

TOYO SUISAN

Annual Report

2002

Year ended March 31, 2002



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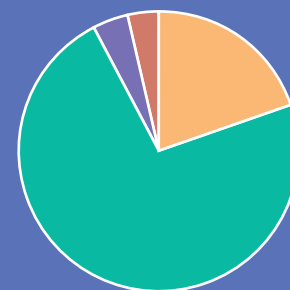
Toyo Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. ("the Company") was established in 1953 as an exporter, domestic buyer and distributor of marine products. The Company entered the cold-storage business in 1955 and began producing and selling such processed foods as fish sausage and various marine products in 1956. We have subsequently expanded into such other business fields as instant noodles, fresh noodles and frozen foods. In addition to consumer foods for home use, we also provide a diverse range of delicious, easy-preparation food products for the commercial food service industry, including restaurants, specialty stores and industrial food service.

Based on Toyo Suisan's corporate stance of "striving to deliver the most wholesome bounty of the earth to the dining table," the Company is undertaking efforts to create products that enhance the flavor of ingredients as well as to ensure careful selection of only the choicest foods. We are also striving to build the most functional logistics system, achieve consistent quality and sanitation controls and pursue new tastes through R&D efforts in response to next-generation needs. To share our delicious products with the rest of the world, Toyo Suisan established a local subsidiary in the United States in 1972, and thereafter began to produce and sell products to North American and Mexican markets. Since the launch of manufacturing and sales of instant noodles in China in 1995, we have made steady inroads into the market owing to the original, new taste of our products among Chinese consumers.

Net Sales by Segment

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002

Total ¥326,334 million



Seafood	19.6%
Processed Foods	72.7%
Cold-Storage	4.1%
Other Business	3.6%



Since it was first developed in 1962, the *Maruchan* mark has become widely recognized as the symbol for Toyo Suisan products among every Japanese age group. As further evidenced by being selected as one of the official sponsor products available at venues of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, products featuring the *Maruchan* label are highly acclaimed for their flavor in particular, and have enjoyed considerable popularity among food lovers both domestically and abroad.

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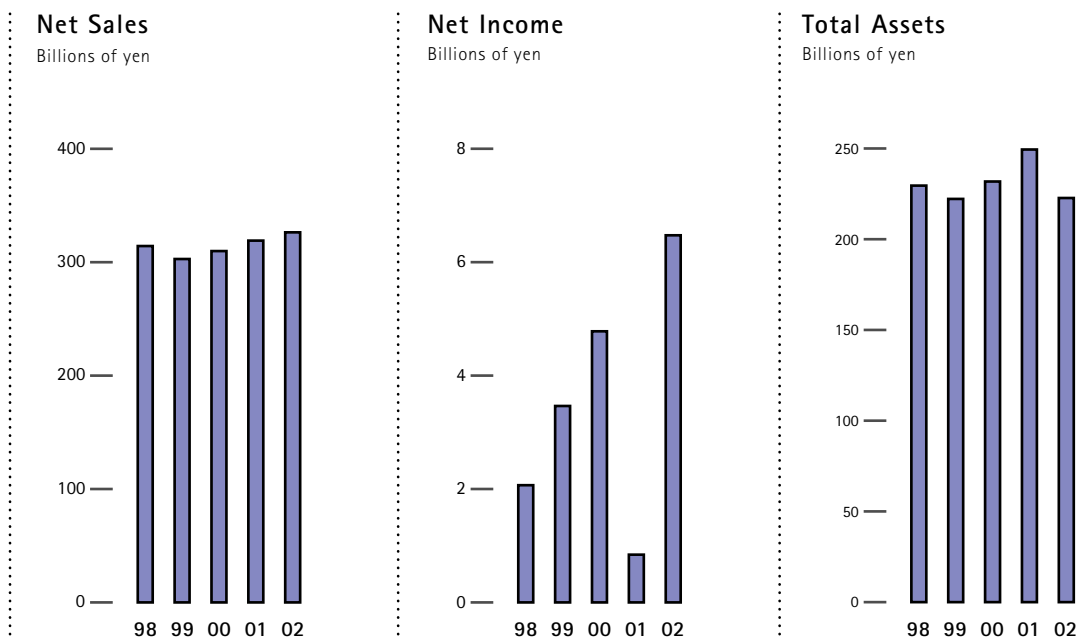
In this annual report, statements other than historical facts are forward-looking statements that reflect our plans and expectations. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results and achievements to differ materially from those anticipated in these statements.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
For the year:			
Net sales	¥ 319,036	¥ 326,334	\$ 2,449,043
Operating income	16,296	16,498	123,816
Net income	842	6,474	48,587
At year-end:			
Total assets	¥ 249,431	¥ 222,713	\$ 1,671,390
Shareholders' equity	91,898	97,621	732,613
Per share of common stock (in yen and U.S. dollars):			
Net income	¥ 8.1	¥ 62.3	\$ 0.467
Cash dividends	12.0	12.0	0.090

Note: U.S. dollar amounts represent translation of Japanese yen, for convenience only,
at the rate of ¥133.25=US\$1, the rate prevailing at March 29, 2002.



To Our Shareholders



Business Environment

In fiscal 2002, ended March 31, 2002, despite claims of visible signs of recovery near the end of the term, continued weak consumer spending, further exacerbated by falling stock prices and worsening employment conditions, along with a slowdown in IT-related demand, resulted in a lackluster performance of the Japanese economy as a whole.

Overseas, the U.S. economy was temporarily hampered by the impact of the September 11 terrorist attacks, but regained its momentum toward recovery owing to the success of the U.S. government's aggressive stimulus measures in preventing a continued economic slump.

In the Japanese food industry, prolonged stagnant consumer spending sparked off further price reductions and escalated sales competition to produce an increasingly challenging management environment. Furthermore, BSE (mad cow disease) concerns and the beef-mislabeling scandal have refocused public debate on the issue of social responsibility among corporations. Amid such environmental conditions, we aim to ensure product safety by reinforcing our quality controls and raising awareness of the importance of quality control among employees, as well as reduce costs and actively promote sales activities.

Business Results

In fiscal 2002, net sales rose 2.3% to ¥326,334 million (US\$2,449.0 million) and operating income edged up 1.2% to ¥16,498 million (US\$123.8 million). In non-operating income, the transfer from allowance for doubtful accounts totaled ¥1,006 million (US\$7.6 million), while in non-operating expenses, write-down of investments in securities of ¥2,269 million (US\$17.0 million) and provision for loss on guarantees of ¥1,554 million (US\$11.7 million) were recorded. The absence of the unrecognized transition amount of ¥9,696 million (US\$72.8 million) in non-operating expenses, which was recorded in fiscal 2001, was the overriding factor contributing to a 668.6% rise in net income to ¥6,474 million (US\$48.6 million).

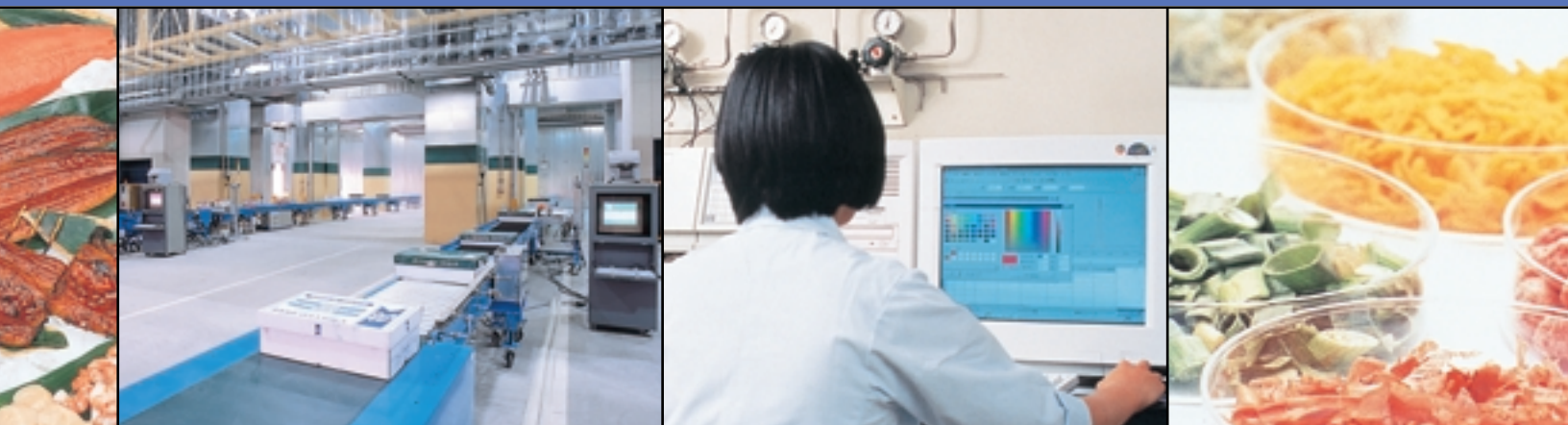
Performance by Business Segment

Seafood Division

The Company's focus on superior ingredients, together with a main emphasis on high value-added processed foods and enhancing operational efficiency through such measures as improved inventory management, were unable to counter the effects of falling fish prices fueled by sluggish consumer spending and deflationary pressures. As a result, net sales declined 7.4% to ¥64,059 million (US\$480.7 million).

Processed Foods Division

Domestic sales were favorable for our Japanese cup instant noodle series, including such products as



Akai-Kitsune, Midori-no-Tanuki, Kuroi-Buta-Curry and *Shiroi-Chikara*. Further, in the instant noodle business, our *Men-Zukuri* non-fried noodles recorded a sharp increase in sales, while the fresh noodle business achieved steady growth through positive sales of various types of *yakisoba* and *udon* products. In the frozen food business, sales of frozen noodles and frozen ingredients increased. Overseas, instant noodles continued to perform well in the U.S. market. Accordingly, net sales rose 5.6% to ¥237,323 million (US\$1,781.0 million).

Cold-Storage Division

The trend among customers to reduce inventories continued unabated, however, further declines in per-unit fees were curtailed due to changes in the composition of goods handled. In addition, the launch of operations at the Higashi-Ogishima No. 3 Cold-Storage Facility during fiscal 2002 contributed to a 3.3% increase in net sales to ¥13,286 million (US\$99.7 million).

Other Business Division

This division handles such operations as the manufacture and sale of cosmetics and the leasing of real estate. Net sales declined 4.5% to ¥11,665 million (US\$87.5 million).

Dividends

Our fundamental policy is to provide stable returns on earnings to shareholders, while also increasing internal reserves for future business development and bolstering our financial position. In line with this policy, year-end

cash dividends remained unchanged at ¥12.00 (US\$0.09) per share.

Outlook

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003, despite growing signs of an economic recovery, consumer spending is expected to remain weak largely due to anxieties over employment prospects. In the food industry, continued downward pressures on domestic and overseas pricing will likely result in a protracted, harsh market environment.

Against this backdrop, Toyo Suisan aims to surpass the net sales performance recorded for fiscal 2002 by developing products tailored to consumer needs, maximizing the collective proficiencies of the entire Group and targeting expanded market share through enhancing brand strengths. Concurrently, the Company will pursue restructuring measures that will include a scrap-and-build strategy regarding plants, along with further reducing production costs and more efficient utilization of capital allocated for expenses.

As a result of the above efforts, we are forecasting net sales of ¥335.0 billion (US\$2,514.1 million), operating income of ¥17.0 billion (US\$127.6 million) and net income of ¥9.2 billion (US\$69.0 million) in fiscal 2003.

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Teruaki Hashimoto
President

MILESTONES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1953 Established as Yokosuka Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. in the Tsukiji Market (Tokyo Metropolitan Central Wholesale Market) (Capital: ¥3.5 million)
Began export of frozen tuna and handling of domestic marine products 1955 Acquired cold-storage facility in Kawasaki, and entered the cold-storage business 1956 Started production of fish sausage
Changed Company name to Toyo Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. 1957 Relocated head office to Konan, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Started operations of canning plant and 1,500-ton cold-storage facility in Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 1960 Merged with Tokyo Suisan Kogyo Co., Ltd. 1961 Started operations of fish sausage plant in Yaizu-shi, Shizuoka Prefecture 1962 Birth of <i>Maruchan</i> mark 1964 Started operations of <i>ramen</i> plant in Hidaka-shi, Saitama Prefecture
Started operations of <i>ramen</i> plant in Sapporo 1965 Started operations of <i>ramen</i> plant in Isehara-shi, Kanagawa Prefecture 1967 Started operations of 1,000-ton cold-storage facility in Fukuoka 1970 Listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1971 Acquired Date Shokuhin Co., Ltd. (currently Fukushima Foods Co., Ltd.) 1972 Listed on the Second Section of the Osaka Securities Exchange and Nagoya Stock Exchange
Established Maruchan, Inc. in Irvine, CA (U.S.A.) 1973 Listed on the First Section of Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya stock exchanges 1976 Entered capital participation in Yutaka Shoyu Co., Ltd. (currently Yutaka Foods Corporation)
Started operations of <i>ramen</i> plant in Kobe 1977 Started operations of <i>ramen</i> plant at Maruchan, Inc. 1983 Entered capital participation in Shuetsu Co., Ltd.
Completed construction of new head office 1984 Approved as official sponsor product for Los Angeles Olympic Games 1985 Net sales exceeded ¥100.0 billion (non-consolidated basis)
Established Taiwan Tong Hsing Foods Co., Ltd. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1986 Introduced CI System (Established TS Mark) 1987 Started operations of 12,800-ton cold-storage facility in Nagoya 1988 Established Pac-Maru, Inc. in Seattle, WA (U.S.A.)
Began sponsoring Toyo Suisan Ladies Hokkaido women's pro-golf tournament
Established Hainan Dongyang Shuichan Co., Ltd. (Haikou, Hainan, China) 1989 Established Maruchan Virginia, Inc. in Richmond, VA (U.S.A.) 1990 Entered capital participation in Seafreeze Limited, Partnership in Seattle, WA (U.S.A.) 1991 Started operations of 21,000-ton cold-storage facility in Higashi-Ogishima, Kawasaki
Established Zhanjiang Dongyang Shuichan Co., Ltd. (Zhanjiang, Guangdong, China) 1992 Started operations of 17,000-ton cold-storage facility in Jyonanjima, Ota-ku, Tokyo 1994 Started operations of 20,000-ton cold-storage facility in Otaru-shi, Hokkaido
Started operations of Laguna Plant at Maruchan, Inc. 1995 Started operations of <i>ramen</i> plant at Hainan Dongyang Shuichan Co., Ltd. 1997 Started operations of 40,000-ton cold-storage facility in Higashi-Ogishima, Kawasaki
Merged with Maruto Kosan Co., Ltd. 1998 Started operations of 43,000-ton cold-storage facility in Konohana-ku, Osaka
Listing of Fukushima Foods Co., Ltd. on the over-the-counter market 1999 Merged with Toyo Reito Kaisha, Ltd. (Head Office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo) 2000 Listing of Yutaka Foods Corporation on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 2001 Started operations of Fukushima Foods Co., Ltd. plant for aseptic packaging of rice 2002 Started operations of 25,000-ton cold-storage facility in Otaru-shi, Hokkaido |
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As of March 31, 2001 and 2002

ASSETS

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
Current Assets:			
Cash on hand and in banks	¥ 48,011	¥ 20,679	\$ 155,191
Marketable securities (Note 4)	129	—	—
Notes and accounts receivable			
Trade	45,507	44,428	333,418
Unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	1,007	1,379	10,352
Other	2,798	1,675	12,567
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(1,157)	(446)	(3,349)
	48,155	47,036	352,988
Inventories	20,961	21,291	159,787
Deferred income tax assets	1,463	1,597	11,984
Other current assets	1,598	1,152	8,644
Total current assets	120,317	91,755	688,594
Property, Plant and Equipment:			
Buildings and structures	84,725	89,152	669,058
Machinery and equipment	73,929	75,748	568,465
	158,654	164,900	1,237,523
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(95,092)	(98,309)	(737,778)
	63,562	66,591	499,745
Land	33,576	33,910	254,485
Construction in progress	1,207	3,087	23,167
Total property, plant and equipment	98,345	103,588	777,397
Investments and Advances:			
Investments in and advances to			
unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	4,254	3,326	24,963
Investments in securities (Notes 4 and 6)	18,110	13,196	99,028
Deferred income tax assets	4,513	7,133	53,530
Other investments and advances	1,852	1,374	10,314
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(294)	(1)	(9)
Total investments and advances	28,435	25,028	187,826
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	2,334	2,342	17,573
Total assets	¥ 249,431	¥ 222,713	\$ 1,671,390

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statements.

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
Current Liabilities:			
Short-term bank loans (Note 6)	¥ 16,491	¥ 14,025	\$ 105,255
Current maturities of long-term debt (Note 6)	31,069	1,643	12,326
Accounts and notes payable			
Trade	21,034	18,704	140,367
Unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates	330	217	1,630
Other	1,206	2,102	15,772
	22,570	21,023	157,769
Income taxes payable	2,906	2,548	19,124
Accrued expenses	16,459	16,831	126,310
Deferred income tax liabilities	6	—	—
Other current liabilities	791	491	3,687
Total current liabilities	90,292	56,561	424,471
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Long-term debt (Note 6)	34,724	33,137	248,682
Deferred income tax liabilities	1,885	2,120	15,915
Reserve for retirement benefits			
— for employees	20,840	20,921	157,008
— for officers	795	1,112	8,343
Provision for loss on guarantees	—	1,554	11,662
Other long-term liabilities	12	—	—
Total long-term liabilities	58,256	58,844	441,610
Total liabilities	148,548	115,405	866,081
Contingent Liabilities (Note 8)			
Minority Interests in Consolidated Subsidiaries	8,985	9,686	72,695
Shareholders' Equity:			
Common stock, par value ¥50 per share			
Authorized: 427,000,000 shares as of			
March 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively			
Issued: 110,881,044 shares as of			
March 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively	18,969	18,969	142,360
Additional paid-in capital	20,155	20,155	151,262
Retained earnings	57,156	62,268	467,302
Adjustments on Foreign Currency Translation	(89)	1,600	12,007
Net unrealized holding loss on investments in securities	—	(1,414)	(10,612)
Treasury Stock	(1)	(15)	(116)
Treasury Stock Owned by Consolidated Subsidiaries	(4,292)	(3,942)	(29,590)
Total shareholders' equity	91,898	97,621	732,613
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	¥ 249,431	¥ 222,712	\$ 1,671,389

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

For the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
Net Sales (Note 12)	¥ 319,036	¥ 326,334	\$ 2,449,043
Cost of Sales (Note 12)	214,452	216,057	1,621,444
Gross profit	104,584	110,277	827,599
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	88,288	93,779	703,783
Operating income	16,296	16,498	123,816
Non-Operating Income (Expenses):			
Interest and dividend income	517	425	3,189
Interest expenses	(1,994)	(1,106)	(8,304)
Loss on sales or disposition of property	(310)	(366)	(2,748)
Gain on sales of investments in securities	—	254	1,905
Write-down of investments in securities	(2,646)	(2,269)	(17,028)
Exchange gain (loss)	1,146	311	2,336
Unrecognized transition amount	(9,696)	—	—
Provision for doubtful accounts	(1,259)	—	—
Transfer from allowance for doubtful accounts	—	1,006	7,550
Provision for loss on guarantees	—	(1,554)	(11,662)
Plant closure expenses	—	(780)	(5,852)
Other, net	(461)	(387)	(2,904)
	(14,703)	(4,466)	(33,518)
Income before income taxes	1,593	12,032	90,298
Provision for Income Taxes	438	4,801	36,034
	1,155	7,231	54,264
Minority Interests in Earnings of Consolidated Subsidiaries	(313)	(757)	(5,677)
Net income	842	6,474	48,587
Retained Earnings:			
Balance at beginning of year	58,147	57,157	428,939
Decrease in retained earnings due to inclusion of an additional subsidiary in the consolidation	(511)	—	—
Decrease in retained earnings due to sales of treasury stock	—	(103)	(768)
Appropriations:			
Cash dividends	(1,246)	(1,246)	(9,349)
Officers' bonuses	(75)	(14)	(107)
	(1,832)	(1,363)	(10,224)
Balance at year-end	¥ 57,157	¥ 62,268	\$ 467,302
Per Share:	Yen		U.S. dollars
Net income — primary	¥ 8.1	¥ 62.3	\$ 0.467
— fully diluted	—	—	—
Cash dividends, historical	12.0	12.0	0.09

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars (Note 3)
	2001	2002	2002
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Income before income taxes	¥ 1,593	¥ 12,032	\$ 90,299
Depreciation and amortization	8,432	8,528	64,000
Amortization of goodwill	15	16	120
Gain on sales of investments in securities	—	(254)	(1,905)
Loss on write-down of securities	2,646	2,269	17,028
Increase in provision for retirement benefits	10,143	398	2,984
Increase (decrease) in allowance for doubtful accounts	1,506	(1,007)	(7,557)
Interest and dividend income	(518)	(425)	(3,189)
Interest expenses	1,993	1,106	8,304
Increase in provision for loss on guarantees	—	1,554	11,662
Exchange loss (gain)	249	(323)	(2,429)
Loss on sales of marketable securities	32	75	564
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment, net	310	366	2,747
Loss on liquidation of unconsolidated subsidiaries	—	188	1,413
Plant closure expenses	—	780	5,852
Decrease (increase) in receivables, trade	(4,542)	1,832	13,749
Increase in inventories	(776)	(200)	(1,500)
Increase (decrease) in payable, trade	204	(2,531)	(18,995)
Increase in accrued expenses	1,719	129	965
Other, net	(528)	(200)	(1,501)
Sub-total	22,478	24,333	182,611
Interest and dividend income received	512	427	3,202
Interest expenses paid	(1,973)	(1,391)	(10,436)
Income taxes paid	(4,224)	(6,406)	(48,073)
Net cash provided by operating activities	16,793	16,963	127,304
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Payments for purchases of time deposits	(1,372)	(1,634)	(12,264)
Proceeds from maturities of time deposits	3,620	1,627	12,210
Payments for purchases of marketable securities	(151)	—	—
Proceeds from sales of marketable securities	581	53	402
Payments for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(7,748)	(12,599)	(94,553)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	170	500	3,754
Payments for purchase of investment in securities	(490)	(1,775)	(13,323)
Proceeds from sale of investment in securities	325	3,207	24,072
Payments for loan receivables	(762)	(1,074)	(8,063)
Collection of loan receivables	251	2,507	18,814
Other, net	14	(543)	(4,078)
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,562)	(9,731)	(73,029)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:			
Proceeds from short-term loans	13,800	12,367	92,809
Repayment of short-term loans	(17,090)	(14,794)	(111,027)
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,573)	(1,064)	(7,983)
Proceeds from bonds	19,888	—	—
Repayment of bonds	(10,000)	(30,000)	(225,140)
Dividends paid by parent company	(1,267)	(1,244)	(9,336)
Other, net	(165)	(123)	(923)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	3,593	(34,858)	(261,600)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(95)	221	1,660
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	14,729	(27,405)	(205,665)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	31,818	46,669	350,242
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year held by newly consolidated subsidiaries	122	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note 9)	¥ 46,669	¥ 19,264	\$ 144,577

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Presentation of the Consolidated Financial Statements:

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared based on the accounts maintained by Toyo Suisan Kaisha, Ltd. (the "Company") and its consolidated subsidiaries (the "Companies") in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Japanese Commercial Code and the Securities and Exchange Law, and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and practices prevailing in Japan, which are different in certain respects as to application and disclosure requirements of International Accounting Standards.

Certain items presented in consolidated financial statements submitted to the Director of the Kanto Finance Bureau in Japan have been reclassified in these accounts for the convenience of readers outside Japan.

The consolidated financial statements are not intended to present the consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Japan.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:*(1) Scope of Consolidation*

The Company had 42 subsidiaries as of March 31, 2002 (44 as of March 31, 2001). The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its 23 (24 for 2001) of its subsidiaries. The companies that are substantially controlled by the parent company are consolidated. The 23 major subsidiaries which have been consolidated with the Company are listed below:

Name of Subsidiary	Equity Ownership Percentage
Hachinohe Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0%
Kofu Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0
Fukushima Foods Co., Ltd.	51.8
Toyo Reito Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0
Kushiro Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	85.0
Sanriku Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0
Shuetsu Co., Ltd.	82.5
Shinto Corporation	100.0
Rosette Co., Ltd.	100.0
Tobu Boeki K.K.	100.0
Tsukiji Toyo Co., Ltd.	100.0
Sankyo Food Kogyo Co., Ltd.	76.9
Imari Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0
Fresh Diner Co., Ltd.	100.0
Tokyo Corporation	71.9
Sanin Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0
Choshi Toyo Kaisha, Ltd.	100.0
Yutaka Foods Corporation	38.5
Tagoseihyou Corporation	55.2
Maruchan, Inc.*	100.0
Maruchan Virginia, Inc.*	100.0
Pac-Mar, Inc.*	100.0
Seafreeze Limited, Partnership *	100.0

* Incorporated in the U.S.A.

(2) Unconsolidated Subsidiaries

The remaining 19 unconsolidated subsidiaries whose combined assets, net sales, net income and retained earnings in the aggregate are not significant compared to those of the consolidated financial statements of the Companies, therefore, they have not been consolidated with the Company.

(3) Consolidation Principles

The financial statements of Maruchan, Inc., Maruchan Virginia, Inc., Pac-Mar, Inc. and Seafreeze Limited, Partnership have been translated into Japanese yen at the current exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet dates for purposes of consolidation.

All of the above consolidated subsidiaries use a fiscal year ending on March 31 of each year, which is in agreement with the fiscal year of the Company.

Unrealized intercompany profits and losses among the Companies are entirely eliminated, and the portion thereof attributable to the minority interests is charged to the minority interests.

Any difference which may arise in elimination of cost of an investment in a subsidiary and the amount of underlying equity in net assets of the subsidiary as well as companies accounted for on an equity basis, is deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of five years from the date of acquisition.

(4) Accounts for Investments in Unconsolidated Subsidiaries and Affiliates

The Company had 19 (20 as at March 31, 2001) unconsolidated subsidiaries and 2 (2 as at March 31, 2001) affiliates as at March 31, 2002. The investments in these unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are carried at cost since the effect of applying the equity method of accounting for these companies would not have had any material effect on net income and retained earnings of the consolidated financial statements of the Companies.

(5) Remeasurement of Assets and Liabilities of the Subsidiaries

Full portion of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiaries is marked to fair values as of the acquisition of the control.

(6) Marketable Securities and Investments in Securities

Until the year ended March 31, 2001, marketable securities and investments in securities are stated at cost.

Effective from the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company and its subsidiaries adopted the new Japanese accounting standard for financial instruments about "Other securities" with a market quotation on a stock exchange, which is effective for periods beginning on or after April 1, 2000. As a result of adoption of the new standard, investments in securities for the year ended March 31, 2002 has decreased by ¥2,407 million (\$18,064 thousand), and deferred income tax assets and minority interests in consolidated subsidiaries have increased by ¥1,013 million (\$7,602 thousand) and ¥19 million (\$143 thousand), as compared with the amount which would have been reported if the previous standard had been applied consistently. Also, net unrealized holding loss on investments in securities of ¥-1,414 (\$-10,612) has been added up.

Securities held by the Company and its subsidiaries are classified into three categories:

"Held-to-maturity debt securities", that the Company and its subsidiaries have intent to hold to maturity, are stated at cost after accounting for premium or discount on acquisition, which are amortized over the period to maturity.

"Investments of the Company in equity securities issued by unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates" are accounted for by the equity method. As an exception, investments in certain unconsolidated subsidiaries and affiliates are stated at cost because the effect of application of the equity method would be immaterial.

"Other securities" with a market quotation on a stock exchange are valued at the market method.

"Other securities" without a market quotation are valued at the moving average cost.

(7) Inventories

Inventories are principally stated at cost, cost being determined by the moving-average method.

Effective from the year ended March 31, 2002, the Company and 1 subsidiary have changed their inventory method for finished goods, raw materials and work in process, from the total average method to the moving-average method. As a result of this change, cost of sales has increased by ¥45 million (\$338 thousand) and income before income taxes for this year has decreased by the same amount, as compared with the amount which would have been reported if the previous standard had been applied consistently.

(8) Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation is computed primarily on the declining-balance method at rates based on the estimated useful lives of assets which are prescribed by Japanese income tax laws.

The Company has changed the depreciation method of buildings (excluding leasehold improvement and auxiliary facilities attached to buildings), which were acquired after April 1, 1998, from the declining-balance method to the straight-line method pursuant to the amendments to Japanese income tax law, which took effect from the year starting on and after April 1, 1998.

The cost of property and equipment retired or otherwise disposed of and accumulated depreciation in respect thereof are eliminated from the related accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is reflected in income.

Normal repairs and maintenance, including minor renewals and improvements, are charged to income as incurred.

(9) Amortization

Amortization of intangible assets (included in other assets account) and deferred charges is computed on the straight-line method at years based on the estimated useful lives which are described by the Japanese income tax laws.

Bond issue expenses are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over a three-year period.

(10) Reserve for Retirement Benefits and Pension Plan

(a) Retirement Benefits for Employees

The employees of the Company and 18 subsidiaries are generally covered by the retirement benefit plans under which the retiring employees are entitled to lump-sum payments determined by reference to the current rates of pay, length of service, and conditions under which the terminations occur.

The balance of reserve for retirement benefits for employees in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets represents the estimated present value of projected benefit obligations in excess of the fair value of the plan assets except that the unrecognized actuarial differences are amortized on a straight-line basis over the period of 10 years from the next year in which they arise.

(b) Retirement Benefits for Officers

The Company and 6 subsidiaries have provided for the accrued cost of retirement benefits payable to Officers at an amount equivalent to 100 per cent, of such benefits the Company and subsidiaries would be required to pay, had all eligible Officers retired at the year-end date.

Effective from the year ended March 31, 2000, the Company has changed its basis of Retirement Benefits for Officers, from the cash basis to the accrual basis. As a result of this change, the cumulative effect on prior years of the change amounting to ¥718 million was equally charged in three years after the year.

(11) Accounting for Lease

Finance leases other than those that are deemed to transfer the ownership of the leased assets to lessees are principally accounted for by the method that is applicable to ordinary operating leases.

(12) Foreign Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Resulting gains and losses are included in net profit or loss for the period.

In addition, assets and liabilities of the foreign subsidiaries and affiliates are translated into Japanese yen at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. The shareholders' equity at the beginning of the year is translated into Japanese yen at the historical rates. Profit and loss accounts for the year are translated into Japanese yen using the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Differences in yen amounts arising from the use of different rates are presented as "adjustments on foreign currency translation" in the shareholders' equity portion of the consolidated balance sheets.

(13) Income Taxes

Income taxes of the Company and its domestic subsidiaries consist of corporate income taxes, local inhabitants taxes and enterprise taxes.

Income taxes are determined using the assets and liability approach, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized in respect of temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and those as reported in the consolidated financial statements.

(14) Dividends and Appropriation of Retained Earnings

Under the Japanese Commercial Code and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company, the plan for appropriation of retained earnings (including cash dividend payments) proposed by the Board of Directors should be approved by the shareholders' meeting, which must be held within three months after the end of each fiscal year.

Dividends are paid to shareholders on the shareholders' register at the end of each fiscal year.

As is customary practice in Japan, the payment of bonuses to directors and statutory auditors is taken from retained earnings instead of being charged to income of the year, which constitute a part of appropriations cited above.

(15) Net Income and Dividends per Share

Net income per share of common stock is based upon the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during each year. Cash dividends per share represent dividends declared as applicable to the respective period.

(16) Accounting for the Consumption Tax

Consumption tax is levied at the flat rate of 5% on all domestic consumption of goods and services (with certain exemptions). The consumption tax withheld by the Company on its revenues and consumption tax paid by the Company and its domestic subsidiaries on its purchases of products, merchandise and services from vendors are not included in the amounts of respective accounts in the

consolidated statements of income, but is recorded as an asset or a liability, as the case may be, and the net balance is included in "other current liabilities" on the consolidated balance sheets.

3. United States Dollar Amounts:

The Company and its consolidated subsidiaries maintain its accounting records in yen. The dollar amounts included in the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto represent the arithmetical results of translating yen to dollars on the basis of ¥133.25=U.S.\$1. The inclusion of such dollar amounts is solely for convenience.

4. Marketable Securities and Investments in Securities:

Market value of investments in securities shown above as of March 31, 2002 was as follows:

	Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars
	Book value	Market value	Unrealized loss	Unrealized loss
Investments in securities	¥ 14,253	¥ 11,825	¥ (2,428)	\$ (18,129)

5. Derivative Financial Instruments:

The Company and 3 consolidated subsidiaries entered into derivative financial instruments of foreign exchange forward contracts. The Companies do not hold or issue derivatives for trading purposes and it is the Company's policy to use derivatives only for the purpose of reducing market risk and financing costs in accordance with internal criteria. The Companies don't anticipate any losses resulting from default of the counter-parties, as they are limited to major domestic financial institutions with sound operational foundations.

6. Short-term Bank Loans and Long-term Debt:

Short-term bank loans outstanding as of March 31, 2002 were generally represented by the notes payable issued by the Company and its subsidiaries to banks bearing interest at annual rates averaging 1.115% as of March 31, 2002. Customarily these notes are renewed at maturity subject to renegotiation of interest rates and other factors.

Long-term debt as of March 31, 2001 and 2002 consisted of the following:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Loans from banks and other financial institutions due from 2002 to 2012 with mortgages and collateral, at interest indicated below	¥ 5,535	¥ 4,524	\$ 33,952
3.1% bonds due June 15, 2001 issued by the Company	30,000	—	—
2.45% bonds due June 24, 2005 issued by the Company	10,000	10,000	75,047
1.06% bonds due February 15, 2006 issued by the Company	10,000	10,000	75,047
1.44% bonds due February 15, 2008 issued by the Company	10,000	10,000	75,047
Guarantee deposits from tenants	258	271	2,033
	65,793	34,795	261,126
Less: current maturities	(31,069)	(3,137)	(23,543)
	¥ 34,724	¥ 31,658	\$ 237,583

The Company's assets pledged as collateral and collective mortgages for long-term debt and contingent liability for guarantees at March 31, 2001 and 2002 are summarized as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation:			
Buildings and structures	¥ 2,581	¥ 2,318	\$ 17,393
Machinery and equipment	44	46	342
Land	1,766	1,766	13,255
Investments in securities	2,160	1,041	7,816
Treasury stock owned by consolidated subsidiaries	—	324	2,430
Other	164	163	1,227
	¥ 6,715	¥ 5,658	\$ 42,463

The aggregate annual maturities of long-term loans from banks and other financial institutions outstanding as of March 31, 2002 during the succeeding period are as follows:

Year ending March 31,	Millions of yen	Thousands of U.S. dollars
2003	¥ 1,658	\$ 12,444
2004	1,807	13,556
2005	189	1,421
2006	189	1,421
2007 and thereafter	681	5,110
	¥ 4,524	\$ 33,952

7. Reserve for Retirement Benefits and Pension Plan:

The Company and 18 domestic subsidiaries have defined benefit retirement plans covering substantially all employees, and the Company and 9 domestic subsidiaries have qualified pension plans. Also the Company and 18 domestic subsidiaries have qualified a plan which is governed by the regulations of the Japanese Welfare Pension Insurance Law. Moreover, the premium retirement payments may be paid in case of retirement of an employee.

The reserve for retirement benefits as of March 31, 2001 and 2002 is analyzed as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Projected benefit obligations	¥ 45,039	¥ 47,026	\$ 352,914
Plan assets	20,039	20,099	150,835
Net unreserved projected benefit obligations	25,000	26,927	202,079
Unrecognized actuarial differences	4,160	6,006	45,071
Accrued retirement benefits	¥ 20,840	¥ 20,921	\$ 157,008

Notes:

- (1) The above table includes the amounts related to the portion subject to the Japanese Welfare Pension Insurance Law.
- (2) Some domestic subsidiaries principally adopted the simple method for retirement benefits.
- (3) Two domestic subsidiaries have qualified a comprehensive established pension plan, which is governed by the regulations of the Japanese Welfare Pension Insurance Law, and the above table does not include the amounts of pension assets totaling ¥347 million (\$2,604 thousand).

Net pension and severance cost related to the retirement benefit plan for the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002 was as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Service cost	¥ 2,103	¥ 2,197	\$ 16,486
Interest cost	1,169	1,252	9,399
Expected return on plan assets	(635)	(584)	(4,385)
Amortization of transition amount	9,639	—	—
Amortization of actuarial differences	—	408	3,062
Amortization of prior service cost	57	—	—
Net pension and severance cost	¥ 12,333	¥ 3,273	\$ 24,562

Assumptions used in calculation of the above information were as follows:

	Year ended March 31, 2001	Year ended March 31, 2002
Method of attributing the projected benefits to periods of services	straight-line basis	straight-line basis
Discount rate	3.0%	3.0%
Expected rate of return on plan assets	3.0%	3.0%
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	1 year	—
Amortization of unrecognized actuarial differences	10 years	10 years
Amortization of transition amount	1 year	—

8. Contingent Liabilities:

Contingent liabilities for guarantees of indebtedness of the following companies at March 31, 2002 were as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Mitsuwa Daily Co., Ltd.	—	¥ 504	\$ 3,782
Suzuki Daily Co., Ltd.	—	432	3,242
Taiwan Tong Hsing Foods Co., Ltd.	¥ 469	136	1,020
Kainan Toyo Suisan, Ltd.	247	200	1,500
Tianjin Sankyo Food Co., Ltd.	—	106	795
	¥ 717	¥ 1,378	\$ 10,344

9. Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows:

Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statements of cash flows are composed of cash on hand, bank deposits able to be withdrawn on demand and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less and which represent a minor risk of fluctuations in value.

Cash and cash equivalents consists of:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Cash and bank deposits	¥ 48,011	¥ 20,679	\$ 155,189
Time deposits with deposit term of over 3 months	(1,342)	(1,415)	(10,612)
Cash and cash equivalents	¥ 46,669	¥ 19,264	\$ 144,577

10. Lease Commitments:

All finance lease contracts other than those by which the ownership of the leased assets is to be transferred to lessees, are accounted for by the method similar to the operating lease method.

Lease rental expenses on finance lease contracts without ownership-transfer for the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002 were as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Lease expenses	¥ 837	¥ 750	\$ 5,631

Scheduled maturity of lease rental expenses from the above lease contracts subsequent to March 31, 2001 and 2002 are summarized as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Due within one year	¥ 696	¥ 542	\$ 4,068
Due over one year	694	392	2,942
	¥ 1,390	¥ 934	\$ 7,010

Assumed data as to acquisition cost, accumulated depreciation, net book value and depreciation expense of the leased assets, which included the portion of interest thereon, for the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002 were summarized as follows:

	Year ended March 31, 2001		
	Millions of yen		
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
Machinery and Equipment	¥ 2,980	¥ 2,234	¥ 746
Other	1,597	953	644
	¥ 4,577	¥ 3,187	¥ 1,390

	Year ended March 31, 2002					
	Millions of yen			Thousands of U.S. dollars		
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
Machinery and Equipment	¥ 2,892	¥ 2,312	¥ 580	\$ 21,707	\$ 17,355	\$ 4,352
Other	1,454	1,100	354	10,914	8,256	2,658
	¥ 4,346	¥ 3,412	¥ 934	\$ 32,620	\$ 25,610	\$ 7,010

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Depreciation	¥ 837	¥ 750	\$ 5,631

Depreciation is based on the straight-line method over the lease term of the leased assets.

11. Taxes:

Income taxes applicable to the parent company and subsidiaries in Japan include (1) corporation tax, (2) enterprise tax and (3) inhabitants tax, which, in the aggregate, result in a statutory tax rate approximately equal to 42.0% for the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002, respectively.

The significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities at March 31 were as follows:

	Millions of yen		Thousands of U.S. dollars
	2001	2002	2002
Deferred tax assets:			
Unrealized gain on fixed assets	¥ 574	¥ 553	\$ 4,150
Accrued bonuses	278	373	2,799
Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,462	1,075	8,067
Write-down of investments in securities	229	671	5,036
Provision for loss on guarantees	—	653	4,901
Plant closure expenses	—	279	2,094
Net unrealized holding loss on investments in securities	—	1,014	7,610
Reserve for retirement benefits	7,483	7,813	58,634
Other	521	1,065	7,992
Total deferred tax assets	10,547	13,496	101,283
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Allowance for doubtful accounts	682	942	7,070
Reversal of special reserves for deferred of capital gains	3,718	3,660	27,467
Difference between cost of an investment and the amount of underlying equity in a subsidiary	959	959	7,197
Depreciation in overseas consolidated subsidiaries	1,103	1,326	9,951
Other	1	—	—
Total deferred tax liabilities	6,463	6,887	51,685
Net deferred tax assets	¥ 4,084	¥ 6,609	\$ 49,598

Reconciliations of the differences between the statutory tax rate and the effective income tax rate at March 31, 2001 and 2002 were as follows:

	2001	2002
Statutory tax rate	42.0%	42.0%
Increase (decrease) in taxes resulting from:		
Permanent non-deductible expenses	15.2	1.1
Equalization tax	4.8	0.6
Foreign tax credit	14.0	(1.9)
Dividends received not taxable	(25.0)	(1.2)
Unrecognized loss carried forward	(26.5)	—
Other	3.0	(0.7)
Effective income tax rate	27.5%	39.9%

In Japan, the consumption tax system is designed so that all goods and services are taxed at a flat rate of 5% unless specifically provided otherwise. Assets, liabilities and profit and loss accounts are stated net of consumption tax.

12. Segment Information:

(1) Business segment

The Company and its subsidiaries operate principally in three industrial segments:

Industry Segment	Major Products/Services
Seafood	fish and shellfish
Processed foods	instant foods, paste foods, restorable pouch and chilled foods
Refrigeration	operation of refrigerated warehouses
Other	cosmetics, rent of warehouse

Sales of the Company and subsidiaries for the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002, classified by industry segments are summarized as follows:

Year ended March 31, 2001							
Millions of yen							
	Industry Segment					Elimination of Inter-segment sales/transfers	Consolidated total
	Seafood	Processed foods	Refrig- eration	Other	Total		
Net sales	¥ 72,345	¥ 225,577	¥ 14,354	¥ 15,185	¥ 327,461	¥ (8,425)	¥ 319,036
Operating expenses	72,051	210,706	14,432	13,979	311,168	(8,428)	302,740
Operating income(loss)	¥ 294	¥ 14,871	¥ (78)	¥ 1,206	¥ 16,293	¥ 3	¥ 16,296
Assets	¥ 35,169	¥ 127,002	¥ 34,096	¥ 22,737	¥ 219,004	¥ 30,427	¥ 249,431
Depreciation	282	4,274	2,412	1,158	8,126	448	8,574
Capital expenditures	275	6,878	197	1,201	8,551	477	9,028

Year ended March 31, 2002							
Millions of yen							
	Industry Segment					Elimination of Inter-segment sales/transfers	Consolidated total
	Seafood	Processed foods	Refrig- eration	Other	Total		
Net sales	¥ 67,852	¥ 238,334	¥ 14,274	¥ 14,426	¥ 334,886	¥ (8,552)	¥ 326,334
Operating expenses	67,348	223,393	14,168	13,490	318,399	(8,563)	309,836
Operating income	¥ 504	¥ 14,941	¥ 106	¥ 936	¥ 16,487	¥ 11	¥ 16,498
Assets	¥ 31,478	¥ 110,238	¥ 32,938	¥ 21,385	¥ 196,039	¥ 26,673	¥ 222,712
Depreciation	265	4,688	2,199	1,122	8,274	470	8,744
Capital expenditures	274	8,871	3,945	890	13,980	173	14,153

Year ended March 31, 2002							
Thousands of U.S. dollars							
	Industry Segment					Elimination of Inter-segment sales/transfers	Consolidated total
	Seafood	Processed foods	Refrig- eration	Other	Total		
Net sales	\$ 509,208	\$ 1,788,627	\$ 107,125	\$ 108,262	\$ 2,513,222	\$ (64,179)	\$ 2,449,043
Operating expenses	505,421	1,676,499	106,331	101,238	2,389,489	(64,262)	2,325,227
Operating income	\$ 3,787	\$ 112,128	\$ 794	\$ 7,024	\$ 123,733	\$ 83	\$ 123,816
Assets	\$ 236,233	\$ 827,305	\$ 247,189	\$ 160,485	\$ 1,471,212	\$ 200,173	\$ 1,671,385
Depreciation	1,995	35,179	16,505	8,419	62,098	3,530	65,628
Capital expenditures	2,054	66,578	29,608	6,681	104,921	1,295	106,216

Notes:

(1) As described in Note 2(6) of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Companies adopted the new Japanese accounting standard for financial instruments as of April 1, 2000 regarding "Other securities" with a market quotation on a stock exchange. As a result, corporate assets decreased by ¥1,414 million (\$10,612 thousand), when compared with the previous year.

(2) As described in Note 2(7) of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company and 1 subsidiary have changed their inventory method. As a result, operating expenses of "Processed foods" increased by ¥45 million (\$338 thousand), and consequently, operating income decreased by the same amount, when compared with the previous year.

(2) Geographical Segment

Year ended March 31, 2001					
Millions of yen					
	Japan	North America	Total	Elimination or Unallocable Amounts	Consolidated total
1) Net sales and operating income:	¥ 268,340	¥ 58,429	¥ 326,769	¥ (7,733)	¥ 319,036
Operating expenses	257,856	52,636	310,492	(7,752)	302,740
Operating income	¥ 10,484	¥ 5,793	¥ 16,277	¥ 19	¥ 16,296
2) Assets	¥ 191,551	¥ 28,124	¥ 219,675	¥ 29,756	¥ 249,431

Year ended March 31, 2002					
Millions of yen					
	Japan	North America	Total	Elimination or Unallocable Amounts	Consolidated total
1) Net sales and operating income:	¥ 267,058	¥ 67,433	¥ 334,491	¥ (8,157)	¥ 326,334
Operating expenses	257,613	60,390	318,003	(8,167)	309,836
Operating income	¥ 9,445	¥ 7,043	¥ 16,488	¥ 10	¥ 16,498
2) Assets	¥ 166,007	¥ 31,478	¥ 197,485	¥ 25,227	¥ 222,712

Year ended March 31, 2002					
Thousands of U.S. dollars					
	Japan	North America	Total	Elimination or Unallocable Amounts	Consolidated total
1) Net sales and operating income:	\$ 2,004,190	\$ 506,068	\$ 2,510,258	\$ (61,215)	\$ 2,449,043
Operating expenses	1,933,302	453,213	2,386,515	(61,288)	2,325,227
Operating income	\$ 70,888	\$ 52,855	\$ 123,743	\$ 73	\$ 123,816
2) Assets	\$ 1,245,830	\$ 236,232	\$ 1,482,062	\$ 189,320	\$ 1,671,382

Notes:

(1) As described in Note 2(6) of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Companies adopted the new Japanese accounting standard for financial instruments as of April 1, 2000 regarding "Other securities" with a market quotation on a stock exchange. As a result, assets of "Japan" decreased by ¥1,414 million (\$10,612 thousand), when compared with the previous year.

(2) As described in Note 2(10) of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company and 1 subsidiary have changed their inventory method. As a result, operating expenses of "Japan" increased by ¥45 million (\$338 thousand), and consequently operating income decreased by the same amount, when compared with the previous year.

(3) Net Sales in Overseas Countries

	Year ended March 31, 2001			Year ended March 31, 2002			Year ended March 31, 2002		
	Millions of yen						Thousands of U.S. dollars		
	North America	Others	Total	North America	Others	Total	North America	Others	Total
Net sales in overseas countries	¥ 54,817	¥2,440	¥ 57,257	¥ 61,780	¥2,085	¥ 63,865	\$ 463,635	\$ 15,646	\$ 479,291
Consolidated net sales	—	—	¥ 319,036	—	—	¥ 326,334	—	—	\$2,449,043
%	17.2%	0.7%	17.9%	18.9%	0.7%	19.6%	18.9%	0.7%	19.6%

Notes:

(1) Net sales in overseas countries include those of the Company and its overseas consolidated subsidiaries.

(2) The major countries in each classification are as follows:

North America U.S.A.

Others People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Republic of Korea

Report of Independent Accountants

To the Board of Directors
TOYO SUISAN KAISHA, LTD.

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of TOYO SUISAN KAISHA, LTD. and its subsidiaries as of March 31, 2001 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, all expressed in Japanese yen. Our audits were made in accordance with auditing standards, procedures and practices generally accepted and applied in Japan and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly the consolidated financial position of TOYO SUISAN KAISHA, LTD. and its subsidiaries as of March 31, 2001 and 2002, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended March 31, 2001 and 2002, in conformity with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in Japan (see Note 1) applied on a consistent basis, except for the change, with which we concur, in the inventory method as described in Note 1(7).

As described in Note 2(6), effective for the year ended March 31, 2002, TOYO SUISAN KAISHA, LTD. and its subsidiaries have adopted new Japanese accounting standards for financial instruments and retirement benefits.

The amounts expressed in U.S. dollars, provided solely for the convenience of the reader, have been translated on the basis set forth in Note 3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Chuo", "Aoyama", and "Corporation" being capitalized and prominent.

ChuoAoyama Audit Corporation

Tokyo, Japan
June 27, 2002

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE AUDITORS

As of June 27, 2002

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CORPORATE DATA

As of March 31, 2002

<i>Head Office</i>	13-40, Konan 2-chome Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-8501, Japan Tel: 81-3-3458-5111
<i>Date of Establishment</i>	March 25, 1953
<i>Common Stock</i>	Authorized Number of Shares 427,000,000 shares Issued Number of Shares 110,881,044 shares Paid-in Capital ¥18,969 million
<i>Stock Exchange Listings</i>	Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya (#2875)
<i>Stock Transfer Agent</i>	The Chuo Mitsui Trust and Banking Company, Limited
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	The annual meeting of shareholders is usually held before the end of June in Tokyo
<i>Number of Shareholders</i>	7,738
<i>Number of Plants</i>	6
<i>Number of Sales Offices</i>	25
<i>Number of Subsidiaries and Affiliates</i>	44
<i>Number of Employees</i>	4,240



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