

DEMERITT STEPHEN R  
Form 4  
January 18, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DEMERITT STEPHEN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL MILLS, NUMBER ONE  
GENERAL MILLS BLVD.

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/14/2005

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) Vice Chairman

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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |         |   |                        |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---|------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Price                                                                                |                                                                         |                                                                   |         |   |                        |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       | 01/14/2005                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 10,000<br>(3)                                                                                                      | D                                                                       | \$<br>50.613                                                      | 164,298 | D |                        |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                                                                   | 8,824   | I | See<br>Footnote<br>(2) |
| COMMON<br>STOCK                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                                                                   | 1,840   | I | See<br>Footnote<br>(1) |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                     |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DEMERRITT STEPHEN R  
GENERAL MILLS  
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD.  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

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Vice Chairman

## Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of STEPHEN  
DEMERRITT

01/17/2005

\_\_\_\_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) By spouse. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (3) Shares were sold pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan dated 7-9-2004

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