

MAXWELL JOSEPH D  
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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 \*  
MAXWELL JOSEPH D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO /DE/ [TSCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2005

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

200 POWELL PLACE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |                                   |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 65,000  | I  | JKM Partners <sup>(1)</sup>       |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 65,000  | I  | JDM Partners <sup>(2)</sup>       |
| Common stock                    | 12/14/2005                           |  | G                              | 1,000 D \$ 54.74  | 223,968   | I  | By spouse <sup>(3)</sup>          |
| Common stock                    | 12/14/2005                           |  | G                              | 1,000 D \$ 54.74  | 134,968   | D  |                                   |

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)

| 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 3.3575  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/25/2004   | 01/25/2011  | Common stock | 2,000                      |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 8.9075  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/24/2004   | 01/24/2012  | Common stock | 2,000                      |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 8.9075  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/24/2005   | 01/24/2012  | Common stock | 2,000                      |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 19.64   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/23/2004   | 01/23/2013  | Common stock | 1,000                      |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 19.64   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/23/2005   | 01/23/2013  | Common stock | 1,000                      |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 19.64   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/23/2006   | 01/23/2013  | Common stock | 1,000                      |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 42.65   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/22/2005   | 01/22/2014  | Common stock | 666 <sup>(4)</sup>         |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 42.65   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/22/2006   | 01/22/2014  | Common stock | 667 <sup>(4)</sup>         |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 42.65   |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/22/2007   | 01/22/2014  | Common stock | 667 <sup>(4)</sup>         |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 36.395  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2007   | 02/02/2015  | Common stock | 500                        |
| Non-qualified stock option                 | \$ 36.395  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2008   | 02/02/2015  | Common stock | 500                        |
|  | \$ 36.395  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2009   | 02/02/2015  |              | 500                        |

|                               |           |            |            |                 |     |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| Non-qualified<br>stock option |           |            |            | Common<br>stock |     |
| Non-qualified<br>stock option | \$ 36.395 | 02/02/2010 | 02/02/2015 | Common<br>stock | 500 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MAXWELL JOSEPH D<br>200 POWELL PLACE<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Joseph D. Maxwell, By: /s/ David C. Lewis, as  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/16/2005

\*\*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) The Reporting Person is a general partner of the partnership that owns the reported securities.
- (2) The spouse of the Reporting Person is a general partner of the partnership that owns the reported securities.
- (3) The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares held by his spouse. This report should not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of such shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- (4) Fractional shares are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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