

Sara Lee Corp
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WARD JONATHAN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O LAZARD FRERES & CO.
 LLC, 191 S. LASALLE, 31ST
 FLOOR**

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
09/28/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|----|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Se (In | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| phantom stock | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/28/2007 | A | 304.942 ₍₂₎ | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | common stock | 304.942 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WARD JONATHAN P C/O LAZARD FRERES & CO. LLC 191 S. LASALLE, 31ST FLOOR CHICAGO, IL 60603 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Jonathan P. Ward pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 10/01/2007

__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) The phantom stock units will convert into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.
Represents director fees deferred and dividend reinvestment credits accrued in the reporting person's account in the Sara Lee Corporation
- (2) Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Program. Shares units were acquired on September 28, 2007 at a price of \$16.60 per share and will be settled only for shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The reporting person will receive shares of Sara Lee common stock, on a one-for-one basis, at a future date(s) specified by him pursuant to the deferred compensation plan.

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