

Hawkins, Inc. Reports First Quarter Fiscal 2026 Results

Roseville, Minn., July 30, 2025 – Hawkins, Inc. (Nasdaq: HWKN) today announced results for the three months ended June 29, 2025, its first quarter of fiscal 2026.

First Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Highlights:

- Record quarterly results for revenue, gross profit, operating income, net income, diluted earnings per share ("EPS")
 and adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization ("adjusted EBITDA"), a non-GAAP
 measure.
- Revenue growth of 15%, including Water Treatment segment growth of 28% over the same period of the prior year.
- Gross profit increase of 12% over the same period of the prior year.
- Diluted EPS of \$1.40 per share, an increase of \$0.02, or 1%. Assuming the acquisition of WaterSurplus had occurred at the beginning of the applicable periods, pro forma EPS would have been 11% higher than the pro forma prior year period.
- Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure, of \$57.6 million, a 13% increase over the same period of the prior year.
 Trailing 12-month adjusted EBITDA exceeded \$170 million.
- As previously announced, closed on the strategic acquisition of WaterSurplus, bringing new capabilities in design, engineering and filtration systems within the Water Treatment segment.
- For the fifth year in a row, Hawkins was certified as a Great Place to Work.

Executive Commentary - Patrick H. Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer and President:

"Our first quarter results came in as expected, with Water Treatment having another strong quarter with revenue growth of 28%, despite a cooler and wet start to the summer," said Patrick Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer and President. "Our record revenue of \$293 million was the result of all three reporting segments growing year over year and for the first time in our history, Hawkins crossed the \$1 billion revenue mark for the trailing twelve months. Our continuing strategy of investing in higher margin business helped drive the growth and record results we have experienced this quarter as well as over the last several years. Our double-digit growth in revenue and adjusted EBITDA, along with our strong cash flow, has allowed us to focus on growth while maintaining a strong balance sheet. This could not be accomplished without the commitment of each and every one of our employees and I am extremely proud of the entire Hawkins team and the contributions they make to the success of our company."

Mr. Hawkins, continued, "We closed on the acquisition of WaterSurplus in the quarter, one of our largest acquisitions in company history. We are excited about the growth opportunities this acquisition presents us. By combining Hawkins' chemistry, service, and technical expertise with WaterSurplus' design, engineering, and filtration systems, Hawkins now has a full-service equipment and chemical offering for water treatment customers throughout the United States. Our balance sheet continues to be strong, and our leverage ratio at the end of the first quarter was 1.6x. Looking to the future, we expect all three segments to continue to grow profitability for fiscal 2026. We will continue to deliver on our strategy of investing in our higher margin businesses, while servicing the needs of our customers to the highest level possible."

Change in Reporting Segments

Starting in the first quarter of fiscal 2026, we aligned our reporting segments to better reflect organization changes made to our business and how we plan to manage our operations and allocate resources going forward. We now report on the following segments: Water Treatment, Food and Health Sciences, and Industrial Solutions. There is no change in how Water Treatment is managed. Food and Health Sciences includes our Nutrition, Food, Agriculture, and Pharmaceutical businesses. Food, Agriculture, and Pharmaceutical had previously been included within the Industrial reporting segment. The investor relations page on our website contains recast historical segment information.

First Quarter Financial Highlights:

NET INCOME

For the first quarter of fiscal 2026, the Company reported net income of \$29.2 million, or \$1.40 per diluted share, compared to net income for the first quarter of fiscal 2025 of \$28.9 million, or \$1.38 per diluted share.

REVENUE

Sales were \$293.3 million for the first quarter of fiscal 2026, an increase of \$37.4 million, or 15%, from sales of \$255.9 million in the same period a year ago. Each of our segments contributed to the year-over-year growth.

Water Treatment segment sales increased \$32.4 million, or 28%, to \$149.6 million for the current quarter, from \$117.2 million in the same period a year ago. Water Treatment sales increased as a result of \$29 million of added sales from our acquired businesses as well as increased sales volumes and improved pricing on certain products in our legacy business.

Food & Health Sciences segment sales increased \$4.1 million, or 5%, to \$89.2 million for the current quarter, from \$85.1 million in the same period a year ago. Sales of our agricultural products increased \$4.5 million due to increased volumes, offset partially by declines in our other product lines as a result of lower selling prices driven by competitive pricing pressures.

Industrial Solutions segment sales increased \$0.9 million, or 2%, to \$54.5 million for the current quarter, from \$53.6 million in the same period a year ago. Industrial Solutions sales increased primarily as a result of increased sales volumes of certain of our manufactured, blended and repackaged products.

GROSS PROFIT

Gross profit increased \$7.7 million, or 12%, to \$72.4 million, or 25% of sales, for the current quarter, from \$64.7 million, or 25% of sales, in the same period a year ago. During the current quarter, the LIFO reserve increased, and gross profit decreased, by \$0.6 million, primarily due to a projected increase in inventory costs and year-end inventory quantities. In the same quarter a year ago, the LIFO reserve increased, and gross profit decreased, by \$0.4 million.

Gross profit for the Water Treatment segment increased \$8.5 million, or 24%, to \$43.7 million, or 29% of sales, for the current quarter, from \$35.2 million, or 30% of sales, in the same period a year ago. Water Treatment segment gross profit increased primarily as a result of increased sales from our acquired businesses. Step-up inventory adjustments of \$0.8 million related to the WaterSurplus acquisition negatively impacted gross profit.

Gross profit for the Food & Health Sciences segment decreased \$0.6 million, or 3%, to \$19.3 million, or 22% of sales, for the current quarter, from \$19.9 million, or 23% of sales, in the same period a year ago. Food & Health Sciences gross profit decreased primarily as a result of lower selling prices as a result of competitive pricing pressures.

Gross profit for our Industrial Solutions segment decreased \$0.2 million, or 2%, to \$9.3 million, or 17% of sales, for the current quarter, from \$9.5 million, or 18% of sales, in the same period a year ago. Industrial Solutions segment gross profit decreased primarily as a result of competitive pricing pressures and increased operating costs.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses increased \$6.1 million, or 24%, to \$31.0 million, or 11% of sales, for the current quarter, from \$24.9 million, or 10% of sales, in the same period a year ago. Expenses increased largely due to \$4.9 million in added costs from the acquired business in our Water Treatment segment, including amortization of intangibles of \$2.0 million and \$0.9 million of acquisition costs. In addition, expenses increased due to \$1.4 million of additional compensation expense related to our non-qualified deferred compensation plan and equity compensation adjustments due to stock market increases, as well as an increase in medical expenses. The non-qualified deferred compensation expense increase of \$0.8 million was offset in Other Income. In the current quarter, we recorded a reduction to SG&A expense of \$1.9 million related to the adjustment of the fair value accretion of the earnout from the Water Solutions acquisition due to a change in projections. SG&A expenses also increased due to increases in other variable costs, including variable pay and other personnel costs.

ADJUSTED EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA, a non-GAAP financial measure, is an important performance indicator and a key compliance measure under the terms of our credit agreement. An explanation of the computation of adjusted EBITDA is presented below. Adjusted EBITDA for the three months ended June 29, 2025 was \$57.6 million, an increase of \$6.7 million, or 13%, from \$50.9 million in the same period a year ago.

INCOME TAXES

Our effective income tax rate was 25% for both the current quarter and for the same period a year ago. The effective tax rate in both periods was impacted by favorable tax provision adjustments recorded. The effective tax rate is impacted by projected levels of annual taxable income, permanent items, and state taxes. Our effective tax rate for the full year is currently expected to be approximately 26-27%.

BALANCE SHEET

As of June 29, 2025, our working capital was \$22 million higher than the end of fiscal 2025 due primarily to increased inventories and receivables. During the quarter, we borrowed a net \$150 million on our line of credit to fund the acquisition of WaterSurplus. Our total debt outstanding at the end of the first quarter was \$299.0 million and our leverage ratio was 1.61x our trailing 12-month proforma adjusted EBITDA, as compared to 0.86x of trailing twelve-month adjusted EBITDA at the end of fiscal 2025.

About Hawkins, Inc.

Hawkins, Inc. was founded in 1938 and is a leading water treatment and specialty ingredients company that formulates, manufactures, distributes, and blends products for its Water Treatment, Food & Health Sciences, and Industrial Solutions customers. Headquartered in Roseville, Minnesota, the Company has 64 facilities in 28 states and creates value for its customers through superb customer service and support, quality products and personalized applications. Hawkins, Inc. generated \$974 million of revenue in fiscal 2025 and has approximately 1,100 employees. For more information, including registering to receive email alerts, please visit www.hawkinsinc.com/investors.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We report our consolidated financial results in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). To assist investors in understanding our financial performance between periods, we have provided certain financial measures not computed according to GAAP, including adjusted EBITDA. This non-GAAP financial measure is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for comparable GAAP measures. The method we use to produce non-GAAP results is not computed according to GAAP and may differ from the methods used by other companies.

Management uses this non-GAAP financial measure internally to understand, manage and evaluate our business and to make operating decisions. Management believes that this non-GAAP financial measure reflects an additional way of viewing aspects of our operations that, when viewed with our GAAP results, provides a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting our financial condition and results of operations.

We define adjusted EBITDA as GAAP net income adjusted for the impact of the following: net interest expense resulting from our net borrowing position; income tax expense; non-cash expenses including amortization of intangibles, depreciation and charges for the employee stock purchase plan and restricted stock grants; and non-recurring items of income or expense, if applicable.

Adjusted EBITDA	 Three Months Ended			
(In thousands)	 June 29, 2025	June 30, 2024		
Net Income (GAAP)	\$ 29,175	\$	28,879	
Interest expense, net	3,269		1,263	
Income tax expense	9,831		9,808	
Amortization of intangibles	4,821		2,802	
Depreciation expense	7,470		6,527	
Non-cash compensation expense	2,212		1,467	
Non-recurring acquisition expenses	 870		188	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 57,648	\$	50,934	

HAWKINS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED) (In thousands, except share and per-share data)

	Three Months Ended			
	June 29, 2025	June 30, 2024		
Sales	\$ 293,272	\$	255,879	
Cost of sales	(220,910)		(191,224)	
Gross profit	72,362		64,655	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(31,029)		(24,864)	
Operating income	41,333		39,791	
Interest expense, net	(3,269)		(1,263)	
Other income	942		159	
Income before income taxes	39,006		38,687	
Income tax expense	(9,831)		(9,808)	
Net income	\$ 29,175	\$	28,879	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - basic	20,717,485		20,816,479	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding - diluted	20,810,562		20,914,085	
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.41	\$	1.39	
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.40	\$	1.38	
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.18	\$	0.16	

HAWKINS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED) (In thousands, except share data)

	June 29, 2025		March 30, 2025		
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,502	\$	5,103	
Trade accounts receivables, net		140,107		131,795	
Inventories		95,716		83,512	
Income taxes receivable		_		2,864	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		6,098		7,417	
Total current assets		256,423		230,691	
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:		444,716		420,953	
Less accumulated depreciation		201,331		195,667	
Net property, plant, and equipment		243,385		225,286	
OTHER ASSETS:					
Right-of-use assets		13,162		13,449	
Goodwill		218,899		135,409	
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization		239,975		150,121	
Deferred compensation plan asset		13,359		11,185	
Other		3,071		3,726	
Total other assets		488,466		313,890	
Total assets	\$	988,274	\$	769,867	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable — trade	\$	62,792	\$	61,195	
Accrued payroll and employee benefits		14,467		19,659	
Income tax payable		6,967		_	
Current portion of long-term debt		9,812		9,913	
Environmental remediation		7,700		7,700	
Other current liabilities		9,196		8,668	
Total current liabilities		110,934		107,135	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:					
Long-term debt, less current portion		288,281		138,906	
Long-term lease liability		10,572		10,920	
Pension withdrawal liability		3,058		3,155	
Deferred income taxes		22,236		22,356	
Deferred compensation liability		14,293		13,132	
Earnout liabilities		54,021		12,604	
Other long-term liabilities		307		1,367	
Total long-term liabilities		392,768		202,440	
Total liabilities		503,702		309,575	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:					
Common stock; authorized: 60,000,000 shares of \$0.01 par value; 20,717,850 and 20,684,621 shares issued and outstanding as of June 29, 2025 and March 30, 2025, respectively		207		207	
Additional paid-in capital		23,277		24,094	
Retained earnings		459,680		434,259	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		1,408		1,732	
Total shareholders' equity		484,572		460,292	
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HAWKINS, INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED) (In thousands)

	_	Three Months Ended				
	June 29, 2025			June 30, 2024		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Net income	\$	29,175	\$	28,879		
Reconciliation to cash flows:						
Depreciation and amortization		12,291		9,329		
Change in fair value of earnout liabilities		(1,583)		342		
Operating leases		923		782		
Gain on deferred compensation assets		(942)		(159)		
Stock compensation expense		2,212		1,467		
Other		(25)		(65)		
Changes in operating accounts providing (using) cash:						
Trade receivables		(2,651)		(10,576)		
Inventories		(8,487)		(6,037)		
Accounts payable		(3,812)		(7,300)		
Accrued liabilities		(6,735)		(8,949)		
Lease liabilities		(973)		(834)		
Income taxes		9,831		9,808		
Other		2,266		899		
Net cash provided by operating activities		31,490		17,586		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment		(13,544)		(10,649)		
Acquisitions		(151,328)		(25,400)		
Other		327		245		
Net cash used in investing activities		(164,545)		(35,804)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Cash dividends declared and paid		(3,754)		(3,358)		
Payroll taxes paid in exchange for shares withheld		(3,028)		(2,541)		
Shares repurchased		_		(9,149)		
Payments on revolving loan		(10,000)		(10,000)		
Payments for debt issuance costs		(764)		_		
Proceeds from revolving loan borrowings		160,000		45,000		
Net cash provided by financing activities		142,454		19,952		
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		9,399		1,734		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF PERIOD		5,103		7,153		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	14,502	\$	8,887		
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION						
Cash paid for interest	\$	3,286	\$	1,347		
Noncash investing activities - capital expenditures in accounts payable	\$	1,493	\$	1,015		

HAWKINS, INC. REPORTABLE SEGMENTS (UNAUDITED) (In thousands)

	Water Treatment		Food & Health Sciences		Industrial Solutions		Total
Three months ended June 29, 2025:							
Sales	\$	149,566	\$	89,177	\$	54,529	\$ 293,272
Cost of sales - materials		89,159		65,814		42,848	197,821
Cost of sales - operational overhead		16,660		4,015		2,414	23,089
Gross profit		43,747		19,348		9,267	72,362
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		19,085		8,381		3,563	 31,029
Operating income		24,662		10,967		5,704	41,333
Three months ended June 30, 2024:							
Sales	\$	117,176	\$	85,093	\$	53,610	\$ 255,879
Cost of sales - materials		65,997		61,547		41,941	169,485
Cost of sales - operational overhead		15,971		3,643		2,125	 21,739
Gross profit		35,208		19,903		9,544	64,655
Selling, general, and administrative expenses		14,079		7,365		3,420	24,864
Operating income		21,129		12,538		6,124	39,791

Forward-Looking Statements. Various remarks in this press release constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements include those relating to consumer demand for products containing our ingredients and the impacts of those demands, expectations for results in our business segments and the timing of our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on our current expectations, estimates and projections, and our beliefs and assumptions. Forward-looking statements may be identified by terms, including "anticipate," "believe," "can," "could," "expect," "intend," "may," "predict," "should," or "will" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terms. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control and are difficult to predict. Actual results may vary materially from those contained in forward looking statements based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, changes in competition and price pressures, changes in demand and customer requirements or processes for our products, availability of product and disruptions to supplies, interruptions in production resulting from hazards, transportation limitations or other extraordinary events outside our control that may negatively impact our business or the supply chains in which we participate, changes in imported products and tariff levels, the availability of products and the prices at which they are available, the acceptance of new products by our customers and the timing of any such acceptance, and changes in product supplies. Additional information concerning potential factors that could affect future financial results is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 30, 2025, as updated from time to time in amendments and subsequent reports filed with the SEC. Investors should take such risks into account when making investment decisions. Shareholders and other readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect our management's view only as of the date hereof. We do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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