

GENERAL MILLS INC  
Form DEFA14A  
August 13, 2018

**UNITED STATES**

**Securities and Exchange Commission**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities**

**Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.    )**

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**Check the appropriate box:**

Preliminary Proxy Statement

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

**GENERAL MILLS, INC.**

*(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)*

*(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)*

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE  
SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018.**

**GENERAL MILLS, INC.**

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**For holders as of:** July 27, 2018

**Date:** September 25, 2018 **Time:** 8:30 AM CDT

**Location:** Hotel Ivy in Downtown Minneapolis  
201 South Eleventh Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**TO ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING: RSVP AND  
PRINT YOUR ADMISSION TICKET AT  
WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM Questions? Please  
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*ATTN: INVESTOR RELATIONS*

*1 GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD*

*MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426*

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.**



## Before You Vote

### *How to Access the Proxy Materials*

#### **Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT

#### **How to View Online:**

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), or scan the QR Barcode below.

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:*                      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
- 2) *BY TELEPHONE:*                1-800-579-1639
- 3) *BY E-MAIL\*:*                    [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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## How To Vote

*Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods*

**Vote In Person and Meeting Attendance:** To vote at and/or attend the meeting, go to Request Admission Ticket for Annual Meeting at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). You must have a ticket and may be required to provide valid photo identification to attend the Annual Meeting. If you are a shareholder of record, or hold a legal proxy, you may vote these shares by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Cell phones and other recording devices are strictly prohibited at the Annual Meeting.

**Vote By Internet:** Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or from a smartphone, scan the QR Barcode above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**VOTING ITEMS**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS**

**A VOTE FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2 AND 3 AND  
AGAINST PROPOSAL 4.**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

1a) Alicia Boler Davis

1b) R. Kerry Clark

1c) David M. Cordani

1d) Roger W. Ferguson Jr.

1e) Jeffrey L. Harmening

1f) Maria G. Henry

1g) Heidi G. Miller

1h) Steve Odland

1i) Maria A. Sastre



1j) Eric D. Sprunk

1k) Jorge A. Uribe

2. Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation.
3. Ratify Appointment of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
4. Shareholder Proposal for Report on Pesticide Use in Our Supply Chain and its Impacts on Pollinators.

