

FLOWERS FOODS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
AVERA STEPHEN R

(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)
12/01/2015

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)
EVP, Secretary & Gen Counsel

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/01/2015 | | G | V 5,000 D \$ 23.36 | 393,563 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,492.82 | I | By 401(k) (1) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 675 | I | By Spouse (2) |

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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. P Der Sec (Ins | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾ | \$ 11.11 | | | | | 02/09/2013 | 02/09/2017 | Common Stock | 96,862 | | |
| Option (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾ | \$ 10.87 | | | | | 02/10/2014 | 02/10/2018 | Common Stock | 115,200 | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AVERA STEPHEN R 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE THOMASVILLE, GA 31757 | | | EVP, Secretary & Gen Counsel | |

Signatures

Stephen R. Avera
 12/31/2015
 **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) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person under Issuer's 401(k) Plan, based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2014.
- (2) By Spouse as custodian for reporting person's minor child.
- (3) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.

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