

Church John R  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
Church John R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD

(Street)

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/17/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 10/17/2011                           |  | M                              | 24,375 A  | \$ 25.63 110,379  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/17/2011                           |  | S                              | 24,375 D  | \$ 39.3492 86,004<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/17/2011                           |  | M                              | 17,325 A  | \$ 23.485 103,329   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 10/17/2011                           |  | S                              | 17,325 D  | \$ 39.3492 86,004<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,075   | I  |   |

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|--------------|-------|---|--|-----------------------|
| Common Stock |       |   |  | by Spouse             |
| Common Stock | 4,220 | I |  | by Trust <u>(2)</u>   |
| Common Stock | 2,882 | I |  | by Trust 1 <u>(3)</u> |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 23.485  | 10/17/2011                           |  | M                              | 17,325  | 12/13/2008 01/13/2015                                    | Common Stock 17   |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 25.63   | 10/17/2011                           |  | M                              | 24,375  | 06/26/2010 07/26/2016                                    | Common Stock 24   |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Church John R  
NUMBER ONE GENERAL MILLS BOULEVARD  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

By: Christopher A Rauschl For: John R Church

10/19/2011

\_\_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) Represents the weighted average of actual sale prices that range from \$39.32 to \$39.40. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any security holder of the company.
- (2) Held in Trust by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (3) Held in Trust for the benefit of the reporting person's spouse by the Trustee of the General Mills Savings Plan.
- (4) Employee option (right to buy) granted under shareholder-approved stock option plans.

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