

RUTA STANLEY L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RUTA STANLEY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO /DE/ [TSCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 POWELL PLACE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/11/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-Chief Operating Officer

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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	03/11/2011		M <sup>(3)</sup>	19,640 A \$ 17.1175	80,104	D	
Common stock	03/11/2011		S <sup>(3)</sup>	19,640 D \$ 54.2826	60,464	D	
Common stock					10,991 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	Stock Purchase Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3)	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option	\$ 17.1175	03/11/2011		M <sup>(3)</sup>	19,640	02/04/2010	02/04/2019	Common stock	19,640
Employee stock option	\$ 17.1175 <u>(1)</u>					02/04/2011	02/04/2019	Common stock	19,640 <u>(1)</u>
Employee stock option	\$ 17.1175 <u>(1)</u>					02/04/2012	02/04/2019	Common stock	19,640 <u>(1)</u>
Restricted stock units	\$ 17.1175 <u>(1)</u>					02/04/2012	<u>(2)</u>	Common stock	25,946 <u>(1)</u>
Employee stock option	\$ 26.2075 <u>(1)</u>					02/03/2011	02/03/2020	Common stock	14,808 <u>(1)</u>
Employee stock option	\$ 26.2075 <u>(1)</u>					02/03/2012	02/03/2020	Common stock	14,808 <u>(1)</u>
Employee stock option	\$ 26.2075 <u>(1)</u>					02/03/2013	02/03/2020	Common stock	14,806 <u>(1)</u>
Restricted stock units	\$ 26.2075 <u>(1)</u>					02/03/2013	<u>(2)</u>	Common stock	12,406 <u>(1)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RUTA STANLEY L 200 POWELL PLACE			EVP-Chief Operating Officer	

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

## Signatures

Stanley L. Ruta by: /s/ Kurt D. Barton, as  
Attorney-in-fact

03/14/2011

\_\_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) Exercise price and shares have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest at the end of the third anniversary of the date of grant and will be distributed to the reporting person at that time.
- (3) Transaction was executed pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan put in place by Mr. Ruta.

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