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| <div>Form 5500</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security<br/>Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</div> <div>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</div> <div>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</div> | <div>OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br/>1210-0089</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| Part I                                                                                     | Annual Report Identification Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| A                                                                                          | This return/report is for: <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) _____</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)</div></div> |
| C                                                                                          | If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. .... ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| D                                                                                          | Check box if filing under: <div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| E                                                                                          | If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. .... ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1a      | Name of plan<br>BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES INC 401K PROFIT SHARING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1b      | Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1c      | Effective date of plan<br>01/01/1994                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2a      | Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br>BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.<br><br>3605 8TH AVENUE SOUTH<br>SUITE 100<br>BIRMINGHAM, AL 35222-3252 |
| 2b      | Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>63-0855843                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2c      | Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br>205-881-2222                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2d      | Business code (see instructions)<br>445110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

|           |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 10/15/2024 | NASEEM AJLOUNY                                               |
|           | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| SIGN HERE |                                                   |            |                                                              |
|           | Signature of DFE                                  | Date       | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |

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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                 |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name<br><b>c</b> Plan Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4d</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>5</b> 544                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits .....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits .....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . .....<br><b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested ..... | <div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <b>6a(1)</b> 379<br><b>6a(2)</b> 315<br><b>6b</b><br><b>6c</b> 173<br><b>6d</b> 488<br><b>6e</b><br><b>6f</b> 488<br><b>6g(1)</b> 393<br><b>6g(2)</b> 434<br><b>6h</b> |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2G 2J 2K 2T 3D

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor |
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**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1) ☐ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE A</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury</div> <div>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor</div> <div>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Insurance Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> <div>► Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</div> | <div>OMB No. 1210-0110</div> <div>2023</div> <div>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</div> |
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| For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023 |                                        |     |
| A Name of plan                                                                             | B Three-digit plan number (PN)         | 001 |
| BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES INC 401K PROFIT SHARING                                         |                                        |     |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500                                     | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) |     |
| BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.                                                           | 63-0855843                             |     |

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| Part I | Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions | Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A. |
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.

| (b) EIN    | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year |            |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
|            |               |                                       |                                                                             | (f) From                | (g) To     |
| 35-0472300 | 65676         | 894264-087                            | 434                                                                         |                         | 12/31/2023 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

|                                      |                               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
| 334                                  | 0                             |

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
| 334                                           |                                 |             | 3                     |

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |             | (e) Organization code |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                                               | (c) Amount                      | (d) Purpose |                       |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**(a)** Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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| <b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid |                    | <b>(e)</b><br>Organization code |
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|                                                      | <b>(c)</b> Amount               | <b>(d)</b> Purpose |                                 |
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**Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information**

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| <b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end ..... | <b>4</b> | 226024   |
| <b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....    | <b>5</b> | 11598514 |

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier .....**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. ....**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year .....**7b**

176067

**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....**7c(1)**

10356

(2) Dividends and credits .....

**7c(2)**

(3) Interest credited during the year .....

**7c(3)**

2784

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

**7c(4)**

108390

(5) Other (specify below) .....

**7c(5)**

2080

▶ OTHER

(6) Total additions.....

**7c(6)**

123610

**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) .....**7d**

299677

**e** Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....

**7e(1)**

70661

(2) Administration charge made by carrier .....

**7e(2)**

913

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

**7e(3)**

0

(4) Other (specify below) .....

**7e(4)**

2079

▶ OTHER

(5) Total deductions.....

**7e(5)**

73653

**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) .....**7f**

226024

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)     
**b** ☐ Dental     
**c** ☐ Vision     
**d** ☐ Life insurance  
**e** ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)     
**f** ☐ Long-term disability     
**g** ☐ Supplemental unemployment     
**h** ☐ Prescription drug  
**i** ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)     
**j** ☐ HMO contract     
**k** ☐ PPO contract     
**l** ☐ Indemnity contract  
**m** ☐ Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

|                                                                                                                                                   |                 |                 |  |
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| <b>a</b> Premiums: (1) Amount received .....                                                                                                      | <b>9a(1)</b>    |                 |  |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....                                                                                             | <b>9a(2)</b>    |                 |  |
| (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....                                                                                         | <b>9a(3)</b>    |                 |  |
| (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....                                                                                                                 |                 | <b>9a(4)</b>    |  |
| <b>b</b> Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....                                                                                                     | <b>9b(1)</b>    |                 |  |
| (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....                                                                                                   | <b>9b(2)</b>    |                 |  |
| (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....                                                                                                        |                 | <b>9b(3)</b>    |  |
| (4) Claims charged .....                                                                                                                          |                 | <b>9b(4)</b>    |  |
| <b>c</b> Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --                                                                     |                 |                 |  |
| (A) Commissions .....                                                                                                                             | <b>9c(1)(A)</b> |                 |  |
| (B) Administrative service or other fees .....                                                                                                    | <b>9c(1)(B)</b> |                 |  |
| (C) Other specific acquisition costs .....                                                                                                        | <b>9c(1)(C)</b> |                 |  |
| (D) Other expenses .....                                                                                                                          | <b>9c(1)(D)</b> |                 |  |
| (E) Taxes .....                                                                                                                                   | <b>9c(1)(E)</b> |                 |  |
| (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....                                                                                                 | <b>9c(1)(F)</b> |                 |  |
| (G) Other retention charges .....                                                                                                                 | <b>9c(1)(G)</b> |                 |  |
| (H) Total retention .....                                                                                                                         |                 | <b>9c(1)(H)</b> |  |
| (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.)..... |                 | <b>9c(2)</b>    |  |
| <b>d</b> Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....                               |                 | <b>9d(1)</b>    |  |
| (2) Claim reserves .....                                                                                                                          |                 | <b>9d(2)</b>    |  |
| (3) Other reserves.....                                                                                                                           |                 | <b>9d(3)</b>    |  |
| <b>e</b> Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....                                          |                 | <b>9e</b>       |  |

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |  |
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| <b>a</b> Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....                                                                                                                                                           | <b>10a</b> |  |
| <b>b</b> If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount ..... | <b>10b</b> |  |

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
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| <div>A</div> <div>Name of plan</div> <div>BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES INC 401K PROFIT SHARING</div>                       | <div>B</div> <div>Three-digit plan number (PN)</div> <div>001</div>                |
| <div>C</div> <div>Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500</div> <div>BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.</div> | <div>D</div> <div>Employer Identification Number (EIN)</div> <div>63-0855843</div> |

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1

Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....

No

Yes

☒
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b)

Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15                     | RECORDKEEPER                                                                                      | 63710                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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|                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

**3.** If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                           |
| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                          |                               |                                                                                     |
| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
|                                                                          |                               |                                                                                     |
| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2023</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2023</b> and ending <b>12/31/2023</b>                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES INC 401K PROFIT SHARING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b> <b>001</b>                                 |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>63-0855843</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                           |

| Part I                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Asset and Liability Statement |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                               |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1a</b>                     |                       |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>                  | 6891                  | 7628            |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b(2)</b>                  | 11560                 | 20895           |
| <b>(3)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1b(3)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(1)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(2)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(A)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(B)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(4)(A)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b>               |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(9)</b>                  |                       |                 |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>1c(10)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(12)</b>                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1c(13)</b>                 | 9702464               | 11598514        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(14)</b>                 | 176067                | 226024          |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(15)</b>                 |                       |                 |

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| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                                   |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| (1) Employer securities .....                                             | <b>1d(1)</b> |                       |                 |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                          | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....        | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....      | <b>1f</b>    | 9896982               | 11853061        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                        |              |                       |                 |
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                         |              |                       |                 |
| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....                 | <b>1l</b>    | 9896982               | 11853061        |

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

|                                                                                                            |                 |            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Income</b>                                                                                              |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
| <b>a</b> Contributions:                                                                                    |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers .....                                               | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 344921     |           |
| (B) Participants .....                                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 574786     |           |
| (C) Others (including rollovers) .....                                                                     | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 919707    |
| <b>b</b> Earnings on investments:                                                                          |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....              | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) U.S. Government securities .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                       | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                               | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| (E) Participant loans .....                                                                                | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> |            |           |
| (F) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> | 270092     |           |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                                     | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            | 270092    |
| (2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock .....                                                                   | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Common stock .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                         | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                         | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            |           |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds .....                                        | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                                     | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> |            |           |
| (C) Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                         | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            |           |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate .....                                | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| (B) Other .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 1594115    |           |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....                | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            |           |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....                               | 2b(6)  |            |           |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....                               | 2b(7)  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....                       | 2b(8)  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....                             | 2b(9)  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | 2b(10) |            |           |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            |           |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....               | 2d     |            | 2783914   |

**Expenses**

|                                                                                      |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:                                  |        |        |        |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....      | 2e(1)  | 760825 |        |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....                         | 2e(2)  |        |        |
| (3) Other .....                                                                      | 2e(3)  |        |        |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....                        | 2e(4)  |        | 760825 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f     |        |        |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g     |        |        |
| h Interest expense .....                                                             | 2h     |        |        |
| i Administrative expenses:                                                           |        |        |        |
| (1) Salaries and allowances .....                                                    | 2i(1)  |        |        |
| (2) Contract administrator fees.....                                                 | 2i(2)  |        |        |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees.....                                                          | 2i(3)  |        |        |
| (4) IQPA audit fees.....                                                             | 2i(4)  |        |        |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....                         | 2i(5)  | 67010  |        |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....                               | 2i(6)  |        |        |
| (7) Actuarial fees .....                                                             | 2i(7)  |        |        |
| (8) Legal fees .....                                                                 | 2i(8)  |        |        |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....                                                   | 2i(9)  |        |        |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....                                           | 2i(10) |        |        |
| (11) Other expenses .....                                                            | 2i(11) |        |        |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....               | 2i(12) |        | 67010  |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j     |        | 827835 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 1956079 |
| l Transfers of assets:                                   |       |  |         |
| (1) To this plan .....                                   | 2l(1) |  |         |
| (2) From this plan .....                                 | 2l(2) |  |         |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **PEARCE,BEVILL,LEESBURG,MOORE,P.C.**

(2) EIN: **63-0813240**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes                                 | No                                  | Amount |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 367574 |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)                                                                                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 500000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                                                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |        |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |        |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| <b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s) | <b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s) | <b>5b(3)</b> PN(s) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|                              |                     |                    |
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**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

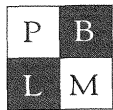
**BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.  
401(k) PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT PLAN**

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Audited Financial Statements as of  
December 31, 2023 and 2022,  
and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023  
with Independent Auditors' Report  
and Supplemental Schedules

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the 401(k) Retirement Committee and Participants  
Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan  
Birmingham, Alabama

### Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the accompanying financial statements of Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) [ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit]. The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and for the year ending December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 9 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section—

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#### Members:

- The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- The Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants
- PCPS - The AICPA Alliance for CPA Firms
- National CPA Health Care Advisors Association

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section of our report. We are required to be independent of Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities**

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in

accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about of Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores Inc. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

## Other Matters

### *Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA*

The supplemental Schedule of Delinquent Contributions and Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

*Pearce, Bevell, Leesburg, Moore, P.C.*

October 14, 2024

**BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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|                                   | 2023                 | 2022                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS                            |                      |                     |
| Investments, at fair value        | \$ 11,598,513        | \$ 9,702,464        |
| Investments, at contract value    | <u>226,024</u>       | <u>176,067</u>      |
| Total Investments                 | 11,824,537           | 9,878,531           |
| Receivables                       |                      |                     |
| Employer contributions            | 10,563               | 6,890               |
| Participant contributions         | <u>17,961</u>        | <u>11,560</u>       |
| Net Receivables                   | <u>28,524</u>        | <u>18,450</u>       |
| Net Assets Available for Benefits | \$ <u>11,853,061</u> | \$ <u>9,896,981</u> |

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

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**BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.  
401(k) PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT PLAN  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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Additions to net assets:

Income:

|                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dividends                                 | \$ 270,093       |
| Appreciation in fair value of investments | <u>1,594,115</u> |
|                                           | 1,864,208        |

Contributions:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| Employer    | 344,921        |
| Participant | <u>574,786</u> |
|             | 919,707        |

Total additions 2,783,915

Deductions from net assets

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 760,825       |
| Administrative expenses       | <u>67,010</u> |
|                               | 827,835       |

Increase in Net Assets 1,956,080

Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year 9,896,981

Net assets available for benefits, end of year \$ 11,853,061

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

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**BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.  
401(k) PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT PLAN  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

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**Note 1 - Description of Plan**

The following description of the Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores, Inc. (the Company) 401(k) Profit Sharing Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a multiple employer plan maintained by Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores, Inc. (the Plan Sponsor) as a defined contribution plan covering non-union employees of Buy-Lo Quality Food Stores, Inc., NAB City Markets, LLC, and Piggly Wiggly Food Stores of Jefferson County, Inc., collectively known as the Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The Trustees oversee governance of the Plan, determine the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, and monitor investment performance.

Eligibility

Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan after completing one year of service and reaching age 21 with entry on the following January 1 or July 1.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a percentage of pretax annual compensation as defined in the Plan up to the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Company contributes a safe-harbor match equal to 100% of the amount of the participant's elective deferrals that do not exceed 4% of their compensation. Additional profit-sharing amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company's Board of Directors; however, no contribution was made for 2023 or 2022. Contributions are subject to certain statutory limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and Company's matching contributions, as well as allocations of the Company's additional profit-sharing contributions and Plan earnings (losses). Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based upon participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

## **Note 1 - Description of Plan – Continued**

### Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, safe harbor matching contributions, plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's profit-sharing contribution portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100 percent vested after six years of credited service.

### Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account or annual installments. For termination of service for other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest of his or her account as a lump-sum distribution. All distribution payments greater than \$1,000 must have the written consent of the participant.

### Forfeited Accounts

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$843 and \$860, respectively. These amounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. No forfeitures were applied to contributions in 2023.

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### Basis of Statements

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Financial Statement Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires the plan administrator and management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are presented at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts which are reported at contract value, in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (see Note 3). Purchases and sales of securities are reflected as of the trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded when earned. All investments in the Plan are participant directed. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year. The valuations do not necessarily represent amounts which might ultimately be realized from the disposition of the investments.

## **Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued**

### Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

### Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan unless otherwise paid by the Company. Expenses that are paid by the Company, including legal and accounting fees, are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

### Date of Management's Review

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 2, 2024, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. No events or transactions occurred during that period that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

## **Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements**

ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, establishes a framework for measuring fair value. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The hierarchy consists of three broad levels, described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that the plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs consist of 1) quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, 2) quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets, 3) inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, and 4) inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term.

Level 3 – Inputs consist of unobservable inputs where there is little or no market activity, and the reporting entity makes estimates and assumptions related to the pricing of the asset including assumptions regarding risk.

The assets fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

### Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements - Continued

The assets fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

*Mutual Funds* – Valued at the daily closing price which represents the NAV of the shares held reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

The following table presents, by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

| <b><u>December 31, 2023</u></b>               | Fair Value          | Fair Value Measurements Using |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                               |                     | Level 1                       | Level 2     | Level 3     |
| Mutual funds                                  | <u>\$11,598,513</u> | <u>\$ 11,598,513</u>          | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Total Investments in the Fair Value Hierarchy | <u>\$11,598,513</u> | <u>\$ 11,598,513</u>          | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

| <b><u>December 31, 2022</u></b>               | Fair Value          | Fair Value Measurements Using |             |             |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                               |                     | Level 1                       | Level 2     | Level 3     |
| Mutual funds                                  | <u>\$ 9,702,464</u> | <u>\$ 9,702,464</u>           | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Total Investments in the Fair Value Hierarchy | <u>\$9,702,464</u>  | <u>\$ 9,702,464</u>           | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

#### **Note 4 – Fixed Annuity Contract with Insurance Company**

The Plan has a fixed annuity account with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. Lincoln maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The account is included in the financial statements at contract value as reported to the Plan by the Custodian. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. The guaranteed investment contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan.

Because the fixed annuity contract is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for the portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rates are set to be at least as large as the guaranteed minimum interest rate for a given product and are communicated to the Plan Sponsor before they go into effect. Such interest rates are reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting.

Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (a) amendments to the Plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merge with another plan), (b) changes to the Plan's prohibition on completing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (c) bankruptcy of the Plan Sponsor or other Plan Sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (d) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes. No events which limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Plan participants are probable of occurring. The balances of the fixed annuity account were \$226,024 and \$176,067 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 respectively.

#### **Note 5 - Related Party/Party-In-Interest Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are managed by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. Lincoln is the Custodian for the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Lincoln provides certain administrative services to the Plan pursuant to the Group Annuity Contract. Lincoln receives revenue from mutual fund and collective trust fund service providers for services provided to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to Lincoln for its administrative services to the Plan.

#### **Note 6 - Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contribution at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

#### **Note 7 - Plan Tax Status**

The Plan adopted a Volume Submitter document approved by Internal Revenue Service on June 30, 2020. The plan administrator and the Plan's tax counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believe that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the plan administrator to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) for any uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing authorities; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes the Plan is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

Net assets and changes in net assets presented in these financial statements agree to Schedule H of form 5500.

#### **Note 8 - Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

#### **Note 9 - Certified Investments**

The plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520-103-8 of the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, the custodian of the Plan, has certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate with respect to investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023:

- Investments at fair value
- Investments at contract value

#### **Note 9 - Certified Investments - Continued**

- Net appreciation in fair value of investments
- Dividends
- Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

The Plan's independent public accountants did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule.

#### **Note 10 - Prohibited Transactions**

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, employee deferrals totaling \$202,983 and \$164,591, respectively, were withheld from payroll and not remitted on a timely basis (as defined by the Department of Labor "DOL") by the Plan Sponsor. The Plan Sponsor subsequently remitted the deferral to the trustee. Payment of the appropriate excise tax and lost earnings to the affected participants have not been made as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**BUY-LO QUALITY FOOD STORES, INC.**  
**401(k) PROFIT SHARING RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**EIN: 63-0855843**  
**PLAN: 001**

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------------------|
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|    | Vanguard Funds:                                           |                                 |            |                      |
|    | 500 Index                                                 | Mutual fund                     |            | 3,635,758            |
|    | Target Retirement 2065                                    | Mutual fund                     |            | 43,033               |
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|    | Small Cap                                                 | Mutual fund                     |            | 686                  |
|    | Emerging Markets Index                                    | Mutual fund                     |            | 11,256               |
|    | Developed Markets Index                                   | Mutual fund                     |            | 14,046               |
|    | Value Index                                               | Mutual fund                     |            | 83,365               |
|    | Growth Index                                              | Mutual fund                     |            | 291,865              |
|    | Mid Cap Growth Index                                      | Mutual fund                     |            | 87,072               |
|    | Total Bond Index                                          | Mutual fund                     |            | <u>18,253</u>        |
|    |                                                           |                                 |            | 11,598,513           |
| *  | Lincoln Stable Value                                      | Fixed annuity contract          |            | <u>226,024</u>       |
|    |                                                           |                                 |            | <u>\$ 11,824,537</u> |

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