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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT NO. 9
(TO PROSPECTUS DATED AUGUST 7, 2003)

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REGISTRATION NO. 333-102675

(GENERAL MILLS LOGO)

\$2,233,305,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AT MATURITY GENERAL MILLS, INC.

ZERO COUPON CONVERTIBLE SENIOR DEBENTURES DUE 2022 AND COMMON STOCK ISSUABLE UPON CONVERSION OF THE DEBENTURES

This prospectus supplement relates to the resale by the holders of our Debentures and the shares of our common stock is suable upon conversion of the Debentures.

You should read this prospectus supplement together with the prospectus dated August 7, 2003, which is to be delivered with this prospectus supplement. The terms of the Debentures are set forth in the prospectus.

The table below sets forth additional information concerning beneficial ownership of the Debentures and supplements and amends the table appearing under "Selling Securityholders" beginning on page 41 of the prospectus. To the extent that a selling securityholder is listed both in the table below and in the table appearing in the prospectus, the information set forth below regarding the selling securityholder supersedes the information in the prospectus.

NAME 	AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AT MATURITY OF DEBENTURES THAT MAY BE SOLD	PERCENTAGE OF DEBENTURES OUTSTANDING	NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STO THAT MAY BE SOLD(1
ADi Alternative Investments	26,500,000	1.19%	345,18
Fund	46,000,000	2.06%	599 , 19
AIG DKR SoundShore Holdings Ltd	13,842,000	*	180,30
Ltd	12,806,000	*	166,81
AIG DKR SoundShore Strategic Holding Fund Ltd	8,352,000	*	108,79
Akanthos Arbitrage Master Fund, L.P	10,000,000	*	130,25
Allstate Insurance Company	5,500,000	*	71,64
Alta Partners Investment Grade Holdings Ltd	7,500,000	*	97 , 69
American Fidelity Assurance Company (Zazove)	580,000	*	7 , 55
AmerUs Life Insurance Co	6,500,000	*	84,66
Aviator Master Fund	3,000,000	*	39,07
Banc One Capital Markets	1,000,000	*	13,02
Barep Convertible Arbitrage	10,000,000	*	130,25
Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc	35,500,000	1.59%	462,41
Canyon Capital Arbitrage Master Fund, Ltd	21,000,000	*	273,54
Canyon Value Realization Fund (Cayman), Ltd	31,500,000	1.41%	410,31
Canyon Value Realization Fund, L.P	14,000,000	*	182,36

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Canyon Value Realization MAC 18, Ltd (RMF)	3,500,000	*	45 , 59
Cater Allen International Limited	8,000,000	*	104,20
CGNU Life Fund	1,500,000	*	19 , 53
Chrysler Corporation Master Retirement Trust	2,090,000	*	27 , 22
Commercial Union Life Fund	2,000,000	*	26 , 05
Credit Suisse First Boston LLC	13,735,000	*	178 , 91
Delta Air Lines Master Trust CV	450,000	*	5 , 86
Delta Pilots Disability and Survivorship Trust			
CV	405,000	*	5 , 27
Forest Fulcrum Fund LP	3,400,000	*	44,28
Forest Global Convertible Fund, Ltd., Class A-5	7,500,000	*	97 , 69
Geode U.S. Convertible Arbitrage Fund, a series of			
Geode Investors, LLC	2,000,000	*	26 , 05
Georgia Municipal	1,789,000	*	23 , 30
GLG Market Neutral	100,000	*	1,30
Hamilton Multi-Strategy Master Fund, LP	44,275,000	1.98%	576 , 72
HSBC Trustee, Zola Managed Trust	1,300,000	*	16 , 93
Independence Blue Cross	902,000	*	11,74
Inflective Convertible Opportunity Fund I, L.P	50,000	*	65
Innovest Finanzdienstle	2,650,000	*	34 , 51
Lehman Brothers, Inc	17,500,000	*	227 , 95
Lord Abbett Bond Debenture Fund	15,000,000	*	195 , 38
Lyxor Zola Fund Limited	6,200,000	*	80 , 76
Merrill Lynch Insurance Group	719,000	*	9 , 36
Met Investors Series Trust Bond Debenture Fund	5,000,000	*	65 , 13
Microsoft Corporation	1,580,000	*	20 , 58
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Limited	3,900,000	*	50 , 80

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	AGGREGATE		NUMBER OF	
	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		SHARES OF	
	AT MATURITY OF	PERCENTAGE OF	COMMON STO	
	DEBENTURES THAT	DEBENTURES	THAT MAY	
NAME	MAY BE SOLD	OUTSTANDING	BE SOLD(1	
Motion Picture Industry Health Plan Active				
Member Fund	190,000	*	2,47	
Motion Picture Industry Health Plan Retiree				
Member Fund	125,000	*	1,62	
Northern Income Equity Fund	6,000,000	*	78 , 15	
Norwich Union Life & Pensions	2,900,000	*	37 , 77	
OCM Convertible Trust	0	*		
Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation	390,000	*	5 , 08	
Partner Reinsurance Company Ltd	215,000	*	2,80	
Pendragon Convertibles Fund Limited	3,436,000	*	44,75	
Pendragon Guinevere Fund, L.L.C	4,944,000	*	64,40	
Peoples Benefit Life Insurance Company TEAMSTERS	3,000,000	*	39 , 07	
Physicians Life Insurance Company	1,800,000	*	23,44	
Policeman and Firemen Retirement System of the				
City of Detroit	1,215,000	*	15 , 82	
Privilege Portfolio SICAV	3,000,000	*	39,07	
Putnam Convertible Income-Growth Trust	22,300,000	*	290,47	
Quattro Fund Limited	4,000,000	*	52,10	
Qwest Occupational Health Trust	210,000	*	2,73	
Satellite Asset Management, L.P	20,000,000	*	260,51	

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LLC	6,750,000	*	87 , 92
St. Albans Partners Ltd	20,000,000	*	260,51
State Employees' Retirement Fund of the State of			
Delaware	860,000	*	11,20
SuttonBrook Capital Portfolio LP	45,000,000	2.01%	586 , 16
TCW Group, Inc	10,275,000	*	133,84
The Coast Fund, L.P	20,500,000	*	267 , 03
Topango XI	6,100,000	*	79 , 45
UBS Credit Derivative	20,000,000	*	260,51
UBS Securities LLC	36,860,000	1.65%	480,13
Wachovia Capital Markets LLC	2,500,000	*	32 , 56
Wachovia Securities International LTD	10,000,000	*	130,25
White River Securities L.L.C	35,500,000	1.59%	462,41
Yield Strategies Fund I, L.P	11,500,000	*	149,79
Yield Strategies Fund II, L.P	11,500,000	*	149,79
Zurich Institutional Benchmark c/o Quattro Fund	1,000,000	*	13,02

* Less than 1%

- (1) Assumes conversion of all of the holder's Debentures at a conversion rate of 13.0259 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity of the Debentures. This conversion rate is subject to adjustment as described under "Description of the Debentures -- Conversion Rights." As a result, the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the Debentures may increase or decrease in the future. Excludes shares of common stock that may be issued by us upon the repurchase of the Debentures by us at the option of the holder. In addition, excludes fractional shares. Holders will receive a cash adjustment for any fractional share amount resulting from conversion of the Debentures, as described under "Description of the Debentures -- Conversion Rights."
- (2) Calculated based on 368,766,826 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 17, 2002. In calculating this amount for each holder, we treated as outstanding the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of all of that holder's Debentures, but we did not assume conversion of any other holder's Debentures.

INVESTING IN THE DEBENTURES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 10 OF THE PROSPECTUS.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the Debentures or the underlying shares of common stock by any of the selling securityholders. The selling securityholders may sell the Debentures or common stock either directly or through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents and in one or more transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at negotiated prices.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THE PROSPECTUS OR THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IS ACCURATE OR ADEQUATE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus supplement is December 3, 2003.