

DEMERITT STEPHEN R
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DEMERITT STEPHEN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL MILLS, NUMBER ONE
GENERAL MILLS BLVD

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Vice Chairman

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

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)
RESTRICTED UNITS	12/13/2004		A	(A) or (D) Amount 10,313 (3)	\$ 0 174,298	D	
COMMON STOCK					8,824	I	See Footnote (2)
COMMON STOCK					1,840	I	See Footnote (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 46.97	12/13/2004		A	123,750	12/13/2008 ⁽⁵⁾ 01/13/2015	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEMERRITT STEPHEN R GENERAL MILLS NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426	X		Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of STEPHEN DEMERRITT 12/14/2004

 **Signature of Reporting Person

____ Date

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- * 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) By spouse. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (3) Restricted stock unit award granted under the General Mills 2003 Stock Compensation Plan by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of General Mills - no set value.
- (4) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.
- (5) This option becomes 100% exercisable four (4) years from date of grant.

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