

Powell Kendall J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Powell Kendall J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/26/2011

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman of the Board & CEO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2011 | | A | | 4,546 (1) | A | \$ 0 463,672 D |
| Common Stock | 04/28/2011 | | M | | 26,700 | A | \$ 24.805 490,372 D |
| Common Stock | 04/28/2011 | | F | | 21,258 (2) | D | \$ 38.5 469,114 D |
| Common Stock | 04/28/2011 | | M | | 15,200 | A | \$ 21.895 484,314 D |
| Common Stock | 04/28/2011 | | F | | 11,444 (2) | D | \$ 38.5 472,870 D |

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Common Stock 3,329 I by Trust (3)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 21.895 | 04/28/2011 | | M | 15,200 | 08/01/2001 ⁽⁴⁾ 09/01/2011 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 24.805 | 04/28/2011 | | M | 26,700 | 12/17/2005 01/17/2012 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Powell Kendall J NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426 | X | | Chairman of the Board & CEO | |

Signatures

By: Christopher A Rauschl For: Kendall J Powell 04/29/2011
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Award of restricted stock units that vest on April 26, 2016

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- (2) Shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan dated March 25, 2011.
- (3) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (4) 20% of the option vested on this date and on each of the next four anniversaries of this date
- (5) Employee option (right to buy) granted under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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