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HERSHEY FOODS CORP Form 8-K January 29, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-183

23-0691590

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation)

File Number)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(717) 534-6799

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 29, 2003, Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Corporation") announced sales and earnings for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2002.

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A copy of the Corporation's press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 29, 2003

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

By /s/ Frank Cerminara

Frank Cerminara Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99 Hershey Foods Corporation Press Release dated January 29, 2003

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