UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

-] 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) Kenneth L 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 10/00

- 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)

 - Chairman and CEO
- 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)Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3.Trans- action Code	4.Securities or Disposed of	of (A or	` ,	5)Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) D or I	7)Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock (1) Common Stock (1) Common Stock Common Stock Common Stock Common Stock Common Stock	10/26/00 10/26/00 10/26/00 10/26/00 10/31/00	M M S S A	50,200.0000 61,000.0000 50,200.0000 61,000.0000 103.4717	A D	\$24.18750 \$33.06250 \$52.57970 \$52.57970 (2)	132,982.0000 385.1100 100.0000	D D D	Direct Direct Direct Direct 401(k) Plan by Spouse

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)Trans- action Date	4)Trans- 5)Number of D action Securities Ac Code or Disposed o		ired (A)	6)Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		
Security			Code V	Α	D	Exercisable	Expiration	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$24.18750	10/26/00	М		50,200.0000	01/03/95	01/03/05	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	\$33.06250	10/26/00	М		61,000.0000	01/03/96	01/02/06	

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	Amount or Number of Shares	8)Price of Deri- vative Security	9)Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	D	11)Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (1) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (1)	10/26/00 10/26/00		50,200.0000 61,000.0000	\$52.57970 \$52.57970	0.0000 0.0000	D D	Direct Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

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.

These shares were acquired from January 1, 2000 through October 31, 2000 pursuant to the Hershey Foods Corporation Employee Savings, Stock Investment and Ownership Plan (ESSIOP). These shares were purchased at various intervals throughout the year and the closing price on October 31, 2000 was \$54.3125. The

exact price of each share at date of acquisition is not readily determinable.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON /S/ Wolfe Kenneth L DATE