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Wendy's Co Form 8-K December 29, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): December 29, 2016 (December 27, 2016)

THE WENDY S COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-2207 (Commission **38-0471180** (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File No.) One Dave Thomas Blvd. **Identification No.)**

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Dublin, Ohio 43017

(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(614) 764-3100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 27, 2016, The Wendy s Company (the <u>Company</u>) completed its previously announced accelerated share repurchase program (the \underline{ASR}) with J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, as agent for JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, London Branch.

Under the ASR, the Company repurchased a total of 11,403,115 shares of its common stock (or approximately 4.4% of its outstanding common stock on November 11, 2016, the date the agreement governing the ASR was entered into) for an aggregate purchase price of \$150.0 million. After the completion of the ASR, the Company has utilized substantially all of the \$1.4 billion share repurchase authorization announced on June 3, 2015.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

THE WENDY S COMPANY

By: /s/ Dana Klein Name: Dana Klein

Title: Senior Vice President Corporate and

Securities Counsel and Assistant

Secretary

Dated: December 29, 2016