

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 10, 2002

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-183

23-0691590

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania

17033

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-6799

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 10, 2002, Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Company") announced that Wynn A. Willard, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, has decided to leave the Company effective December 31, 2002. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Willard's departure is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 10, 2002

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

By /s/ Frank Cerminara

Frank Cerminara
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99	Press release dated December 10, 2002 announcing that Wynn A. Willard, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, has decided to leave the Company effective December 31, 2002.

WYNN WILLARD, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER,
TO LEAVE HERSHEY FOODS

HERSHEY, PA., December 10, 2002 - Hershey Foods Corporation today announced that Wynn Willard, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, has decided to leave the company effective December 31, 2002. Willard joined Hershey Foods in 2001 following a nine-year career with Nabisco.

Commenting on Willard's decision, Richard H. Lenny, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "Wynn has made many contributions during his time with Hershey, bringing improved focus and a strengthened commitment to winning to our marketing efforts. We wish him well as he moves forward with his career."

A search for a successor currently is underway.