

RYAN JAMES T
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RYAN JAMES T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 GRAINGER PARKWAY

(Street)

LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
GRAINGER W W INC [GWW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/27/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Group President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/27/2005		A	(A) or (D) 9,000 (1)	\$ 0 57,713	D	

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)

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option	\$ 51.6875							04/29/2001	04/28/2008	Common Stock	7,180
Option	\$ 48.625							04/28/2002	04/27/2009	Common Stock	8,790
Option	\$ 42.8125							03/01/2003	02/28/2010	Common Stock	3,240
Option	\$ 43.5							(2)	04/25/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Option	\$ 37.5							04/25/2007	04/24/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Option	\$ 54.61							04/24/2005	04/23/2012	Common Stock	30,000
Option	\$ 45.5							04/30/2006	04/29/2013	Common Stock	30,000
Option	\$ 54.14							04/28/2007	04/27/2014	Common Stock	20,000
Option	\$ 52.29	04/27/2005		A		27,000		04/27/2008	04/26/2015	Common Stock	27,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RYAN JAMES T 100 GRAINGER PARKWAY LAKE FOREST, IL 60045-5201			Group President	

Signatures

L. M. Trusdell, as
attorney-in-fact

04/29/2005

__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 to be settled after vesting by the delivery of unrestricted shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.

(2) Exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 4/26/2001.

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