

WAL MART STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
January 10, 2005

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

January 6, 2005

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## Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-06991**  
(Commission File Number)

**71-0415188**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**702 S.W. 8th Street**  
**Bentonville, Arkansas 72716**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:**

**(479) 273-4000**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(d) On January 6, 2005, the Board of Directors of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. ( Wal-Mart ) appointed Douglas N. Daft to serve on its Board of Directors, effective January 6, 2005. In addition, Mr. Daft was appointed to the Compensation, Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. There is no arrangement or understanding pursuant to which Mr. Daft was selected as a director, and there are no related party transactions between Wal-Mart and Mr. Daft that are reportable under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Daft s appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated January 6, 2005.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 10, 2005

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey J. Gearhart

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Jeffrey J. Gearhart  
Title: Vice President and

General Counsel, Corporate

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit**

<b><u>Number</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release dated January 6, 2005