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Axfood's sales December 2005

Spar Finland is shown on a separate line as a discontinued operation, and thus the figures below pertain to continuing operations.

Net sales* (excluding VAT) for stores in Sweden owned by the Group, increased by 7.4 % for the month of December, of which same-stores decreased by 0.2 %. Consolidated net sales totalled SEK 2,602 m (2,568), an increase of 1.3 % compared with the same period a year ago.

Under the period January-December 2005 the increase was 4.8 % for stores in Sweden owned by the Group, of which same-stores decreased by 2.3 %. Consolidated net sales totalled SEK 28,086 m (28,658), a decrease of 2.0 %.

Hemköp's sales increased by 2.0 % during the month, of which same-stores decreased by 0.2 %. Accumulated sales increased by 0.5 %, of which same-stores decreased by 4.5 %.

Willys sales increased by 10.5 % during the month, of which same-stores increased by 0.3 %. Accumulated sales increased by 7.5 %, of which same-stores decreased by 0.6 %.

Willys hemma's sales increased by 4.0 %, of which same-stores decreased by 5.9 % during the month. Accumulated sales decreased by 2.6 %, of which same-stores decreased by 9.8 %.

Sales per business operation are broken down as follows:

	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Change
	2005	2004	
	SEK m.	SEK m.	%
Hemköp	6 198	6 167	0,5%
Willys	12 675	11 789	7,5%
Willys Hemma	1 251	1 284	-2,6%
Dagab ¹⁾	19 487	19 320	0,9%
Axfood Närlivs ²⁾	4 680	4 589	2,0%
Other ³⁾	848	749	13,2%
Internal sales ⁴⁾	-17 053	-15 240	11,9%
Total	28 086	28 658	-2,0%
<u>Of which distributed sales</u>			
1) Dagab	13 274	14 326	-7,3%
2) Närlivs	3 814	3 658	4,3%
Net sales from			
discontinued operations ⁵⁾	4 920	5 168	-4,8%

³⁾ Includes support companies and joint-Group functions.

⁴⁾ Of which Dagab SEK m 16 390 (14 704).

⁵⁾ Pertains to sales from operations in Spar Finland.

* The figures are preliminary, definite figures will be presented at www.axfood.se under Financial info.

Preliminary sales figures will be presented on the following dates: Jan 3/2, Feb 3/3, March 19/4 (Q1), April 4/5, May 7/6, June 19/7 (Q2), July 3/8, Aug 5/9, Sept 24/10 (Q3), Oct 3/11, Nov 5/12.

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