SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 5, 2020

J&J SNACK FOODS CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey	0-14616	22-1935537					
(State or Other	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer					
Jurisdiction of Organization)	File Number)	Identification No.)					
<u>600</u>	<u>00 Central Highway, Pennsauken, New Jersey 0</u>	<u>8109</u>					
(2	Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Coo	de)					
Registran	t's telephone number, including area code: (856	<u>) 665-9533</u>					
	<u>N/A</u>						
(Forme	er name or former address, if changed since last	t report)					
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the l	Exchange Act:						
<u> Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered					
Common Stock, no par value	JJSF	The NASDAQ Global Select Market					
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filir following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. bel		g obligation of the registrant under any of the					
☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 un	nder the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)						
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 unde	er the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)						
☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to	o Rule 14d-2 (b) under the Exchange Act (17 C	FR 240.14d-2(b))					
Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))							
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an enchapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Ac		5 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this					
Emerging growth company \square							
If an emerging growth company, indicate by any new or revised financial accounting standards pro		use the extended transition period for complying with the Act. \square					
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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

On November 5, 2020, J & J Snack Foods Corp. issued a press release regarding its earnings for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description of Document

99.1 <u>Press Release dated November 5, 2020</u>

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

J & J SNACK FOODS CORP.

By: /s/ Gerald B. Shreiber

Gerald B. Shreiber Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Dennis G. Moore

Dennis G. Moore Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 5, 2020

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE FOR:

Contact:

Dennis G. Moore Senior Vice President (856) 532-6603



SALES AND EARNINGS REPORTED BY J & J SNACK FOODS

Pennsauken, NJ, November 5, 2020 -- J & J Snack Foods Corp. (NASDAQ-JJSF) today announced sales and earnings for its fourth quarter and year ended September 26, 2020.

Sales for the fourth quarter this year decreased 19% to \$252.5 million from \$311.9 million in last year's fourth quarter. For the year ended September 26, 2020, sales decreased 14% to \$1.022 billion from \$1.186 billion last year. Net earnings decreased to \$6.6 million (\$.35 per diluted share) in this year's fourth quarter compared to \$26.1 million (\$1.36 per diluted share) last year and for the year earnings decreased 81% to \$18.3 (\$.96 per diluted share) from \$94.8 million (\$5.00 per diluted share). Net earnings for the quarter and year benefited from an adjustment to income tax expense related to state deferred taxes.

Operating income was \$3.9 million in the fourth quarter, down from \$31.1 million in last year's quarter. For the year, operating income decreased 85% to \$17.2 million from \$117.0 million last year.

The Company also said that it has had sequential improvement from its third quarter operations in which sales were down 34% from the year ago third quarter and in which it had an operating loss of \$19.4 million as parts of the economy that impact its operations continued to open up through the fourth quarter. Approximately 2/3 of the Company's sales are to venues and locations that have shut down or sharply curtailed their foodservice operations during COVID-19 so the Company anticipates COVID-19 will continue to have a negative impact on its business. As the Company has \$278 million of cash and marketable securities on its balance sheet, up from \$267 million at March 28, 2020, it does not expect to have any liquidity issues, nor does it anticipate a material amount of its assets would be impaired.

Dan Fachner, J & J's President, commented, "Our business continues to recover from the pandemic that has affected our world. We experienced sustained growth in the Retail side of our business as well as improved sales as we closed the quarter in both Food Service and ICEE. The Company has also enjoyed some new business sales growth that will extend into this coming year. We feel a sense of recovery as we close our 2020 year and like our future growth opportunities but we continue to face the uncertainty that all of us face from prolonged COVID-19 impacts."

In addition to historical information, this release contains forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained herein are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that might cause such a difference include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the "Results of Operations" section of this release. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management's analysis only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to publicly revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof.

J&J Snack Foods Corp. (NASDAQ: JJSF) is a leader and innovator in the snack food industry, providing innovative, niche and affordable branded snack foods and beverages to foodservice and retail supermarket outlets. Manufactured and distributed nationwide, our principal products include SUPERPRETZEL, the #1 soft pretzel brand in the world, as well as internationally known ICEE and SLUSH PUPPIE frozen beverages, LUIGI'S Real Italian Ice, MINUTE MAID* frozen ices, WHOLE FRUIT sorbet and frozen fruit bars, SOUR PATCH KIDS** Flavored Ice Pops, Tio Pepe's & CALIFORNIA CHURROS, and THE FUNNEL CAKE FACTORY funnel cakes and several bakery brands within DADDY RAY'S, COUNTRY HOME BAKERS and HILL & VALLEY. J&J Snack Foods Corp. has approximately sixteen manufacturing facilities and generates more than \$1 billion in annual revenue. The Company has a history of strong sales growth and financial performance and remains focused on opportunities to expand its unique niche market product offering while bringing smiles to families worldwide. For more information, please visit http://www.jjsnack.com.

^{*}MINUTE MAID is a registered trademark of The Coca-Cola Company

^{**}SOUR PATCH KIDS is a registered trademark of Mondelçz International group, used under license.

J & J SNACK FOODS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (in thousands, except per share information)

	Quarter Ended				Fiscal Year Ended				
	September 26, 2020 (13 weeks)		September 28, 2019 (13 weeks)		September 26, 2020 (52 weeks)			ptember 28, 2019 52 weeks)	
Net Sales	\$	252,536	\$	311,872	\$	1,022,038	\$	1,186,487	
Cost of goods sold	Ψ	198,609	Ψ	218,931	Ψ	783,611	Ψ	836,086	
Gross Profit		53,927		92,941		238,427		350,401	
Operating expenses									
Marketing and selling		16,445		26,636		84,977		96,428	
Distribution		23,111		24,367		92,759		94,888	
Administrative		8,581		10,812		36,747		40,721	
Plant shutdown impairment costs		1,315		-		6,387		-	
Other expense		546		65		363		1,408	
Total operating expenses		49,998		61,880		221,233		233,445	
Operating Income		3,929		31,061		17,194	_	116,956	
Other income (expenses)									
Investment income		1,683		1,966		4,356		7,741	
Interest expense & other		(24)		(40)	_	(84)	_	1,880	
Earnings before income taxes		5,588		32,987		21,466		126,577	
Income taxes		(996)		6,920	_	3,161		31,758	
NET EARNINGS	\$	6,584	\$	26,067	\$	18,305	\$	94,819	
Earnings per diluted share	\$	0.35	\$	1.36	\$	0.96	\$	5.00	
Weighted average number of diluted shares		18,955	\$	19,101		19,032		18,959	
weighted average number of unitied shares		10,555	Ψ	15,101	_	15,052	_	10,555	
Earnings per basic share	\$	0.35	\$	1.38	\$	0.97	\$	5.04	
Weighted average number of basic shares		18,895	\$	18,867	_	18,901		18,812	

J & J SNACK FOODS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share amounts)

		tember 26, 2020	September 28, 2019		
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	195,809	\$	192,395	
Marketable securities held to maturity		51,151		51,091	
Accounts receivable, net		126,587		140,938	
Inventories		108,923		116,165	
Prepaid expenses and other		17,087		5,768	
Total current assets		499,557		506,357	
Property, plant and equipment, at cost		717,261		676,724	
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		455,645		423,276	
Property, plant and equipment, net		261,616		253,448	
Other assets					
Goodwill		123,033		102,511	
Other intangible assets, net		80,422		54,922	
Marketable securities held to maturity		16,927		79,360	
Marketable securities available for sale		13,976		19,903	
Operating lease right-of-use assets		58,110		-	
Other		2,912		2,838	
Total other assets		295,380		259,534	
Total Assets	\$	1,056,553	\$	1,019,339	
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity					
Current Liabilities	ď	2.40	ď	220	
Current finance lease liabilities	\$	349	\$	339	
Accounts payable		73,135		72,029	
Accrued insurance liability Accrued liabilities		13,039		10,457	
Current operating lease liabilities		7,420		7,808	
		13,173		21 154	
Accrued compensation expense		16,134 10,876		21,154	
Dividends payable				9,447	
Total current liabilities		134,126		121,234	
Noncurrent finance lease liabilities		368		718	
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities		47,688		-	
Deferred income taxes		64,413		61,920	
Other long-term liabilities		460		1,716	
Stockholders' Equity					
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; authorized 10,000,000 shares; none issued		-		-	
Common stock, no par value; authorized, 50,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 18,915,000 and		40.269		4E 744	
18,895,000 respectively		49,268		45,744	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(15,587)		(12,988)	
Retained Earnings		775,817		800,995	
Total stockholders' equity	ሶ	809,498	ď	833,751	
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$	1,056,553	\$	1,019,339	

J & J SNACK FOODS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

	Fiscal Year Ended				
	September 26, 2020 (52 weeks)	September 28, 2019 (52 weeks)	September 29, 2018 (52 weeks)		
Operating activities:					
Net earnings	\$ 18,305	\$ 94,819	\$ 103,596		
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating					
activities:					
Depreciation of fixed assets	49,830	45,225	42,939		
Amortization of intangibles and deferred costs	3,218	3,385	3,538		
Gains from disposals of property & equipment	(303)	(347)	(912)		
Plant shutdown impairment costs	6,387	-	-		
Amortization of bond premiums	296	730	1,012		
Share-based compensation	4,595	4,230	3,858		
Deferred income taxes	2,622	9,637	(10,392)		
Loss on sale of marketable securities	882	404	140		
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchase of companies:					
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable, net	14,580	(8,759)	(7,917)		
Decrease (increase) in inventories	7,877	(3,231)	(9,639)		
Increase in prepaid expenses and other	(11,366)	(744)	(1,120)		
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(4,780)	2,150	(1,736)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	92,143	147,499	123,367		
Investing activities:					
Payments for purchases of companies, net of cash acquired	(57,212)	(1,156)	-		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(57,817)	(57,128)	(60,022)		
Purchases of marketable securities	(6,103)	(26,091)	(91,112)		
Proceeds from redemption and sales of marketable securities	73,226	39,158	75,302		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	3,593	2,050	2,639		
Other	(150)	(196)	54		
Net cash used in investing activities	(44,463)	(43,363)	(73,139)		
Financing activities:					
Payments to repurchase common stock	(8,972)	-	(2,794)		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	7,901	14,174	8,894		
Payments on capitalized lease obligations	(340)	(356)	(370)		
Payment of cash dividend	(42,053)	(36,644)	(33,066)		
Net cash used in financing activities	(43,464)	(22,826)	(27,336)		
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(802)	(394)	(2,375)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,414	80,916	20,517		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	192,395	111,479	90,962		
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 195,809	\$ 192,395	\$ 111,479		

J & J SNACK FOODS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Fiscal Year 2020 (52 weeks) Compared to Fiscal Year 2019 (52 weeks)

Net sales decreased \$164,149,000, or 14%, to \$1,022,038,000 in fiscal 2020 from \$1,186,187,000 in fiscal 2019. Excluding sales from the acquisition of ICEE Distributors in October 2019 and BAMA ICEE in February 2020, sales decreased 15% the year. Sales for our fourth quarter improved to being down approximately 19% from a year ago compared to being down 34% from a year ago in our third quarter as parts of the economy that impact our operations continue to open up. Approximately 2/3 of the Company's sales are to venues and locations that have shut down or sharply curtailed their foodservice operations, and therefore we anticipate COVID-19 will continue to have a negative impact on our business. As we have \$278 million of cash and marketable securities on our balance sheet, up from \$267 million at March 28, 2020, we do not expect to have any liquidity issues, nor do we anticipate a material amount of our assets would be impaired.

We have three reportable segments, as disclosed in the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements: Food Service, Retail Supermarkets and Frozen Beverages.

The Chief Operating Decision Maker for Food Service and Retail Supermarkets and the Chief Operating Decision Maker for Frozen Beverages monthly review detailed operating income statements and sales reports in order to assess performance and allocate resources to each individual segment. Sales and operating income are the key variables monitored by the Chief Operating Decision Makers and management when determining each segment's and the Company's financial condition and operating performance. In addition, the Chief Operating Decision Makers review and evaluate depreciation, capital spending and assets of each segment on a quarterly basis to monitor cash flow and asset needs of each segment.

FOOD SERVICE

Sales to food service customers decreased \$117,094,000, or 16%, to \$618,893,000 in fiscal 2020. Soft pretzel sales to the food service market decreased 28% to \$150,786,000 for the year. Frozen juice bar and ices sales decreased \$8,496,000, or 19%, to \$35,176,000 for the year. Churro sales to food service customers were down 29% to \$46,881,000 for the year. Sales of bakery products decreased \$26,506,000, or 7%, to \$332,514,000 for the year. Handheld sales to food service customers were up 14% to \$36,088,000 in 2020 with sales of a new product to a warehouse club store customer accounting for all of the increase. Sales of funnel cake decreased \$8,170,000, or 33% to \$16,623,000. Sales were down across all product lines excepting handhelds as many of the venues and locations where our products are sold have been shut down or operating at reduced capacity for some or all of the third and fourth quarters due to COVID-19.

Sales of new products in the first twelve months since their introduction were approximately \$5 million for the year. Operating income in our Food Service segment decreased from \$76,546,000 in 2019 to \$6,458,000 in 2020 primarily because of lower production and sales volume due to COVID-19. This year's operating income were impacted by plant shutdown impairment costs of \$6,387,000 for the shutdown of one of our manufacturing plants. We expect to reduce manufacturing overhead and distribution costs by about \$7-8 million annually as a result of this plant closure. This year also included approximately \$6 million of costs for employee safety and increased COVID-19 compensation as well as increased expense of about \$3.5 million for accounts receivable allowances and inventory losses due to the impact of COVID-19 on some of our customers and on sales of some of our products.

RETAIL SUPERMARKETS

Sales of products to retail supermarkets increased \$32,573,000 or 23% to \$177,165,000 in fiscal year 2020. Soft pretzel sales to retail supermarkets were \$49,157,000, an increase of \$12,893,000, or 36%, from sales in 2019. Sales of frozen juices and ices increased \$14,992,000 or 20% to \$88,743,000. Sales of biscuits and dumplings increased 12% to \$28,317,000 for the year. Coupon redemption costs, a reduction of sales, of \$3,569,000 were down less than 1 % from 2019. Handheld sales to retail supermarket customers increased 13% to \$12,303,000 for the year. Sales were generally higher for all product lines as sales in the year ago periods were impacted by lost volume and placements due the price increases implemented in last year's first quarter and because of increased sales to supermarkets generally since mid-March 2020 due to COVID-19.

Sales of new products in the first twelve months since their introduction were approximately \$1 million in fiscal year 2020. Operating income in our Retail Supermarkets segment increased from \$10,460,000 to \$23,202,000 for the year primarily due to higher volume.

FROZEN BEVERAGES

Total frozen beverage segment sales decreased 26% to \$225,980,000 in fiscal 2020 and beverage sales decreased 38% or \$64,816,000 for the year. Excluding sales from the acquisition of ICEE Distributors in October 2019 and BAMA ICEE in February 2020, total frozen beverage segment sales decreased 30% for the year and beverage sales decreased 45% for the year. Gallon sales were down 41% from last year exclusive of ICEE Distributors' gallons. Service revenue decreased 3% to \$83,420,000 for the year with sales increases and decreases spread throughout our customer base with additional sales to existing customers and to new customers to largely offset declines in sales business to customers due to COVID-19. Machines revenue, primarily sales of machines, decreased from \$45,811,000 in 2019 to \$33,986,000 in 2020 with the decrease due to two significant install projects during the prior fiscal year, as well as the slowdown due to COVID-19. Sales are down across all product lines as many of the venues and locations where our products are sold have been shut down or operating at reduced capacity for some or all of the third and fourth quarters due to COVID-19.

The estimated number of Company owned frozen beverage dispensers was 27,000 and 26,000 at September 26, 2020 and September 28, 2019, respectively. Our Frozen Beverage segment had an operating loss of \$12,466,000 in 2020 compared to operating income of \$29,950,000 in 2019 primarily as a result of lower sales volume due to COVID-19. This year's operating income was also impacted by relocation costs of our ICEE's headquarters of \$2.5 million.

CONSOLIDATED

Other than as commented upon above by segment, there are no material specific reasons for the reported sales increases or decreases. Sales levels can be impacted by the appeal of our products to our customers and consumers and their changing tastes, competitive and pricing pressures, sales execution, marketing programs, seasonal weather, customer stability and general economic conditions.

Gross profit as a percentage of sales decreased to 23.33% in 2020 from 29.53% in 2019. Gross profit percentage decreased because of lower volume in our food service and frozen beverages segments, higher costs related to production disruptions due to volume mix changes, expenses related to employee safety and increased COVID-19 compensation and increased costs compared to last year of about \$4.5 million for the writedown and disposal of inventory.

Total operating expenses decreased \$12,212,000 to \$221,233,000 in fiscal 2020 but as a percentage of sales increased to 21.64% of sales from 19.68% in 2019. Operating expenses this year included \$6,387,000 of plant shutdown impairment costs for the shutdown of one of our manufacturing plants. Marketing and selling expenses increased to 8.31% this year from 8.13% of sales in 2019. Distribution expenses as a percent of sales increased to 9.08% from 8.00% in 2019. Administrative expenses were 3.60% and 3.43% of sales in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The percentage increases mentioned above were because of the drop in sales (lower denominators) and our inability to reduce expenses in line with the decrease in sales because of fixed costs that do not fluctuate with sales.

Operating income decreased \$99,762,000 or 85% to \$17,194,000 in fiscal year 2020 as a result of the aforementioned items.

Our investments generated before tax income of \$4,356,000 million this year, down from \$7,741,000 last year due to decreases in the amount of investments and lower interest rates.

Other income in 2019 includes a \$2.0 million payment received from a customer due to cancellation of production under a co-manufacturing agreement.

Net earnings in 2019 benefitted by a reduction of approximately \$900,000 in tax as the provision for the one-time repatriation tax under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act recorded in 2018 was reduced as the amount recorded in 2018 was an estimate. Excluding the reduction in the provision for the one-time repatriation tax, our effective tax rate was 25.8% for 2019. Net earnings for the 2020 year benefited from a reduction in income tax expense related to state deferred taxes of approximately \$2.2 million. Excluding this adjustment, our effective tax rate in our fiscal 2020 year was 25.0%.

Net earnings decreased \$76,514,000 or 81%, in fiscal 2020 to \$18,305,000, or \$.96 per diluted share, from \$94,819,000 or \$5.00 per diluted share, in fiscal 2019 as a result of the aforementioned items.

There are many factors which can impact our net earnings from year to year and in the long run, among which are the supply and cost of raw materials and labor, insurance costs, factors impacting sales as noted above, the continuing consolidation of our customers, our ability to manage our manufacturing, marketing and distribution activities, our ability to make and integrate acquisitions and changes in tax laws and interest rates.