## REPORTING AND ANALYZING INVENTORY

## LO 1: Discuss how to classify and determine inventory.

- Inventory: "Assets a company intends to sell in the normal course of business, has in production for future sale, or uses currently in the production of goods to be sold."

1. Inventory--ON BALANCE SHEET: "represents the cost of inventory STILL ON HAND."
2. Cost of Goods Sold---ON INCOME STATEMENT: "represents the cost of inventory SOLD DURING THE PERIOD."

- Merchandising companies have ONE type of inventory: Merchandise Inventory
- Manufacturing companies have THREE types of inventory:

1. Raw Materials
2. Work in Process
3. Finished Goods

## DETERMINING INVENTORY QUANTITIES

- Physical inventory is taken for 2 reasons:
- Perpetual System

1. Check accuracy of inventory records.
2. Determine amount of inventory lost due to wasted raw materials, shoplifting, or employee theft.

- Periodic System

1. Determine the inventory on hand.
2. Determine the cost of goods sold for the period.

- One challenge in determining inventory quantities is making sure a company owns the inventory.
- Goods in transit: purchased goods not yet received and sold goods not yet delivered.
- FOB (Free on Board) Shipping Point: Ownership of the goods passes to the buyer when the public carrier accepts the goods from the seller.
- If goods are in transit they are the BUYERS.
- FOB (Free on Board) Destination: Ownership of the goods remains with the seller until the goods reach the buyer.
- If goods are in transit they are the SELLERS.

- Consigned Goods: Goods held for other parties to see if they can sell the goods for the other party. The company holding the goods charges a fee and does not take ownership of the goods.
- Consignor: goods shipped by the owner.
- Consignee: sell goods for the owner.
**At end of the year GOODS NOT SOLD BELONG AS PART OF CONSIGNOR'S (OWNER’S) INVENTORY.

Ex: Auto Alex owns a used car lot. Nick has a used car that he wants to sell. He goes to Auto Alex and the dealer agrees to put Nick's car on the lot for a fee. Auto Alex does not take ownership of the car.

Consignor: Nick (Car is INCLUDED in inventory.)
Consignee: Auto Alex (Used car is NOT INCLUDED in inventory.)

## LO 2: Apply inventory cost flow methods and discuss their financial effects.

- Inventory is accounted for at cost.
- Cost includes all expenditures necessary to acquire goods and place them in a condition ready for sale.
- Unit costs are applied to quantities to determine the total cost of the inventory and the cost of goods sold using the following costing methods:

1. Specific identification
2. First-in, first-out (FIFO)
3. Last-in, first-out (LIFO)
4. Average-cost

- There is NO REQUIREMENT that the cost flow assumption has to be consistent with the physical movement of goods.


## 1. SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION (PERIODIC)

- Cost attached to a specific item. (Ex: When selling jewelry.)

Ex: Mike Company sells 3 units from beginning inventory, 8 units from Jan. 6 purchase, and 4 units from Jan. 24 purchase.

| Date | Explanation | Units | Unit Cost |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Total Cost |  |  |  |  |
| Jan. 1 | Beginning Inventory | 10 | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 100.00$ |
| Jan.6 | Purchase | 8 | $\$ 15.00$ | $\$ 120.00$ |
| Jan. 24 | Purchase | 20 | $\$ 20.00$ | $\$ 400.00$ |
|  | Total | 38 |  | $\$ 620.00$ |


| Step 1: Calculate Cost of Goods Sold |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Date | Units | Unit Cost |  | Total Cost |
| Beg. Inv. | 3 | $\$$ | 10.00 | $\$$ |


| Step 2: Calculate Ending Inventory |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Cost of Goods Available for sale | $\$ 620.00$ |
| Less: Cost of Goods Sold | $\$(230.00)$ |
| Onding Inventory | $\$ 390.00$ |
|  |  |


| Date | Units | Unit Cost | Total Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Beg. Inv. | 7 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 70.00 |
| n. 24 | 16 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 320.00 |
| Total | 23 |  | \$ 390.00 |

## 2. FIRST-IN, FIRST-OUT (FIFO) (PERIODIC)

- Assumes OLDEST ITEMS SOLD FIRST (Ex: Grocery stores sell oldest fruit or dairy products like milk first before newest.)
- Costs of the earliest goods purchased are the first to be recognized in determining cost of goods sold. (Resembles the actual physical flow of merchandise)
- Companies determine the cost of the ending inventory by taking the unit cost of the most recent purchase and working backward until all units of inventory have been costed.

|  | Date | Explanation | Units | Unit Cost |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | Total Cost

*Assume 23 units are in ending inventory at the end of January

- Items SOLD in order acquired....

1. Beginning Inventory
2. Jan. 6
3. Jan. 24

- NEWEST UNITS REMAIN IN ENDING INVENTORY.

Step 1: Calculate Ending Inventory
Date Units Unit Cost Total Cost

| Jan. 24 | 20 | $\$$ | 20.00 | $\$ 400.00$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Jan. 6 | 3 | $\$$ | 15.00 | $\$ 45.00$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |  | $\$ 445.00$ |  |

Jan. 6

Step 2: Calculate Cost of Goods Sold
Cost of Goods Available for sale
Less: Ending Inventory
Cost of Goods Sold

ENDING INVENTORY = units on hand x unit cost

## 3. LAST-IN, FIRST-OUT (LIFO) (PERIODIC)

- Assumes NEWEST ITEMS SOLD FIRST (Ex: When new technology items came out.)
- Costs of the latest goods purchased are the first to be recognized in determining cost of goods sold.
- Seldom coincides with actual physical flow of merchandise.

Ex)

| Date | Explanation | Units | Unit Cost | Total Cost |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 1 | Beginning Inventory | 10 | \$ 10.00 | \$ 100.00 |
| Jan. 6 | Purchase | 8 | \$ 15.00 | \$ 120.00 |
| Jan. 24 | Purchase | 20 | \$ 20.00 | \$ 400.00 |
|  | Total | 38 |  | \$620.00 |


*Assume 23 units are in ending inventory at the end of January

- Items SOLD from newest to oldest....

1. Jan. 24
2. Jan. 6
3. Beginning Inventory

- OLDEST UNITS REMAIN IN ENDING INVENTORY.

Step 1: Calculate Ending Inventory

| Date | Units | Unit Cost |  | Total Cost |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Beg. Inv. | 10 | $\$$ | 10.00 | $\$ 100.00$ |
| Jan. 6 | 8 | $\$$ | 15.00 | $\$ 120.00$ |
| Jan. 24 | 5 | $\$$ | 20.00 | $\$ 100.00$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |  | $\$ \mathbf{3 2 0 . 0 0}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Step 2: Calculate Cost of Goods Sold
Cost of Goods Available for sale
Less: Ending Inventory
\$ (320.00)
Cost of Goods Sold \$ 300.00

ENDING INVENTORY $=$ units on hand $x$ unit cost

## 4. WEIGHTED AVERAGE (PERIODIC)

- Allocates cost of goods available for sale on the basis of weighted-average unit cost incurred.
- Applies weighted-average unit cost to the units on hand to determine cost of the ending inventory.


## WEIGHTED AVERAGE COST PER UNIT = Total Cost of Inventory on Hand $\div$ Number of Units on Hand

Ex)

| Date | Explanation | Units | Unit Cost Total Cost |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Jan. 1 | Beginning Inventory | $10 \$ 10.00$ | $\$ 100.00$ |  |
| Jan. 6 | Purchase | $8 \$ 15.00$ | $\$ 120.00$ |  |
| Jan. 24 | Purchase | $20 \$ 20.00$ | $\$ 400.00$ |  |
|  | Total |  |  | $\underline{\$ 620.00}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Weighted
*Assume 23 units are in ending inventory at the end of January
Unit $=(10$ units $x \$ 10)+(8$ units $x \$ 15)+(20$ units $x \$ 20$ per unit $)$
$=\$ 620 \div 38$ units $=\mathbf{\$ 1 6 . 3 2}$ per unit

## Step 1: Calculate Ending Inventory

Total Cost $\div$ Total Units $=$ Weighted Average Cost $\$ 620 \div 38$ units $\approx \$ 16.32$

Step 2: Calculate Cost of Goods Sold
Cost of Goods Available for sale \$ 620.00 Less: Ending Inventory

Cost of Goods Sold

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10 \text { units }+8 \text { units }+20 \text { units }
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Ending Inventory = 23 units $\times \$ 16.32=\$ 375.36$

## INCOME STATEMENT EFFECTS

- In periods of changing prices, the cost flow assumption can have significant impacts both on income and on evaluations of income, such as the following.

1. In a period of inflation (prices are RISING), FIFO produces a higher net income because lower unit costs of the first units purchased are matched against revenue.
2. In a period of inflation (prices are RISING), LIFO produces a lower net income because higher unit costs of the last goods purchased are matched against revenue.
3. If prices are falling, the results from the use of FIFO and LIFO are reversed. FIFO will report the lowest net income and LIFO the highest.
4. Regardless of whether prices are rising or falling, average-cost produces net income between FIFO and LIFO.


- Each of the three cost flow assumptions are acceptable under GAAP.
- Method should be used consistently, enhances comparability.
- Although consistency is preferred, a company may change its inventory costing method.


## LO 3: Indicate the effects of inventory errors on financial statements.

- INCOME STATEMENT EFFECTS
$\left.\begin{array}{lccc}\begin{array}{l}\text { Beginning } \\ \text { Inventory }\end{array}+\begin{array}{c}\text { Cost of } \\ \text { Goods } \\ \text { Purchased }\end{array} & - & \begin{array}{c}\text { Ending } \\ \text { Inventory }\end{array} & =\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Cost of } \\ \text { Goods } \\ \text { Sold }\end{array}\right]$


## - BALANCE SHEET EFFECTS

## Accounting Equation: ASSETS = LIABILITIES + STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| Ending Inventory Error | Assets | $\underline{\text { Liabilities }}$ | Stockholders' Equity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overstated | Overstated | No effect | Overstated |
| Understated | Understated | No effect | Understated |

## LO 4: Explain the statement presentation and analysis of inventory.

- Inventory is classified in the BALANCE SHEET as a CURRENT ASSET immediately below receivables.
- In a multiple-step income statement, cost of goods sold is subtracted from net sales.
- There also should be disclosure of

1. The major inventory classifications
2. The basis of accounting (cost, or lower-of-cost-or-market)
3. The cost method (FIFO, LIFO, or average-cost).

## LOWER-OF-COST-OR-MARKET

- Applied to items in inventory after the company has used one of the cost flow methods ( specific identification, FIFO, LIFO, or average-cost) to determine cost.
- Companies can "write down" the inventory to its market value in the period in which the price decline occurs.
- Market value $=$ Replacement Cost
- Example of conservatism.
- Inventory is valued at the LOWER of its COST or MARKET VALUE.

|  | Units | Cost per Unit | Market per Unit | Lower-of-Cost-or-Market |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flat-screen TVs | 100 | \$600 | \$550 | \$ | 55,000 | (\$550 $\times 100$ ) |
| Satellite radios | 500 | 90 | 104 |  | 45,000 | $(\$ 90 \times 500)$ |
| Blu-ray players | 850 | 50 | 48 |  | 40,800 | $(\$ 48 \times 850)$ |
| CDs | 3,000 | 5 | 6 |  | 15,000 | $(\$ 5 \times 3,000)$ |
| Total inventory |  |  |  |  | 55,800 |  |

ANALYSIS

1. Inventory Turnover Ratio

Inventory Turnover Ratio $=\frac{\text { Cost of Goods Sold }}{\text { Average Inventory }}$

- Average Inventory= (Inventory Beginning of Year + Inventory End of Year) $\div 2$
- Used to measure a company's ability to manage its inventory effectively.
- A company that has an inventory turnover of 4 indicates that it sells and replaces their inventory 4 times per year.

2. Days in Inventory

Days in Inventory $=\frac{365}{$|  Inventory Turnover  |
| :---: |
|  Ratio  |}

- Indicates the average number of days' inventory is held.
- Shorter the number of days' in inventory, the better, but it depends on industry. For example, grocery stores will have a much shorter amount of days then jewelry stores.
- A company has 100 days' in inventory. Therefore, it takes it 100 days to purchase, sell, and replace their inventory.

