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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):

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-183

23-0691590

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation)

File Number)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(717) 534-6799

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 2, 2003, Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Company") announced

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that J. Robert Hillier resigned from the Company's Board of Directors effective December 31, 2002. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Hillier's resignation is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 2, 2003

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

By /s/ Frank Cerminara

Frank Cerminara Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99	Hershey Foods Corporation press release dated January 2, 2003.

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