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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) Ruta, Stanley, L.

Tractor Supply Company (TSCO)

320 Plus Park Blvd.

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4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2003

(Street) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Nashville, TN 37217

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	0	Director 0	10% Owner	X Form filed by	One Reporting Person	X Officer (give title below)	0
Form filed by M	More than One	e Repoi	tin	g Person	0 Other (spa	ecify below)	SVP - Store Ops		

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

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) r Disposed of (D)						
Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Fransactions(s)						
Instr. 3 and 4) 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or						
(ndirect (I) (Instr. 4) 7. Nature of (Indirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)						
Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price						
Common Stock 4/30/03 M 2,000 D 10.75						
Common Stock 4/30/03 M 6,666 D 12.91						
Common Stock 4/30/03 M 3,333 D 7.47						
Common Stock 4/30/03 S 11,999 D 42.01 1,500 D						

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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)

Code V (A) (D)

Employee Stock Option	10.7500	4/30/03	М	2,000	
Employee Stock Option	12.9063	4/30/03	М	3,333	
Employee Stock Option	12.9063	4/30/03	М	3,333	
Employee Stock Option	12.9063				
Employee Stock Option	7.4688	4/30/03	М	3,333	
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Employee Stock Option	6.7149				
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Employee Stock Option	6.7149				
Employee Stock Option	17.8150				
Employee Stock Option	17.8150				
Employee Stock Option	17.8150				
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned - Continued (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)					
6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities					
(Instr. 3 and 4) 8. Price of Derivative					
Security (Instr. 5) 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) 10. Ownership Form of					
Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of Shares					
7/27/99 7/27/04 Common stock 2,000	0 D				
1/20/02 1/20/09 Common stock 3,333	0 D				
1/20/03 1/20/09 Common stock 3,333	0 D				
1/20/04 1/20/09 Common stock 3,334	3,333 D				
1/26/03 1/26/10 Common stock 3,333	0 D				
1/26/04 1/26/10 Common stock 3,333	3,333 D				
1/26/05 1/26/10 Common stock 3,334	3,334 D				
1/25/04 1/25/11 Common stock 16,133	16,133 D				
1/25/05 1/25/11 Common stock 16,133	16,133 D				
1/25/06 1/25/11 Common stock 16,134	16,134 D				
1/24/03 1/24/12 Common stock 10,000	10,000 D				
1/24/04 1/24/12 Common stock 10,000	10,000 D				

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1/24/05 1/24/12 Common stock 10,0	000 10,000 D			
1/23/04 1/23/13 Common stock 5,00	00 5,000 D			
1/23/05 1/23/13 Common stock 5,00	00 5,000 D			
1/23/06 1/23/13 Common stock 5,00	00 5,000 D			
Explanation of Responses:				
(1) Fractional shares are rounded to the nearest whole number				
Stanley L. Ruta by /s/ David C. Lewis, as Attorney-in-fact 5/1/2003				
**Signature of Reporting Person				

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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