

SMUCKER J M CO  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2005

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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 16, 2005**

**The J. M. Smucker Company**

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*(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)*

**Ohio**

**1-5111**

**34-0538550**

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*(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)*

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*(Commission  
File Number)*

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*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

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**One Strawberry Lane  
Orrville, Ohio**

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**44667-0280**

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*(Address of Principal Executive Offices)*

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*(Zip Code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 682-3000**

**Not Applicable**

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*(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)*

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 16, 2005, The J. M. Smucker Company (the Company ) entered into a consulting agreement with Mr. Richard G. Jirsa, a Vice President of the Company who will retire on December 30, 2005. Under this agreement, Mr. Jirsa will provide consulting services related to accounting and finance matters. The consulting agreement is effective January 1, 2006 and provides for a term of two years (unless earlier terminated in accordance with its terms). Mr. Jirsa will receive a consulting fee of \$100,000.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

**THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY**

By: /s/ Mark R. Belgya

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Mark R. Belgya  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,  
and Treasurer

Date: December 16, 2005

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