

Sara Lee Corp  
Form 8-K  
November 01, 2011

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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):

October 27, 2011

Sara Lee Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-3344

36-2089049

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

3500 Lacey Road, Downers Grove, Illinois

60515

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(630) 598-6000

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Sara Lee Corporation ( Sara Lee ) held its 2011 annual meeting of stockholders on October 27, 2011. A total of 493,871,723 shares of Sara Lee common stock, or 83.61% of our outstanding shares of common stock, were represented at the annual meeting in person or by proxy. The final results for each of the matters submitted to a stockholder vote at the annual meeting are as follows:

1. The stockholders elected 12 directors to each serve a one-year term until our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders or until his or her successor has been duly chosen and qualified. The votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

Nominee	For	Withheld	Abstain	Broker Non-Votes
Christopher B. Begley	415,028,425	5,884,962	1,279,266	71,679,070
Jan Bennink	412,851,266	7,891,282	1,450,105	71,679,070
Crandall C. Bowles	414,540,184	6,337,970	1,314,499	71,679,070
Virgis W. Colbert	342,983,989	75,601,416	3,607,248	71,679,070
James S. Crown	410,746,489	10,232,251	1,213,913	71,679,070
Laurette T. Koellner	414,904,044	6,037,891	1,250,718	71,679,070
Cornelis J.A. van Lede	378,269,459	42,650,213	1,272,981	71,679,070
Dr. John McAdam	378,043,254	42,783,360	1,366,039	71,679,070
Sir Ian Prosser	414,463,978	6,502,997	1,225,678	71,679,070
Norman R. Sorensen	415,078,383	5,811,443	1,302,827	71,679,070
Jeffrey W. Ubben	408,509,920	12,340,759	1,341,974	71,679,070
Jonathan P. Ward	415,115,393	5,794,915	1,282,345	71,679,070

2. The stockholders ratified the appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP as Sara Lee's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2012. The votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

For	Against	Abstentions
483,934,589	8,201,774	1,735,360

3. The stockholders approved the advisory vote on executive compensation. The votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

For	Against	Abstentions
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			Broker Non-Votes
401,161,445	8,208,775	12,822,433	71,679,070

4. The stockholders recommended, on an advisory basis, that Sara Lee conduct future executive compensation votes every year. The votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

One Year	Two Years	Three Years	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
345,885,369	1,490,498	62,852,954	11,963,382	71,679,070

In accordance with the recommendation of the stockholders, our Board of Directors has decided to include an advisory stockholder vote on executive compensation in our proxy materials every year until the next required advisory vote on the frequency of an executive compensation vote, which will occur no later than our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

5. The stockholders voted on a stockholder proposal requesting a report on political contributions, which was defeated. The votes regarding this proposal were as follows:

For	Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
49,212,290	326,702,216	46,278,147	71,679,070

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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.

Sara Lee Corporation

*November 1, 2011*

By: *Helen N. Kaminski*

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*Name: Helen N. Kaminski*

*Title: Assistant General Counsel, Corporate & Securities*