

GENERAL MILLS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
BELTON Y MARC  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/18/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP, WW Hlth, Brand & New Bus

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/18/2010		M	39,760 A \$ 17.36	226,275.2868	D	
Common Stock	08/18/2010		F	8,725 D \$ 35.41	217,550.2868	D	
Common Stock					13,997	I	by Trust (1)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.36	08/18/2010		M	39,760	08/01/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/01/2010	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BELTON Y MARC NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426			EVP, WW Hlth, Brand & New Bus	

## Signatures

By: Christopher A Rauschl For: Y Marc Belton  
Date: 08/20/2010

\_\_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) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (2) 20% of the option vested on this date and on each of the next four anniversaries of this date
- (3) Employee option (right to buy) granted under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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