

Powell Kendall J  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Powell Kendall J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/26/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board & CEO

(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  
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MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 06/26/2012                           |                                                    | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>Amount<br>11,602<br>(1)                             | \$ 0 576,454                                                                                  | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 06/26/2012                           |                                                    | A                              | (A) or (D)<br>Amount<br>64,050<br>(1)                             | \$ 0 640,504                                                                                  | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 3,455                                                                                         | I                                                        | by Trust (2)                      |

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 38.15                                               | 06/26/2012                           |                                                    | A                              | 320,249                                                                                 | 06/26/2016 07/26/2022                                    | Common Stock                                                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Powell Kendall J<br>NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD<br>MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board & CEO |       |

## Signatures

By: Christopher A Rauschl For: Kendall J Powell 06/28/2012

\_\_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) Award of restricted stock units that vest on June 26, 2016.
- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.

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