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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 *
DEESE GEORGE E

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE
(Street)

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/23/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 11/23/2012 | | G | V 400,000 D \$ 22.53 | 1,458,007 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/23/2012 | | G | V 100,000 D \$ 22.53 | 1,358,007 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/23/2012 | | G | V 100,000 A \$ 22.53 | 100,000 | I ⁽¹⁾ | By Family LLC |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2012 | | G | V 21,275 D \$ 23.55 | 1,336,732 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 13,538 | I | By 401(k) ⁽²⁾ |

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Common Stock 33,534 I By Spouse ⁽³⁾

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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 16.5 | | | | | 02/04/2011 02/04/2015 | Common Stock | 352,650 |
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 15.89 | | | | | 02/09/2012 02/09/2016 | Common Stock | 405,450 |
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 16.67 | | | | | 02/09/2013 02/09/2017 | Common Stock | 391,725 |
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 16.31 | | | | | 02/10/2014 02/10/2018 | Common Stock | 492,975 |
| Restricted Stock Award ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 0 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁷⁾ | Common Stock | 74,550 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEESE GEORGE E 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE | X | | Chairman of the Board & CEO | |

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,
Agent

12/26/2012

__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) Shares held by family LLC, in which reporting person and his spouse are the only members.
- (2) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person in Issuer's 401(k) Plan, as of 12/31/2011.
- (3) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (4) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
- (5) In accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement, the performance shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (6) The company anticipates that in accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement the vesting date of the performance shares awarded shall be the date of the filing of the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K with the SEC in 2013.
- (7) Grant expires on the vesting date if performance measures are not met.

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