

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

June 4, 2012

<u>Via E-Mail</u>
Mr. Nicholas C. Conrad
Chief Financial Officer
The Andersons, Inc.
480 W. Dussel Drive
Maumee, Ohio 43537

Re: The Andersons, Inc.

Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011

Filed February 27, 2012 File No. 000-20557

Dear Mr. Conrad:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within 10 business days by confirming that you will revise your document in future filings (unless otherwise indicated) and providing any requested information. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and results of Operations Operating Results, page 26

- 1. We note that your discussion of the changes in the results of operations focuses solely on sales and gross profit. Please revise to also discuss and analyze cost of sales. Because gross profit is impacted by both sales and cost of sales, we believe a separate discussion of cost of sales results is necessary and appropriate.
- 2. In addition, please describe the significant cost components which comprise cost of sales and any material change in these cost components such that an investor may better understand the nature of the costs within cost of sales and changes in such costs. Your discussion of your results of operations for each of your segments should be similarly revised.

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We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact Effie Simpson at (202) 551-3346, or in her absence, the undersigned at (202) 551-3750 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact the undersigned with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Linda Cvrkel

Linda Cvrkel Branch Chief