

Sara Lee Corp  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CROWN JAMES S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

222 N LASALLE STREET, STE 2000

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/03/2007

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)

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 Beneficial (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/03/2007                           |  | M                              | 4,725 A \$ 17.025   | 86,230 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |  |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,500   | I  | See ftn. <sup>(5)</sup>                      |

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 (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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|-------------------------------|
| phantom stock                              | (2)  | 01/03/2007                           |  | M                              | 4,725<br><u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>   | 01/03/2007 01/03/2007                                    | common stock  | 4,725                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CROWN JAMES S<br>222 N LASALLE STREET<br>STE 2000<br>CHICAGO, IL 60601 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James S. Crown  
01/26/2006

\*\*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) Includes 20,641 restricted stock units (RSUs) that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs vest one year after the grant date and, on the settlement date, are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. The settlement date is either three years after the date of grant, for RSUs granted before July 2005, or six months after the reporting person ceases to be a director of the issuer, for other RSUs.
  - (2) Represents director fees deferred and dividend reinvestment credits accrued in the reporting person's account in the Sara Lee Corporation Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Program. The phantom stock units are being settled in shares of the issuer's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
  - (3) Includes 56.75 share units credited to the reporting person's deferred compensation account pursuant to the reinvestment of accrued dividends equivalents.
  - (4) On September 5, 2006, the issuer distributed, as a pro rata stock dividend, all of the shares of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hanesbrands Inc., to holders of record of the issuer's common stock as of the close of business on August 18, 2006 (the "spin off"). Effective upon completion of the spin off, the Compensation and Employee Benefits Committee of the issuer's Board of Directors adjusted all outstanding phantom stock units to preserve the pre-spin off intrinsic value of such units. As a result, on September 6, 2006, the reporting

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person's deferred compensation account was credited with 649.3 phantom stock units.

(5) Held by the reporting person's spouse.

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