

SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR
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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 *
 SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/04/2012

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

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/04/2012		M	6,735 A \$ 18.76	259,594	D	
Common Stock					5,173,486	I	By Spouse (4)

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)

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/04/2012		M	6,735	01/04/2012 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	6,735
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/04/2012		A	6,110	01/03/2014 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	6,110
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					01/03/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	6,015
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					05/25/2013 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	345
Deferred Stock ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾					05/27/2012 ⁽³⁾	Common Stock	5,040

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE THOMASVILLE, GA 31757	X			

Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,
Agent

01/06/2012

 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) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the Deferred Shares Agreement for Directors, the deferred shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (3) No expiration date.
- (4) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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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