

GENERAL MILLS INC  
Form 8-K  
June 23, 2016

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

June 21, 2016

General Mills, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-01185

41-0274440

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Number One General Mills Boulevard,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

55426-1347

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

763-764-7600

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On June 21, 2016, General Mills, Inc. (the "Company") appointed Jeffrey L. Harmening to serve as President, Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective July 1, 2016. The Company issued a press release on June 23, 2016 with additional information on Mr. Harmening's appointment. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99 and incorporated by reference to this Current Report.

Mr. Harmening, age 49, has served as the Company's Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Retail since May 2014. Mr. Harmening joined General Mills in 1994 and served in various marketing roles in the Betty Crocker, Yoplait, and Big G cereal divisions. He was promoted to Marketing Director in 2000 and held leadership roles in Big G New Enterprises and Foodservice New Business. He was named Vice President, Marketing for Cereal Partners Worldwide ("CPW") in 2003 and a Vice President of the Big G cereal division in 2007. In 2011, he was promoted to Senior Vice President for the Big G cereal division. Mr. Harmening was appointed Senior Vice President, Chief Executive Officer of CPW in July 2012.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99 Press Release of General Mills, Inc. dated June 23, 2016.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

General Mills, Inc.

*June 23, 2016*

*By: Richard C. Allendorf*

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*Name: Richard C. Allendorf*

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
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