UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

	FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)	
X	QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
	For the quarterly period ended: September 30, 2008
0	TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
	For the transition period from to
	Commission File Number: 000-17363
	LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)
	Illinois 36-3442829 risdiction of Incorporation (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) organization)

6431 West Oakton, Morton Grove, IL 60053 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(847-967-1010) (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the past 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 o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

As of September 30, 2008, the issuer had 16,730,226 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC.

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LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 and 2007

AND DECEMBER 31, 2007

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consoldiated Statements of Financial Condition September 30, 2008 and 2007 (Unaudited) and December 31, 2007

ASSETS	(Unau Septem 2008	•	D	pecember 31, 2007
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Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 530,866	\$ 1,624,566	\$	595,885
Marketable securities	5,668,940	6,557,841		6,989,474
Inventories	4,207,094	4,061,189		3,506,554
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$35,011 and \$39,460 at September 30, 2008 and 2007 and				
\$39,460 at December 31, 2007	5,161,414	4,845,956		4,209,662
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	20,864	13,051		21,253
Other receivables	28,918	45,810		43,111
Deferred income taxes	909,479	225,803		311,960
Refundable income taxes		125,763		240,880
Total current assets	16,527,575	17,499,979		15,918,779
Property and equipment, net	10,989,500	9,176,479		9,678,948
Intangible assets				
Goodwill	5,414,858	3,952,425		5,414,858
Other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of				
\$841,561 and \$520,979 at September 30, 2008 and 2007 and				
\$601,976 at December 31, 2007	3,016,077	3,342,517		3,255,662
Total intangible assets	8,430,935	7,294,942		8,670,520
Other assets	500,000	500,000		500,000
Total assets	\$ 36,448,010	\$ 34,471,400	\$	34,768,247
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
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Current liabilities				
Current maturities of notes payable	\$ 1,125,608	\$ 1,434,903	\$	1,136,126
Accounts payable	2,361,318	1,865,041		1,594,330
Accrued expenses	532,662	441,068		414,039
Margin payable	428,951	_	_	_
Accrued income taxes	308,260		_	
Total current liabilities	4,756,799	3,741,012		3,144,495
Notes payable	3,219,338	4,424,266		4,096,797
Deferred income taxes	1,615,421	510,000		1,712,795

Stockholders' equity

Common stock, no par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 17,273,776 shares issued; 16,730,226 shares outstanding at September 30, 2008; 17,273,776 shares issued; 16,825,626 shares outstanding at September 30, 2007; and 17,273,776 shares issues; 16,897,726 shares outstanding at December 31, 2007 6,509,267 6,509,267 6,509,267 Paid-in-capital 1,175,539 1,103,630 1,120,669 Treasury stock, at cost (2,078,165)(3,207,213)(2,081,915)Retained earnings 23,126,672 20,318,323 20,471,432 Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes (747,813) (209,043)(53,183)Total stockholders' equity 26,856,452 25,796,122 25,814,160 Total liabilities and stockholders' equity \$ 36,448,010 \$ 34,471,400 \$ 34,768,247

See accompanying notes to financial statements

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consoldiated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 (Unaudited) and the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	(Unaudited) Three Months Ended September 30,				(Unau Nine Mon Septem	Year Ended December 31,		
	2008		2007		2008	 2007		2007
Sales	\$ 11,240,282	\$	9,817,478	\$	33,885,912	\$ 28,554,984	\$	38,729,156
Cost of goods sold Depreciation expense	7,505,794 197,366		6,901,471 195,348		22,403,574 581,920	17,885,885 546,945		25,582,981 726,647
Total cost of goods sold	7,703,160		7,096,819		22,985,494	18,432,830		26,309,628
Gross profit	3,537,122		2,720,659		10,900,418	10,122,154		12,419,528
Selling Expenses General and	957,978		1,174,140		3,171,269	2,856,483		3,744,388
Administrative	1,032,043		916,893		3,109,506	2,879,582		3,914,825
Amortization expense	79,862		48,583		239,585	242,269		323,266
Total Operating Expenses	2,069,883		2,139,616		6,520,360	5,978,334		7,982,479
Income from operations	1,467,239		581,043		4,380,058	4,143,820		4,437,049
Other income (expense): Interest and dividend								
income	95,042		84,918		261,037	249,082		350,286
Rental Income	13,647		9,731		36,940	27,912		48,305
Interest expense Impairment of marketable	(71,928)		(102,197)	(226,851)	(321,009)		(410,180)
securities Gain (loss) on sale of	(270,908)				(270,908)			
marketable securities, net Total other income	(110,259)		209,207		(146,404)	663,538		539,739
(Expense)	(344,406)		201,659		(346,186)	619,523		528,150
Income before provision for								
income taxes	1,122,833		782,702		4,033,872	4,763,343		4,965,199
Provision for income taxes	267,917		314,508		1,378,632	1,763,792		1,812,539
tunes	201,711		517,500		1,570,052	1,703,772		1,012,339
Net income	\$ 854,916	\$	468,194	\$	2,655,240	\$ 2,999,551	\$	3,152,660
	0.05		0.03		0.16	0.18		0.19

Basic and diluted earnings per common share								
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	16,730,526		16,824,911		16,772,280		16,865,390	16,855,611
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME								
Net income	\$ 854,916	\$	468,194	\$	2,655,240	\$	2,999,551	\$ 3,152,660
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities								
(net of tax benefits) Less reclassification adjustment for (gains) losses included in net	(480,045)		(57,187)		(895,641)		181,647	(47,091)
income (net of taxes)	64,746		(123,372)		85,963		(388,600)	(315,721)
Comprehensive income	\$ 439,617	\$	287,635	\$	1,845,562	\$	2,792,598	\$ 2,789,848
	See accon	npan	ying notes to f	inaı	ncial statements	}		

LIFEWAY FOODS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consoldiated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 (Unaudited) and the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Common Stock, No Par Value 20,000,000 Shares Authorized	# of Shares of					Other omprehensive
	# of Shares # of Shares	Treasury	Common	Paid In	Treasury	Retained	Income (Loss), Net of
	Issued Outstanding	Stock	Stock	Capital	Stock	Earnings	Tax T
Balances at December 31, 2006	17,273,776 16,897,826	5 375,950	6,509,267	1,080,911	(1,334,313)	17,318,772	153,770 23,7
Redemption of stock	— (75,000	75,000	-		- (752,603)	_	- (′
Issuance of treasury stock for compensation	— 4,900	0 (4,900)	_	_ 39,758	8,751	_	
Other comprehensive income (loss): Unrealized losses on securities, net of taxes and reclassification adjustment							-(362,813) (3
Net income for the year ended December 31, 2007	_					- 3,152,660	— 3,1
Balances at December 31, 2007	17,273,776 16,827,726	5 446,050	6,509,267	1,120,669	(2,078,165)	20,471,432	(209,043) 25,8
Redemption of stock	— (100,000	0) 100,000	_		(- 1,139,987)	_	-

Issuance of treasury stock for compensation	_	2,500 (2	2,500)	<u> </u>	4,870	10,939	_	
Other comprehensive income (loss): Unrealized gains on securities, net of taxes and reclassification adjustment		_		_	_		—(538,7	<i>7</i> 70) (:
Net income for the nine months ended September 30,						2.655	- 240	2
2008						— 2,655	,240	— 2,