
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**

November 12, 2002

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Hershey Foods Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-183

(Commission File Number)

23-0691590

(IRS 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

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. Furthermore, the information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the filings of Hershey Foods Corporation under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 12, 2002, Richard H. Lenny, Chief Executive Officer of Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Corporation") and Frank Cerminara, Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, each furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission personal certifications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350. Copies of the certifications are included in this Form 8-K as Exhibits 99.01 and 99.02.

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: November 12, 2002

By /s/ Frank Cerminara
Frank Cerminara
Senior Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.01	Certification of Richard H. Lenny, Chief Executive Officer of Hershey Foods Corporation, dated November 12, 2002, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.
99.02	Certification of Frank Cerminara, Chief Financial Officer of Hershey Foods Corporation, dated November 12, 2002, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350.

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Certification

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, the undersigned officer of Hershey Foods Corporation (the “Company”), hereby certifies that the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 29, 2002 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: November 12, 2002

/s/ Richard H. Lenny
Richard H. Lenny
Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.

Certification

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, the undersigned officer of Hershey Foods Corporation (the “Company”), hereby certifies that the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 29, 2002 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: November 12, 2002

/s/ Frank Cerminara
Frank Cerminara
Chief Financial Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350 and is not being filed as part of the Report or as a separate disclosure document.