

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549  
 FORM 3 INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 West, David J.  
 100 Crystal A Drive  
  
 Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033
2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)  
 6/5/01
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Hershey Foods Corporation (HSY)
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Vice President, Business  
 Planning & Development
6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	3) D or I	4) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	18,785.00 (1)	D	Direct

Table II Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4) Conversion or exercise price of Derivative Security	5) Ownership Form of Derivative or Indirect(I)	6) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (2)	(3)	05/20/11	Common Stock	10,000.00	\$59.03000	D Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)  
 Restricted stock units of which 9,393 vest in January 2002 and 9,392 vest in January 2003.

(2)  
 These options were granted under the Hershey Foods Corporation Key Employee Incentive Plan, and they have a stock withholding feature which permits the withholding of shares of stock at the time of exercise to satisfy the grantee's income tax withholding rights.

(3)  
 Options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the second anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 /S/ West, David J.  
 DATE June 13, 2001