses.

Certain of the Company's debt arrangements require the maintenance of a consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.2 to 1 regarding all of its mortgage loans and individual restaurant coverage ratios on certain of its loans as measured at each of the Company's fiscal year ends. At March 3, 2002, the Company was in compliance with the consolidated ratio of 1.2 to 1.0 applicable to all of its loans. The Company was not in compliance with the 1.4 to 1.0 unit level ratio on certain of its restaurants. The Company obtained a waiver of these violations covering the interim periods of fiscal 2003 from the applicable lender. Compliance is measured annually and if the Company is not in compliance with the minimum coverage ratios and other terms and conditions of the agreements by the end of fiscal 2003 it expects to be able to obtain amendments or waivers of any covenants which are not met. In the past, the Company has been required to pay a fee to obtain a waiver and may be required to do so in the future.

The Company is currently not in full compliance with the American Stock Exchange financial condition guidelines for continued listing. Specifically, the Company fell under the guidelines in Section 1003(a)(i) with shareholders' equity of less than \$2,000,000 and losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in two of its

three most recent fiscal years; Section 1003(a)(ii) with shareholder's equity of less than \$4,000,000 and losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in three out of its four most recent fiscal years; and Section 1003(a)(iii) with

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shareholder's equity of less than \$6,000,000 and losses from continuing operations and/or net losses in its five most recent fiscal years.

On April 22, 2002 the Company submitted a plan to the staff at the American Stock Exchange indicating how it would regain compliance with the continued listing standards. Subsequent to the original notice on March 15, 2002 the Company regained compliance with item 1003(a)(iii) by reporting, on May 31, 2002, a profit for the fiscal year ended March 3, 2002. The Company's plan was accepted by the Exchange on June 7, 2002 and the Company's listing has been continued under an extension.

The Exchange will continue to monitor the Company's performance periodically and any failure to meet the operating plan which was accepted by the Exchange could result in the commencement of delisting proceedings.

Seasonality. The operations of the Company are affected by seasonal fluctuations. Historically, the Company's revenues and income have been highest during the summer months with the fourth fiscal quarter representing the slowest period. This seasonality is primarily attributable to weather conditions in the Company's marketplace, which consists of portions of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, West Virginia and New York.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

The Company's management is responsible for the preparation, integrity and objectivity of the consolidated financial statements and other information presented in this report. The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and reflect certain estimates and adjustments by management. The Company's management maintains a system of internal accounting controls and disclosure controls and procedures which management believes provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly recorded and the Company's assets are protected from loss or unauthorized use.

The integrity of the accounting and disclosure systems are based on written policies and procedures, the careful selection and training of qualified financial personnel and direct management review. The Company's disclosure control systems and procedures are designed to ensure timely collection and evaluation of information subject to disclosure, to ensure the selection of appropriate accounting policies, and to ensure compliance with the Company's accounting policies and procedures. The Audit Committee is composed solely of independent directors and meets periodically with the independent auditors and management to discuss accounting and financial reporting matters. The independent auditors have direct and private access to the Audit Committee.

In November 2002, an evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-14(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures are effective. No significant changes were made in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation and there were no corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

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Exhibit

| Number | Exhibit Description |
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| 99.1 | Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 Leonard R. Stein-Sapir, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer |
| 99.2 | Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 Kenneth L. Hignett, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary |

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SIGNATURES

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

Morgan's Foods, Inc.

(Registrant)

Dated: December 23, 2002

By: /s/ Kenneth L. Hignett

Kenneth L. Hignett
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer & Secretary

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, Leonard R. Stein-Sapir, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Morgan's Foods, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;

Date: December 23, 2002

/s/ Leonard R. Stein-Sapir

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Leonard R. Stein-Sapir
Chairman of the Board,
Chief Executive Officer

I, Kenneth L. Hignett, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Morgan's Foods, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;

Date: December 23, 2002

/s/ Kenneth L. Hignett

Kenneth L. Hignett,
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer &
Secretary