

CONAGRA FOODS INC /DE/  
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 \*  
MESSEL SCOTT E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONAGRA FOODS INC /DE/ [CAG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/23/2011

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Treasurer&Asst. Secretary

C/O CONAGRA FOODS, INC., ONE CONAGRA DRIVE

(Street)

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

OMAHA, NE 68102

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/23/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 10,000  | A  | \$ 22 84,276 D  |
| Common Stock                    | 09/23/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 10,000<br>(1)   | D  | \$ 23.5646 74,276 D                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | 3,216 By 401(k) Plan Trust                            |

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 Options (right to buy)      | \$ 22  | 09/23/2011                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | <sup>(2)</sup> 09/26/2011                                | Common Stock 10,000   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                | Other |
| MESSEL SCOTT E<br>C/O CONAGRA FOODS, INC.<br>ONE CONAGRA DRIVE<br>OMAHA, NE 68102 |               |           | SVP,<br>Treasurer & Asst.<br>Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lyn Rhoten, attorney-in-fact 09/27/2011

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) All of the shares being sold were acquired by the Reporting Person within the past two business days upon the exercise of a stock option that was scheduled to expire on September 26, 2011.

(2) 40% became exercisable on 9/27/2002, 30% became exercisable on 9/27/2003, and 30% became exercisable on 9/27/2004.

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