

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[X] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Viviano Joseph P
100 Crystal A Drive

Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Hershey Foods Corporation (HSY)

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

02/00

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

[X] Director [] 10% Owner
[X] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person
[] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Transaction Code	4) Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) Nature of Indirect Ownership	7) Nature of Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	02/15/00	G	400.0000 D		D	Direct
Common Stock	02/17/00	G	900.0000 D	55,498.0000	D	Direct
Common Stock				327.5806	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock				23,430.0000	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	02/15/00	G	400.0000 A		I	by Trusts (1)
Common Stock	02/17/00	G	900.0000 A	16,552.7539	I	by Trusts (1)

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3) Transaction Date	4) Transaction Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
	Security		Code V A	D	Exercisable Expiration

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) Nature of Indirect Ownership	11) Nature of Beneficial Ownership
-		Title	Amount or Number of Shares		D	I

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

Shares held in trusts are for the benefit of the reporting person's adult children and grandchildren. The reporting person's wife is trustee for each of the said trusts. The filing of this form does not constitute an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this statement.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ Viviano, Joseph P

DATE 03/01/00

