

THOME KENNETH L  
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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 \*  
THOME KENNETH L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL MILLS INC., 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)  
Senior Vice President

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
RESTRICTED UNITS	12/13/2004		A		3,644 (2)	A	\$ 0
COMMON STOCK					7,391	I	

See Footnote (1)

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)
OPTION TO BUY	\$ 46.97	12/13/2004		A	43,725	12/13/2008 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/13/2015	COMMON STOCK 43,

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

THOME KENNETH L  
GENERAL MILLS INC.  
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BLVD  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

Elizabeth Wittenberg by Power of Attorney on behalf of KENNETH THOME

12/14/2004

\*\*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) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Employee option (right to buy) granted by the Compensation Committee of Board of Directors of General Mills, Inc. under shareholder-approved stock option plans.
- (4) This option becomes 100% exercisable four (4) years from date of grant.

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