



## **DARLING INTERNATIONAL INC. ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2009 RESULTS**

*November 12, 2009 – IRVING, TEXAS* – Darling International Inc. (NYSE: DAR) today reported net income of \$16.1 million, or \$0.19 per share, for the third quarter ended October 3, 2009. Sales and results of operations for the third quarter as compared to the same period of the prior year are as follows:

For the third quarter of 2009, the company reported net sales of \$159.9 million as compared to \$236.2 million for the third quarter of 2008. Lower finished product prices and reduced raw material volume accounted for the majority of the \$76.3 million decrease.

Net income for the third quarter of 2009 decreased to \$16.1 million, or \$0.19 per share, as compared to \$23.0 million, or \$0.28 per share, for the 2008 comparable period. The \$6.9 million decrease in net income for the third quarter resulted primarily from reduced raw material volume and lower finished product prices, which were partially offset by lower energy costs related to natural gas and diesel fuel.

Darling International Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Randall Stuewe, said, “Our third quarter performance reflected solid execution on many fronts. Operationally, our raw material volumes remained stable since the first quarter of 2009 and we continued to benefit from lower energy costs in fiscal 2009.”

For the nine months ended October 3, 2009, the company reported net sales of \$448.2 million, as compared to \$659.0 million for the 2008 comparable period. The \$210.8 million decrease in sales is primarily attributable to lower finished product prices and reduced raw material volume.

For the nine months ended October 3, 2009, the company reported net income of \$32.6 million, or \$0.40 per share, as compared to \$68.5 million, or \$0.83 per share, for the 2008 comparable period. The \$35.9 million decrease in net income for the nine months ended October 3, 2009, resulted primarily from lower finished product prices and reduced raw material volume, which were partially offset by lower energy costs related to natural gas and diesel fuel.

Darling International will host a conference call to discuss the Company's third quarter 2009 financial results at 10:00 am Eastern Time (9:00 am Central Time) on Friday, November 13, 2009. To listen to the conference call, participants calling from within North America should dial 800-860-2442; international participants should dial 412-858-4600. Please refer to access code 435548. Please call approximately ten minutes before the start of the call to ensure that you are connected.

The call will also be available as a live audio webcast that can be accessed on the company website at <http://www.darlingii.com/investors.aspx>. Beginning one hour after its completion, a replay of the call can be accessed through November 20, 2009, by dialing 877-344-7529 domestically, or 412-317-0088 if outside North America. The access code for the replay is 435548. The conference call will also be archived on the Company's website.

Darling International Inc. is the largest publicly traded, food processing by-products recycling company in the United States. The Company recycles used restaurant cooking oil and by-products from the beef, pork and poultry processing industries into useable products such as tallow, feed-grade fats, meat and bone meal and hides. These products are primarily sold to agricultural, leather, oleo-chemical and bio-diesel manufacturers around the world. In addition, the Company provides grease trap collection services and sells equipment to restaurants.

For additional information, visit the Company's web site at <http://www.darlingji.com>.

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**Darling International Inc.**  
**Consolidated Operating Results**  
**For the Periods Ended October 3, 2009 and September 27, 2008**  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data amounts)  
(Unaudited)

	2009	2008	(Unfavorable)	2009	2008	(Unfavorable)
Net sales	\$ 159,936	\$ 236,227	\$ (76,291)	\$ 448,234	\$ 659,041	\$ (210,807)
Costs and expenses:						
Cost of sales and operating expenses	\$ 113,273	\$ 177,745	64,472	\$ 330,169	\$ 485,339	\$ 155,170
Selling, general and administrative expenses	15,240	15,371	131	45,443	44,052	(1,391)
Depreciation and amortization	6,027	5,799	(228)	18,187	17,436	(751)
Total costs and expenses	<u>134,540</u>	<u>198,915</u>	<u>64,375</u>	<u>393,799</u>	<u>546,827</u>	<u>153,028</u>
Operating income	<u>25,396</u>	<u>37,312</u>	<u>(11,916)</u>	<u>54,435</u>	<u>112,214</u>	<u>(57,779)</u>
Other income/(expense):						
Interest expense	(714)	(714)	-	(2,156)	(2,334)	178
Other, net	137	97	40	(318)	397	(715)
Total other income/(expense)	<u>(577)</u>	<u>(617)</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>(2,474)</u>	<u>(1,937)</u>	<u>(537)</u>
Income from operations before income taxes	24,819	36,695	(11,876)	51,961	110,277	(58,316)
Income taxes (expense)/benefit	<u>(8,746)</u>	<u>(13,701)</u>	<u>4,955</u>	<u>(19,379)</u>	<u>(41,743)</u>	<u>22,364</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 16,073</u>	<u>\$ 22,994</u>	<u>\$ (6,921)</u>	<u>\$ 32,582</u>	<u>\$ 68,534</u>	<u>\$ (35,952)</u>
Basic income per share:	<u>\$ 0.20</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	<u>\$ (0.08)</u>	<u>\$ 0.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.84</u>	<u>\$ (0.44)</u>
Diluted income per share:	<u>\$ 0.19</u>	<u>\$ 0.28</u>	<u>\$ (0.09)</u>	<u>\$ 0.40</u>	<u>\$ 0.83</u>	<u>\$ (0.43)</u>

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