

AVERA STEPHEN R  
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**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 \*  
AVERA STEPHEN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE  
(Street)

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/29/2012

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)  
EVP, Secretary & Gen Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/29/2012		M	8,413 A \$ 0	199,466	D	
Common Stock	02/29/2012		F	2,742 D \$ 19.14	196,724	D	
Common Stock					931	I	By 401(k) (3)
Common Stock					450	I	By Spouse (4)

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
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/29/2012		D	1,712	02/09/2012	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	1,712
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/29/2012		M	8,413	02/09/2012	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	8,413
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 12.45					01/03/2009	01/03/2013	Common Stock	39,262
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.05					02/05/2010	02/05/2014	Common Stock	49,162
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16.5					02/04/2011	02/04/2015	Common Stock	52,575
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 15.89					02/09/2012	02/09/2016	Common Stock	58,725
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16.67					02/09/2013	02/09/2017	Common Stock	64,575
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 16.31					02/10/2014	02/10/2018	Common Stock	76,800
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(7)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock	11,625

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AVERA STEPHEN R 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE THOMASVILLE, GA 31757			EVP, Secretary & Gen Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,  
Agent

03/02/2012

\_\_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) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
- (2) In accordance with the terms of the 2010 Restricted Stock Award Agreement, the performance shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (3) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person in Issuer's 401(k) Plan, as of 12/31/2011.
- (4) By Spouse as custodian for reporting person's minor child.
- (5) Grant expires on the vesting date if performance measures are not met.
- (6) In accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement, the performance shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (7) The company anticipates that in accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement the vesting date of the performance shares awarded shall be the date of the filing of the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K with the SEC in 2013.

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