

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

Form 8-K

July 15, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 12, 2004

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

0-20242
(Commission File Number)

68-0275553
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

94549
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 283-4573

Inapplicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 12, 2004, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing its preliminary financial results for the third quarter of Fiscal 2004. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ STUART W. BOOTH

Stuart W. Booth
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 13, 2004