

SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR
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 *
SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/18/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2012		G	V 5,430 D \$ 23.95	5,168,056	I	By Spouse (1)
Common Stock	12/18/2012		G	V 5,430 A \$ 23.95	270,064	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2012		G	V 5,430 D \$ 23.95	5,162,626	I	By Spouse (1)
Common Stock	12/18/2012		G	V 6,483 D \$ 23.95	263,581	D	

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)

Table with 8 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5). Rows include Deferred Stock with price \$0 and various expiration dates.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address and Relationships. Relationships sub-columns: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Entry for SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR with 'X' under 10% Owner.

Signatures

Table with 2 columns: Signature of Reporting Person and Date. Entry: /s/ Stephen R. Avera, Agent, 12/26/2012.

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- (1) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
- (3) In accordance with the terms of the Deferred Shares Agreement for Directors, the deferred shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (4) No expiration date.

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