

## **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We report our financial results in accordance with GAAP. However, to supplement the financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP, we use non-GAAP financial measures including non-GAAP net income and diluted net income per share, non-GAAP operating income, and adjusted EBITDA. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures that exclude the impact of specific items (described below) in making financial, operating and planning decisions and in evaluating our performance. Also, Management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures may be useful to investors in their assessment of our ongoing operating performance and provide additional meaningful comparisons between current results and results in prior operating periods. While Management believes that non-GAAP measures are useful supplemental information, such adjusted results are not intended to replace our GAAP financial results and should be read in conjunction with those GAAP results.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined by us as income before income tax, net other expense, net interest expense and depreciation and amortization and stock-based compensation expense (or operating income plus depreciation and amortization expense and stock-based compensation expense). Adjusted EBITDA further excludes one-time charges related to facility closures. We present adjusted EBITDA because we believe that adjusted EBITDA is a useful supplemental measure in evaluating the cash flows and performance of our business and provides greater transparency into our results of operations. Adjusted EBITDA is used by our management to perform such evaluations. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for cash flow from operations, income from operations or other income statement measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. We believe that adjusted EBITDA is frequently used by investors, securities analysts and other interested parties in their evaluation of companies, many of which present adjusted EBITDA when reporting their results. Other companies may calculate adjusted EBITDA differently and it may not be comparable.

The reconciliations of these non-GAAP measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are shown in the tables below.

Non-GAAP financial measures reflect adjustments based on the following items:

Facility closures: we have excluded the charges related to our decision to close distribution and manufacturing facilities as they
represent infrequent transactions that impact the comparability between operating periods. We believe these exclusions
supplement the GAAP information with a measure that may be useful to investors in assessing the sustainability of our operating
performance.

From time to time in the future, there may be other items that we may exclude if we believe that doing so is consistent with the goal of providing useful supplemental information to investors and management.

- 1. During the second quarter of fiscal 2025, we recognized incremental expense of \$5.3 million in the consolidated statement of operations, related to the decision to wind-down our operations in the U.K. and the related facility there as we move to a direct-export model.
- During the second quarter of fiscal 2024, we recognized incremental expense of \$5.3 million in the consolidated statement of operations, from the closure of a manufacturing facility in Chico, California, and the consolidation of our Southeast distribution network.

Net Income and Diluted Net Income Per Share Reconciliation		GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation										
		Three Mor	nths E	nded		Six Mont	ths Ended					
	M	arch 29, 2025	Mai	rch 30, 2024	Mai	rch 29, 2025	Mai	rch 30, 2024				
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)											
GAAP net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company	\$	63,633	\$	61,987	\$	77,642	\$	62,417				
Facility closures	(1)(2)	5,339		5,270		5,339		5,270				
Tax effect of facility closures & business exit		(1,255)		(1,233)		(1,255)		(1,233)				
Non-GAAP net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet	\$	67,717	\$	66,024	\$	81,726	\$	66,454				
GAAP diluted net income per share	\$	0.98	\$	0.93	\$	1.19	\$	0.93				
Non-GAAP diluted net income per share	\$	1.04	\$	0.99	\$	1.25	\$	0.99				
Shares used in GAAP and non-GAAP diluted net earnings per share calculation	e	64,879		66,831		65,171		66,815				

Operating Income Reconciliation	GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation											
	Three M	onths Ended Ma	rch 29, 2025	Six Mo	nths Ended I	ed March 29, 2025						
	GAAP	Facility closure <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-GAAP	GAAP	Facility closure <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-GAAP						
			(in th	ousands)								
Net sales	\$ 833,537	\$ —	\$ 833,537	\$1,489,973	\$	— \$1,489,973						
Cost of goods sold and occupancy	560,454	4,41	3 556,041	1,021,191	4	,413 1,016,778						
Gross profit	\$ 273,083	\$ (4,41	3) \$ 277,496	\$ 468,782	\$ (4	,413) \$ 473,195						
Selling, general and administrative expenses	179,759	92	6 178,833	347,466		926 346,540						
Income from operations	\$ 93,324	\$ (5,33	9) \$ 98,663	\$ 121,316	\$ (5	,339) \$ 126,655						
		_			_	-						
Gross margin	32.8%		33.3%	31.5%		31.8%						
Operating margin	11.2%	_	11.8%	8.1%	_	8.5%						

Operating	Income	Reconciliation
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		Three Mo	onths	Ended Marc	ch 3	0, 2024	Six Months Ended March 30, 2024						
		GAAP	Facility closures <sup>(2)</sup>				GAAP		Facility closures <sup>(2)</sup>		Non-GAAP		
						(in tho	usar	nds)					
Net sales	\$	900,090	\$	—	\$	900,090	\$	1,534,623	\$	_	\$1,534,623		
Cost of goods sold and occupancy		621,210		2,527		618,683		1,076,898		2,527	1,074,371		
Gross profit	\$	278,880	\$	(2,527)	\$	281,407	\$	457,725	\$	(2,527)	\$ 460,252		
Selling, general and administrative expenses		185,433		2,743		182,690		355,866		2,743	353,123		
Income from operations	\$	93,447	\$	(5,270)	\$	98,717	\$	101,859	\$	(5,270)	\$ 107,129		
			_		_				_				
Gross margin		31.0%				31.3%		29.8%			30.0%		
Operating margin	_	10.4%	_			11.0%		6.6%	_		7.0%		
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GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation

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Pet Segment Operating Income Reconciliation		GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation									
			Three Mor	nths E	nded	Six Months Ended					
		Mar	ch 29, 2025	Ма	rch 30, 2024	March 29, 2025		Ма	rch 30, 2024		
				(in thousands)							
GAAP operating income		\$	60,614	\$	62,659	\$	111,871	\$	106,047		
Facility closure	(1)		5,339		_		5,339		_		
Non-GAAP operating income		\$	65,953	\$	62,659	\$	117,210	\$	106,047		
GAAP operating margin	-		13.4%		13.0%		12.7%		11.9%		
Non-GAAP operating margin			14.5%		13.0%		13.3%		11.9%		

Garden Segment Operating Income Reconciliation		GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation											
			Three Mo	nths E	Six Months Ended								
		Marc	h 29, 2025	March 30, 2024		Ma	rch 29, 2025	Mar	rch 30, 2024				
	(in thousands)												
GAAP operating income		\$	58,731	\$	57,066	\$	61,154	\$	48,180				
Facility closure	(2)		_		5,270				5,270				
Non-GAAP operating income		\$	58,731	\$	62,336	\$	61,154	\$	53,450				
GAAP operating margin	-		15.5%		13.6%		10.0%		7.5%				
Non-GAAP operating margin			15.5%		14.8%		10.0%		8.3%				

## Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation		GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation									
				Thre	e Months End	led Ma	arch 29, 2025				
			Pet		Garden	C	orporate	Total			
		(in thousands)									
Net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company		\$	_	\$	_	\$	—	\$	63,633		
Interest expense, net			_		_		_		9,358		
Other income			_		_		—		(744)		
Income tax expense			_		_		_		19,903		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest			_		_		_		1,174		
Income (loss) from operations			60,614		58,731		(26,021)		93,324		
Depreciation & amortization			9,498		10,443		705		20,646		
Noncash stock-based compensation			_		_		4,018		4,018		
Facility closure	(1)		5,339						5,339		
Adjusted EBITDA		\$	75,451	\$	69,174	\$	(21,298)	\$	123,327		

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation	۱
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Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation		 GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation									
			Three	Months End	led Mar	ch 30, 2024					
		Pet	(	Garden	Corporate			Total			
			(in thousands)								
Net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company		\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$	61,987			
Interest expense, net		_		_		_		11,473			
Other expense		_		_		_		171			
Income tax expense		_		_		_		19,134			
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		_		_		682			
Income (loss) from operations		62,659		57,066		(26,278)		93,447			
Depreciation & amortization		11,124		11,014		674		22,812			
Noncash stock-based compensation		_		_		2,907		2,907			
Facility closures	(2)			5,270				5,270			
Adjusted EBITDA		\$ 73,783	\$	73,350	\$	(22,697)	\$	124,436			

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation			GA	AP to Non-GA	AP Re	econciliation	
			Six	Months Ende	ed Mai	rch 29, 2025	
		Pet		Garden	Corporate		 Total
			(in thousands)				
Net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company		\$ _	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 77,642
Interest expense, net		_		_			17,088
Other expense		_		_		_	973
Income tax expense		_		_			24,267
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		_		_	 1,346
Income (loss) from operations		111,871		61,154		(51,709)	121,316
Depreciation & amortization		19,578		21,574		1,428	42,580
Noncash stock-based compensation		_		_		9,528	9,528
Facility closure	(1)	5,339		_			5,339
Adjusted EBITDA		\$ 136,788	\$	82,728	\$	(40,753)	\$ 178,763

Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation	_	GAAP to Non-GAAP Reconciliation									
			Six Months	Ended	March 30, 2024						
	-	Pet	Garden		Corporate		Total				
			(ir	thous	sands)						
Net income attributable to Central Garden & Pet Company		\$ —	\$	_	\$ —	\$	62,417				
Interest expense, net		_		_	_		21,180				
Other income		_		_	_		(822)				
Income tax expense		_		_	_		18,265				
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		_		_	_		819				
Income (loss) from operations		106,047	48,1	80	(52,368)		101,859				
Depreciation & amortization		21,922	22,0	20	1,415		45,357				
Noncash stock-based compensation		_		_	8,927		8,927				
Facility closures	(2)	_	5,2	70			5,270				
Adjusted EBITDA	=	\$ 127,969	\$ 75,4	70	\$ (42,026)	\$	161,413				