

PERDUE DAVID A
Form 4
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Form 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Perdue David A. (Last) (First) (Middle)	Dollar General Corporation (DG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
100 Mission Ridge (Street)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
Goodlettsville, TN 37072 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year April 2, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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				(A) or (D)	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/02/2003		A	78,865	A	78,865 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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 (mm/dd/yy)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Deriva Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.68	04/02/2003		A	500,000	(1)	04/02/2013	Common Stock	500,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.68	04/02/2003		A	500,000	(2)	04/02/2013	Common Stock	500,000

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests as to 333,333 shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and as to 166,667 shares on the second anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The option vests as to 166,666 shares on the second anniversary of the grant date and as to 333, 334 shares on the third anniversary of the grant date.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan

**Signature of Reporting Person

04/04/2003
Date

Attorney-in-Fact

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