

FLOWERS FOODS INC  
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

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

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/27/2016

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/27/2016		G	V 7,887 D \$ 19.77	7,693,308	I	By Spouse (1)
Common Stock	12/27/2016		G	V 7,887 D \$ 19.77	7,685,421	I	By Spouse (1)
Common Stock	12/27/2016		G	V 7,887 A \$ 19.77	462,747	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2016		G	V 9,169 D \$ 19.77	453,578	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
Deferred Stock <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						05/25/2017	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,934
Deferred Stock <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>					01/03/2017	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,660

## 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

12/29/2016

\_\_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 under the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (3) In accordance with the terms of the Deferred Shares Agreement for Directors, the deferred shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.

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(4) No expiration date.

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