# 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

April 9, 2003

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# **Hershey Foods Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission File (IRS Employer Identification Number)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

23-0691590

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-6799

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The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of Hershey Foods Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933.

#### Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 9, 2003, Richard H. Lenny, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Corporation") announced that Thomas K. Hernquist will be named Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, effective April 28, 2003. A copy of the 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: April 9, 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 April 9, 2003.

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