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### FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Nume and Address of Reporting Ferson			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY FOODS CORP [HSY]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
COUGHLA	COUGHLAN GARY P (Last) (First) (Middle) 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE		<u></u>	X	Director	10% Owner			
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2004		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)			
,			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indi Line)	vidual or Joint/Group Fili	ng (Check Applicable			
(Street) HERSHEY	PA	17033		X	Form filed by One Re	eporting Person			
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)							
		Table I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Ber	neficially	Owned				

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.					Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/15/2004		Α		89	Α	\$77.62	3,642.7738	D	

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	5. Number of Expiration Date Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		7. Title Amour Securi Underi Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

#### Gary P. Coughlan

03/15/2004 Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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