

BENTON ROBERT L JR
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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 *
 BENTON ROBERT L JR

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)
 105 PONY CIRCLE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/02/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Supply Chain Officer

THOMASVILLE, GA 31792

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/02/2017		M		25,762	A	\$ 10.87
Common Stock	10/02/2017		S		15,000	D	18.8651
Common Stock	10/03/2017		S		3,500	D	18.6807
Common Stock							4,850.76
							2,775

By 401(k)
(3)

Common
Stock

By
Spouse ⁽⁴⁾

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 10.87	10/02/2017		M	25,762	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			Chief Supply Chain Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,
Agent

10/04/2017

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) Average price of trade executions in range from \$18.92 to \$18.75 per share.
- (2) Average price of trade executions in range from \$18.7201 to \$18.6201 per share.
- (3)

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Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person under Issuer's 401(k) Plan, based on a plan statement dated as of 12/31/2016.

(4) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

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

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