

FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[X] 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)
Viviano Joseph P
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
08/00

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)
Vice Chairman

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) Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Transaction Code	4) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock				55,398.0000	D	Direct
Common Stock	08/31/00	A	1.9900	403.6500	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock				23,430.0000	I	by Spouse
Common Stock	08/31/00	A	18.8314	13,595.6362	I	by Trusts (3)

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) Transaction Date	4) Transaction Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
			Code V A D		Exercisable Expiration

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) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
-		Title		Amount or Number of Shares		

Explanation of Responses:

(1)
These shares were acquired from June 1, 2000 through August 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 period. The exact price of each share at date of acquisition is not readily determinable.

(2)
These shares were acquired from May 1, 2000 through August 31, 2000 pursuant to a Hershey Foods Dividend Reinvestment Plan. These shares were purchased at various intervals throughout the period. The exact price of each share at date of acquisition is not readily determinable.

(3)
Shares held in trusts are for the benefit of the reporting person's adult children and three grandchildren. The reporting person's wife is trustee for each of the said trusts. The filing of this form does not constitute an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by the statement.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ Viviano, Joseph P
DATE 09/08/00