

Azzara C Daniel
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Azzara C Daniel | | (Month/Day/Year) | HERSHEY CO [HSY] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 12/10/2007 | |
| HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION,Â 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | (give title below) (specify below) | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | VP, Global Research & Develop | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |
| HERSHEY,Â PAÂ 17033 | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 18,065 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 2,229.08 | I | 401(k) Plan |

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 06/27/2014 | Common Stock | 3,200 | \$ 45 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 01/13/2010 | Common Stock | 7,000 | \$ 22.5 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 02/02/2013 | Common Stock | 8,700 | \$ 32.25 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 06/18/2013 | Common Stock | 2,000 | \$ 36.09 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 02/15/2016 | Common Stock | 10,450 | \$ 52.3 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 04/22/2017 | Common Stock | 12,600 | \$ 54.68 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 02/14/2015 | Common Stock | 18,500 | \$ 61.7 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 01/21/2012 | Common Stock | 9,500 | \$ 34.655 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 02/01/2014 | Common Stock | 13,600 | \$ 37.755 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Azzara C Daniel HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION 100 CRYSTAL A DRIVE HERSHEY, PA 17033 | Â | Â | Â VP, Global Research & Develop | Â |

Signatures

C. Daniel
Azzara

12/14/2007

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Options vest according to the following schedule: 25% vest on the first anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the (1) second anniversary of the grant date, an additional 25% vest on the third anniversary of the grant date, and the options become fully vested on the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

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