

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

Form 8-K

December 11, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 10, 2002

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-20242
(Commission
File Number)

68-0275553
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

94549
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 283-4573

Inapplicable
(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

On December 10, 2002, Central Garden & Pet Company (the Company) issued a press release announcing the filing of amendments on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended September 29, 2001 and Forms 10-Q/A for the quarters ended December 29, 2001, March 30, 2002 and June 29, 2002. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Exhibit</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated December 10, 2002. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ STUART W. BOOTH

Stuart W. Booth
Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 10, 2002