

FLOWERS FOODS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BENTON ROBERT L JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
105 PONY CIRCLE  
(Street)

THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/16/2015

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/Chief Manufacturing Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/16/2015		M		13,837	A	\$ 10.59	55,847	D	
Common Stock	09/17/2015		S		8,700	D	\$ 24.2866	47,147	D	
Common Stock								4,174.71	I	By 401(k) <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock								2,775	I	By Spouse <u>(2)</u>

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
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 10.59	09/16/2015		M	13,837	02/09/2012	02/09/2016	Common Stock	13,837
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 11.11					02/09/2013	02/09/2017	Common Stock	16,425
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 10.87					02/11/2014	02/11/2018	Common Stock	25,762

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENTON ROBERT L JR 105 PONY CIRCLE THOMASVILLE, GA 31792			SVP/Chief Manufacturing Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,  
Agent

09/18/2015

\_\_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) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person under Issuer's 401(k) Plan, based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2014.

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(2) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

(3) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.

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