

AVERA STEPHEN R  
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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/20/2013

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, Secretary & Gen Counsel

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/20/2013		M		13,950 A \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	225,494	D
Common Stock	02/20/2013		F		4,695 D \$ 27.74	220,799	D
Common Stock						951	I <sup>(2)</sup> By 401(k)
Common Stock						450	I <sup>(3)</sup> By Spouse

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/20/2013		A	2,325	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	2,325
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/20/2013		M	13,950	<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	13,950
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 16.5					02/04/2011 02/04/2015	Common Stock	52,000
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 15.89					02/09/2012 02/09/2016	Common Stock	58,000
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 16.67					02/09/2013 02/09/2017	Common Stock	64,000
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 16.31					02/10/2014 02/10/2018	Common Stock	76,000

## 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

Stephen R.  
Avera

02/21/2013

\_\_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) In accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement, the performance shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
  - (2) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person in Issuer's 401(k) Plan, as of 12/31/2012.
  - (3) By Spouse as custodian for reporting person's minor child.
  - (4) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
  - (5) 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.
  - (6) Grant expires on the vesting date if performance measures are not met.

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