

Davis Donald C  
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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 \*  
 Davis Donald C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY, 3500 LACEY ROAD

(Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Hillshire Brands Co [HSH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/02/2012

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)

SVP and President, Foodservice

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/02/2012                           |  | M                              | 13,385 A \$ 15.15   | 24,425  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/02/2012                           |  | M                              | 8,169 A \$ 22.65  | 32,594  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/02/2012                           |  | F                              | 16,560 (1) D \$ 27.18   | 16,034 (2)  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 103   | I  | By 401(k) Plan                             |

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 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 15.15   | 11/02/2012                           |  | M                              | 13,385  | 06/28/2012 12/28/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 13,385 |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 22.65   | 11/02/2012                           |  | M                              | 8,169   | 06/28/2012 12/28/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 8,169  |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Davis Donald C<br>C/O THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY<br>3500 LACEY ROAD<br>DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515 |               |           | SVP and President, Foodservice |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Kent B. Magill for Donald C. Davis pursuant to power of attorney previously filed.

11/05/2012

\_\_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).

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Represents shares of common stock withheld by Hillshire Brands to satisfy the reporting person's exercise price and tax liability incurred upon the exercise of option.

(2) Includes 1,095 restricted stock units that will be converted into shares of common stock, on a one-for-one basis, upon vesting.

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