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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PEEL MICHAEL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Officer (give title below)

_ Other (specify

GENERAL MILLS, NUMBER ONE 01/19/2005

(Street)

(Ctata)

GENERAL MILLS BLVD.

Senior Vice President

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

(City)	(State) (Z	(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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Owners! Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (I Following or Indire Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
COMMON STOCK	01/19/2005		M	1,800	A	\$ 27.78	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/19/2005		M	15,800	A	\$ 26.155	0	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/19/2005		S	12,793	D	\$ 52.1824	227,784	D	
COMMON STOCK							3,915	I	See Footnote (1)
COMMON STOCK							40	I	See Footnote

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			(2)
COMMON STOCK	3,702	I	See Footnote (4)
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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	erivative Expiration Date ecurities (Month/Day/Year) ccquired (A) r Disposed of D) nstr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 26.155	01/19/2005		M	15,800	09/18/1995	10/18/2005	COMMON STOCK	15,80
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 27.78	01/19/2005		M	1,800	11/01/2000	01/11/2006	COMMON STOCK	1,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

PEEL MICHAEL A
GENERAL MILLS
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of MICHAEL PEEL 01/20/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (2) By Spouse.
- (3) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.
- (4) Shares held in irrevocable trust for the benefit of reporting person's child(ren).

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