

This Week's Top Stories in Retail **November 13th, 2009**

[Wal-Mart posts mixed Q3 results: profits up, comps down](#)

Wal-Mart Stores said Thursday it posted better-than-expected earnings for the third quarter, due to effective cost-cutting measures, but same-store sales dipped amid the downturn.

[Costco debuts in Manhattan with store opening](#)

Costco Wholesale Corp. announced it is opening its first store in Manhattan on Thursday, and added it is looking for additional sites in the area.

[Ahold restructures toward acquisition ramp-up](#)

Dutch retailer Royal Ahold said Thursday it is reorganizing its United States and European operations in order to position itself to make acquisitions in both new and existing markets, according to a report in the *Wall Street Journal*.

[A.C. Moore losses widen, misses Street](#)

A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts reported Friday that the company posted a bigger third-quarter loss due to traffic-driving promotions that undermined margins.

[Delhaize reports Q3 profit gain](#)

Delhaize Group reported Friday that profits increased 10.1% for the third quarter ended Sept. 30.

[Borders to downsize Waldenbooks unit, closing 200 stores](#)

Borders Group announced it will close more of its small-format Waldenbooks stores in January as it focuses on its more profitable superstores.

[FTC looking into business practices of CVS](#)

The Federal Trade Commission is investigating some of CVS Caremark Corp.'s business practices, the company said Thursday.

[Kohl's profit beats Street, lowers outlook](#)

Kohl's Corp. on Thursday reported a larger-than-expected quarterly profit, but forecast a holiday fourth quarter below Wall Street estimates.

[Urban Outfitters Q3 profit up 5%, helped by Anthropologie results](#)

Urban Outfitters said Thursday that profit rose 5%, as higher sales at its Anthropologie chain helped offset weaker results at its Urban Outfitters and Free People stores.

[U.S. foot traffic up 3.0% in Oct.](#)

ShopperTrak RCT Corp.'s Retail Traffic Index reported on Wednesday that total U.S. foot traffic for the month of October fell 3.0%, while the company's National Retail Sales Estimate reported retail sales slipped a slight 0.4% for the same period.

[Survey: More holiday shoppers to use social media, mobile this year](#)

Digital advancements continue to drive a new approach to shopping, with social media and mobile phones emerging as key influencers this holiday season, according to Deloitte's 24th Annual Holiday Survey of retail spending and trends.

[Casual Male selects data warehouse, analytics solution](#)

Casual Male has selected a solution from Netezza, a provider of data warehouse and analytic solutions, to gain insight into its existing data.

[Macy's narrows losses in the Q3](#)

Macy's reported a smaller third-quarter loss as the department store operator benefited from tight inventory controls and a move to localize merchandise by region.

[Wegmans plots Northeastern growth](#)

Wegmans Food Markets said Tuesday its expansion strategy involves growth mostly outside its home base of New York.

[Office Depot re-ups agreement with DemandTec for optimized merchandising](#)

On-demand optimization solution-provider DemandTec said Tuesday that Office Depot has renewed its subscription to DemandTec's Lifecycle Price OptimizationT solution.

[Target rolls out p-fresh grocery concept in Texas](#)

Target Corp. said Tuesday it has begun rolling out its "p-fresh" grocery model in Texas, according to reports.

[Report: Consumers showing interest in holiday electronics purchases](#)

A Consumer Reports Index released Tuesday found that, with just a little more than two weeks to go until the traditional Black Friday shopping blitz, consumers are showing more interest in purchasing personal electronics.

[Wal-Mart develops action plan for crowd control](#)

Wal-Mart Stores said it has developed plans to manage holiday crowds shopping at its 3,500 U.S. stores this season.

[Consumers to cut restaurant spending](#)

Despite signs that the recession may be ending, restaurant customers say they plan to spend about 20% less per meal in 2010 than they did this year, according to a new study published Tuesday by *Nation's Restaurant News*.

[Weekly retail sales rise 2.9%](#)

The International Council of Shopping Centers and Goldman Sachs said Tuesday that chain-store sales for the week ended Nov. 7 rose 2.9% from the year-earlier period.

[Report: Retail theft up almost 6% around the globe](#)

The Center for Retail Research announced Tuesday the results of its Global Retail Theft Barometer 2009, which found that total retail shrink worldwide was up 5.9% over last year's theft numbers.