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February 27, 2002

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): February 14, 2002

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Ohio	1-05111	34-0538550
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Strawberry Lane, Orrville, Ohio	44667
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 682-3000

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On February 14, 2002, The J. M. Smucker Company, an Ohio corporation, issued a press release to announce its earnings for the third quarter of its fiscal year. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

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99.1	Press release, dated February 14, 2002

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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

By: /s/ Steven J. Ellcessor

Name: Steven J. Ellcessor
Title: Vice President - Finance and Administration,
Secretary, and General Counsel

Date: February 27, 2002

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