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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MCDONALD MACKEY J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HERSHEY FOODS CORP [HSY]										ationship of Reporting all applicable) Director			Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
	(Fi	1	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2003										Offic belov	er (give title w)	Oth bel	er (specify ow)	
105 CORPORATE CENTER BOULEVARD				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) GREENSBORO NC 27408													X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(St	ate) (Zip)																	
		Tabl	e I - No	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	uritie	s Acc	quired,	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Ben	eficia	ally	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,		Transaction Disposed C		ies Acquired (A) Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and 5) Secu Bene		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect				
									Code	v	Amount	0	(A) or (D)	Price			action(s) 3 and 4)			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 12/15/2				/2003		A		183.402 A		\$76	.82	82 3,327.3556		D						
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				ransaction of ode (Instr. Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)					9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)				
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Explanation of Responses:

1. The total amount of securities reported in Column 5 includes 23.280 shares acquired on September 15, 2003, pursuant to a Hershey Foods Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Mackey J. McDonald

12/16/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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