GENERAL MILLS INC

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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(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SANGER STEPHEN W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner			
GENERAL MILLS INC., NUMBER			04/13/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
ONE GENE	RAL MILLS	S BLVD		Chairman and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
MINNEAPO	LIS, MN 55	5426		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	(Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Own								
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) iomr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
COMMON STOCK	04/13/2005		M	72,138	A	\$ 26.22	0	D		
COMMON STOCK	04/13/2005		F	53,278	D	\$ 49.415	941,308	D		
COMMON STOCK							10,206	I	(See Footnote)	
COMMON STOCK							100	I	(See Footnote)	
							3,505	I		

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COMMON (See Footnote) **STOCK**

(1)

(See **COMMON** 3,505 I Footnote) **STOCK**

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security (Instr. 3) Price of

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Expiration Date

Title

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Code V (A) (D)

OPTION COMMON 72,138 06/26/2000 07/26/2005 \$ 26.22 04/13/2005 M TO BUY **STOCK**

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

SANGER STEPHEN W GENERAL MILLS INC.

X Chairman and CEO NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of STEPHEN 04/14/2005 **SANGER**

> **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).

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- (1) These shares are held in trusts for the benefit of the reporting person's minor children. The reporting person and his spouse are trustees of the trusts.
- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (3) By Spouse.
- (4) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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