

FORM 5
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Alexander, William H.
16 Wagner Street

Hummelstown, PA 17036

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
12/99

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1) Title of Security	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3) Trans- action Code	4) Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	11/17/99	P 4	100.0000 (1) A \$48.87500	1,500.0000	D	Direct
Common Stock				36.0000	I	by Spouse
Common Stock				1,200.0000	I	by Trust

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 Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable Expiration
Common Stock Equivalents (2)		12/15/99 (3)	J	566.7120	

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) Trans- action Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	8) Price of Deri- vative Security Amount or Number of Shares	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock Equivalents (2)	12/15/99 (3)	Common Stock	566.7120 (4)	2,134.9190	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)
The report on Form 4 was inadvertently not filed timely in connection with one purchase of 100 shares of the Corporation's common stock on 11/17/99.

(2)
These units were acquired as dividends reinvested on units previously deferred under the Director's Compensation Plan and new deferrals of 1999 director's fees under the Plan; 40.338 units were reinvested dividends and 526.374 were deferrals of 1999 director's fees.

(3)
Reinvested dividends were acquired on 3/15/99, 6/15/99, 9/15/99 and 12/15/99; 1999 deferred director's fees were credited on 4/30/99 and 12/15/99.

(4)
Units were acquired at various times throughout the year as noted in Footnote 2. These prices range from \$48.2500 to \$61.8125.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ Alexander, William H.
DATE 02/09/00