

FLOWERS FOODS INC  
Form 4  
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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 OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE**  
  
(Street)

**THOMASVILLE, GA 31757**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/22/2015**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/22/2015		G	V 6,996 D \$ 22.32	7,708,191	I	By Spouse (1)
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Common Stock	12/22/2015		G	V 6,996 A \$ 22.32	445,432	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2015		G	V 8,130 D \$ 22.32	437,302	D	

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

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- (1) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (2) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
- (3) In accordance with the terms of the Deferred Shares Agreement for Directors, the deferred shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (4) No expiration date.
- (5) Granted under the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Compensation Plan.

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