

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): January 2, 2003

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 January 2, 2003, Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Company") announced that J. Robert Hillier resigned from the Company's Board of Directors effective December 31, 2002. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Hillier's resignation 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: January 2, 2003

By /s/ Frank Cerminara

Frank Cerminara
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99	Hershey Foods Corporation press release dated January 2, 2003.

J. ROBERT HILLIER RESIGNS FROM HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION'S
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HERSHEY, Pa., January 2, 2003 -- Hershey Foods today announced that J. Robert Hillier resigned from its Board of Directors effective December 31, 2002. A Hershey Foods Director since 2001, Hillier served as a member of the Committee on Directors and Corporate Governance and the Compensation and Executive Organization Committee. Hillier is also Chairman of the Board and Founder of Hillier in Princeton, New Jersey, one of the nation's largest architectural firms.

"Hershey Foods has benefited from Bob's considerable knowledge and experience," said Richard H. Lenny, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hershey Foods. "He has our sincere appreciation as we wish him continued success in his future endeavors."

Hershey Foods will seek a replacement for Hillier on its nine-member Board of Directors.

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