

Exhibit 18 to Plaintiff's
Memorandum of Points and Authorities
in Support of Its Motion for Temporary
Restraining Order and Preliminary
Injunction
(PX00011)
Part 8 of 11

creating a stronger company

Better Able to Compete

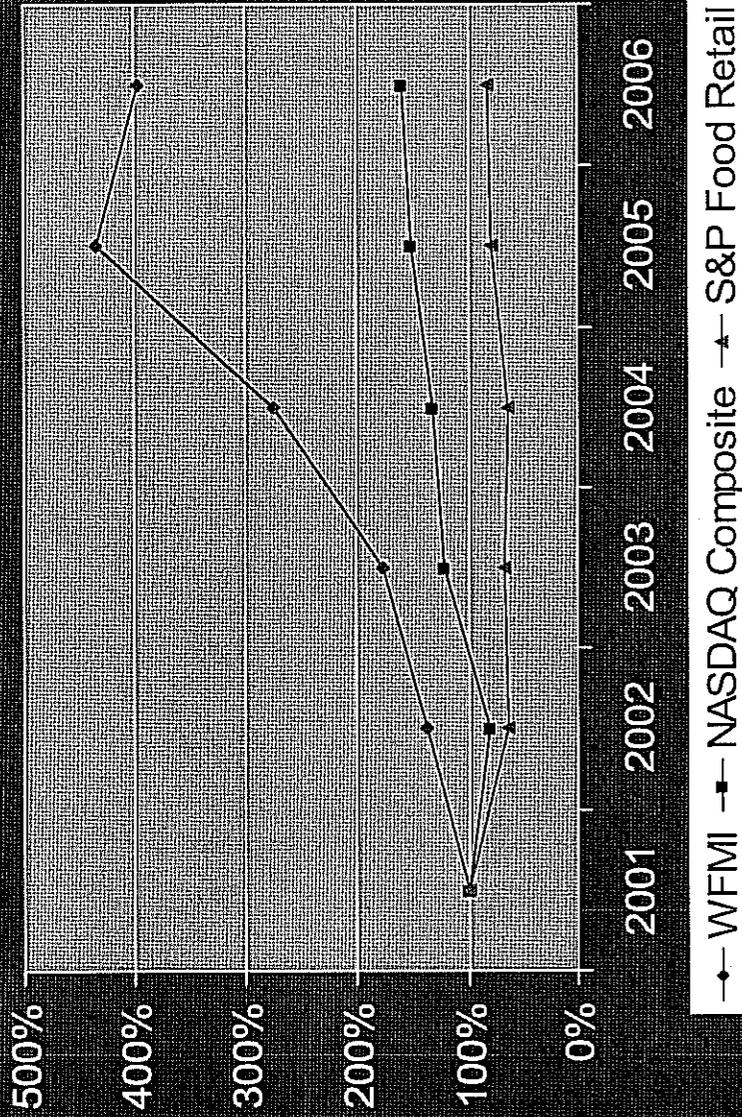
- Tender offer of \$18.50 per share in cash
- Transaction to be funded at closing with \$700 million of senior term loans; we also intend to upsize our long-term senior revolving credit facility to \$250 million
- Expected to close in April
- We will evaluate each banner and store to see how it fits into our brand and real estate strategy
- All of our 11 operating regions will gain stores, three of our smallest regions gaining critical mass, and we will gain immediate entry into a significant number of new markets
- We expect to recognize significant synergies through G&A cost reductions, greater purchasing power, increased utilization of support facilities and new Team Member talent
- Integrating acquisitions is a core competency

We are creating

Long-Term Shareholder Value

Comparison of 5-Year Cumulative Total Return

Includes Reinvestment of Dividends



*caring about
our communities
& our environment*

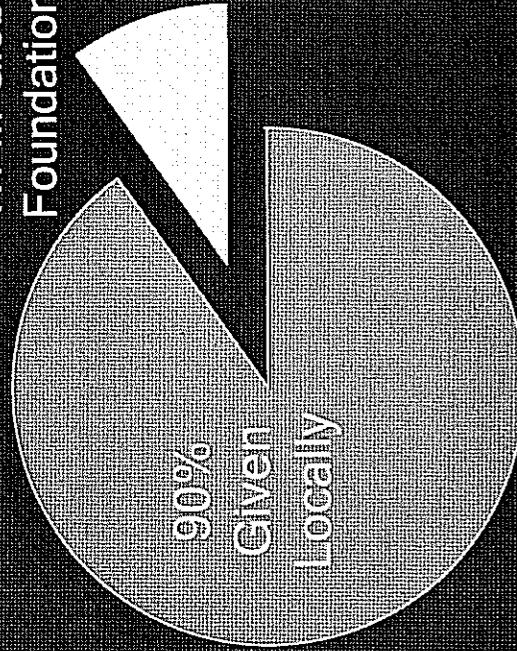
Core Value #5

**We recognize our responsibility to
be an active participant and
supporter of our local communities.**

**We seek to balance our needs
as a business with the needs
of our planet.**

**\$12 Million
(6% After-Tax Profits)
in Charitable
Contributions**

**10% to
WFM Global
Foundations**



We support

Our Local Growers

- In 2006, we sold \$163 million of produce from local growers
- Promoting local sourcing of product through providing loans to small, local farmers, ranchers and manufacturers
- Hosting local farmers markets at many of our stand-alone store locations
- Local beyond produce

