

SANGER STEPHEN W
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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 *
SANGER STEPHEN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL MILLS INC., NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/23/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	12/23/2004		M		141,765	A	\$ 26.22
COMMON STOCK	12/23/2004		F		76,843	D	\$ 49.27
COMMON STOCK							10,087
COMMON STOCK							100
							3,065

See Footnote (2)

See Footnote (3)

COMMON STOCK							See Footnote (1)
COMMON STOCK					3,065	I	See Footnote (1)

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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. Code	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 26.22	12/23/2004		M	141,765	06/26/2000 07/26/2005	COMMON STOCK	141,	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANGER STEPHEN W GENERAL MILLS INC. NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

Trevor Gunderson by Power of Attorney on behalf of STEPHEN SANGER

12/27/2004

____ 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) These shares are held in trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children. The reporting person and his spouse are trustees of the trusts.

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- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (3) By Spouse.
- (4) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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