

Davis Michael Lee  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Davis Michael Lee                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]                            |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 10/01/2008                           |  |  |
| NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD        |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
| MINNEAPOLIS,Â MNÂ 55426                   |         |                                      | SVP, Global Human Resources                        | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 53,806.48   | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 14  | I  | by Child #1   |
| Common Stock                    | 14  | I  | by Child #2   |
| Common Stock                    | 2,903   | I  | by Trust <sup>(1)</sup>                               |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 3. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) |                                  | 4. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 5. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |  |  |  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 12/13/2003   | 01/13/2010         | Common Stock   | 37,500                           | \$ 34.56   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 08/01/2004   | 09/01/2010         | Common Stock   | 15,000                           | \$ 34.72   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 06/26/2004   | 07/26/2010         | Common Stock   | 3,902                            | \$ 38.19   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 06/28/2003   | 07/28/2009         | Common Stock   | 3,154                            | \$ 40.11   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 12/18/2004   | 01/18/2011         | Common Stock   | 50,000                           | \$ 40.47   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 08/02/2003   | 09/01/2009         | Common Stock   | 16,250                           | \$ 41.5  | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 08/01/2005   | 09/01/2011         | Common Stock   | 6,200                            | \$ 43.79   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 12/16/2006   | 01/16/2013         | Common Stock   | 35,000                           | \$ 43.86   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 12/15/2007   | 01/15/2014         | Common Stock   | 32,813                           | \$ 46.11   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 12/13/2008   | 01/13/2015         | Common Stock   | 60,000                           | \$ 46.97   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 12/17/2005   | 01/17/2012         | Common Stock   | 43,750                           | \$ 49.61   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 06/26/2010   | 07/26/2016         | Common Stock   | 32,813                           | \$ 51.26   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 06/25/2011   | 07/25/2017         | Common Stock   | 34,125                           | \$ 58.79   | D  | Â  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)     | 06/23/2012   | 07/23/2018         | Common Stock   | 41,117                           | \$ 63.4  | D  | Â  |
| Restricted Stock Units                        | 06/23/2012   | 06/23/2012         | Common Stock   | 5,135                            | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | Â  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

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NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD   Â   Â   Â SVP, Global Human Resources   Â  
MINNEAPOLIS,Â MNÂ 55426

## Signatures

By: Trevor V. Gunderson For: Michael Lee  
Davis

10/08/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.

(2) Each restricted stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of General Mills, Inc. common stock.

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