

SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR  
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 \*  
SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/18/2008

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

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G	V 4,500 D \$ 23.62	3,481,861 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G	V 4,500 A \$ 23.62	95,922	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G	V 4,500 D \$ 23.62	3,477,361 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	12/18/2008		G	V 4,500 D \$ 23.62	91,422	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)

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)	8. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 4.21					04/06/2002	04/06/2011	Common Stock	50,625
Deferred Stock (07 RET) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					02/05/2009	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	5,130
2008 Deferred Stock Award <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					06/03/2009	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	3,580
Deferred Stock (08 RET) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					01/02/2010	<sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock	5,540

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE THOMASVILLE, GA 31757		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,  
Agent

12/19/2008

                      
\*\*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) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.

(2) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.

(3) No expiration date.

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