

RUTA STANLEY L  
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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 \*  
RUTA STANLEY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO /DE/ [TSCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 POWELL PLACE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/09/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common stock                    | 02/09/2006                           |  | M                              | 25,000 A \$ 3.3574  | 54,427  | D  |   |
| Common stock                    | 02/09/2006                           |  | M                              | 25,000 A \$ 8.9075  | 79,427  | D  |   |
| Common stock                    | 02/09/2006                           |  | S                              | 50,000 D \$ 60.6464   | 29,427  | D  |   |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,028   | I  | Stock Purchase Plan                                   |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|--|------------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | V   | (A)    | (D)  | Date Exercisable |   |                            |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 3.3574  | 02/09/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 7,608  | 01/25/2005   | 01/25/2011       | Common stock  | 7,608                      |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 3.3574  | 02/09/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 17,392 | 01/25/2006   | 01/25/2011       | Common stock  | 17,392                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 8.9075  | 02/09/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 16,399 | 01/24/2003   | 01/24/2012       | Common stock  | 16,399                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 8.9075  | 02/09/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 8,601  | 01/24/2004   | 01/24/2012       | Common stock  | 8,601                      |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 8.9075  |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 01/24/2005   | 01/24/2012       | Common stock  | 20,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 19.64   |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 01/23/2004   | 01/23/2013       | Common stock  | 10,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 19.64   |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 01/23/2005   | 01/23/2013       | Common stock  | 10,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 19.64   |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 01/23/2006   | 01/23/2013       | Common stock  | 10,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 42.65   |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 01/22/2005   | 01/22/2014       | Common stock  | 5,000                      |
| Employee Stock                             | \$ 42.65   |                                      |  |                                |   |        | 01/22/2006   | 01/22/2014       | Common stock  | 5,000                      |

|                       |           |            |  |   |       |            |            |              |     |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|--|---|-------|------------|------------|--------------|-----|
| Option                |           |            |  |   |       |            |            |              |     |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 42.65  |            |  |   |       | 01/22/2007 | 01/22/2014 | Common stock | 5,0 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 36.395 |            |  |   |       | 02/02/2007 | 02/02/2015 | Common stock | 3,7 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 36.395 |            |  |   |       | 02/02/2008 | 02/02/2015 | Common stock | 3,7 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 36.395 |            |  |   |       | 02/02/2009 | 02/02/2015 | Common stock | 3,7 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 36.395 |            |  |   |       | 02/02/2010 | 02/02/2015 | Common stock | 3,7 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 61.27  | 02/09/2006 |  | A | 6,666 | 02/09/2007 | 02/09/2016 | Common stock | 6,6 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 61.27  | 02/09/2006 |  | A | 6,667 | 02/09/2008 | 02/09/2016 | Common stock | 6,6 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 61.27  | 02/09/2006 |  | A | 6,667 | 02/09/2009 | 02/09/2016 | Common stock | 6,6 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| RUTA STANLEY L<br>200 POWELL PLACE<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 |               |           | SVP - Store Ops |       |

## Signatures

Stanley L. Ruta by /s/ David C. Lewis, as Attorney-in-fact 02/10/2006

\*\*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) Number of shares are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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