

RUTA STANLEY L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RUTA STANLEY L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TRACTOR SUPPLY CO /DE/ [TSCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 POWELL PLACE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/20/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP-COO/Store Ops

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/20/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	30,000 A \$ 18.1975	95,694	D	
Common Stock	09/20/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	30,000 D \$ 38.5	65,694	D	
Common Stock					10,991	I	Stock Purchase 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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.1975 <u>(2)</u>	09/20/2010		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500		02/02/2007	02/02/2015	Common stock	7,500 <u>(2)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.1975 <u>(2)</u>	09/20/2010		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500		02/02/2008	02/02/2015	Common stock	7,500 <u>(2)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.1975 <u>(2)</u>	09/20/2010		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500		02/02/2009	02/02/2015	Common stock	7,500 <u>(2)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 18.1975 <u>(2)</u>	09/20/2010		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		7,500		02/02/2010	02/02/2015	Common stock	7,500 <u>(2)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 30.635 <u>(3)</u>							02/09/2007	02/09/2016	Common stock	13,332 <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 30.635 <u>(5)</u>							02/09/2008	02/09/2016	Common stock	13,334 <u>(4)</u> <u>(5)</u>
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Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.0825 <u>(6)</u>							02/07/2008	02/07/2017	Common stock	12,666 <u>(4)</u> <u>(6)</u>
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Employee Stock	\$ 23.0825 <u>(7)</u>							02/07/2010	02/07/2017	Common stock	12,668 <u>(4)</u> <u>(7)</u>

Option					
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.225 <u>(8)</u>	02/06/2009	02/06/2018	Common stock	17,016 <u>(4) (8)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.225 <u>(9)</u>	02/06/2010	02/06/2018	Common stock	17,018 <u>(4) (9)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.225 <u>(9)</u>	02/06/2011	02/06/2018	Common stock	17,018 <u>(4) (9)</u>
Restricted stock units <u>(10)</u>	\$ 19.225 <u>(11)</u>	02/06/2011	<u>(12)</u>	Common stock	12,944 <u>(11)</u>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 17.1775 <u>(13)</u>	02/04/2010	02/04/2019	Common stock	19,640 <u>(13)</u>
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Employee Stock Option	\$ 17.1775 <u>(13)</u>	02/04/2012	02/04/2019	Common stock	19,640 <u>(13)</u>
Restricted stock units <u>(10)</u>	\$ 17.1775 <u>(14)</u>	02/04/2012	<u>(12)</u>	Common stock	25,946 <u>(14)</u>
Employee stock options	\$ 26.2075 <u>(15)</u>	02/03/2011	02/03/2020	Common stock	14,808 <u>(15)</u>
Employee stock options	\$ 26.2075 <u>(15)</u>	02/03/2012	02/03/2020	Common stock	14,808 <u>(15)</u>
Employee stock options	\$ 26.2075 <u>(16)</u>	02/03/2013	02/03/2020	Common stock	14,806 <u>(16)</u>
Restricted stock units <u>(10)</u>	\$ 26.2075 <u>(17)</u>	02/03/2013	<u>(12)</u>	Common stock	12,406 <u>(17)</u>

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

EVP-COO/Store Ops

RUTA STANLEY L  
200 POWELL PLACE  
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

## Signatures

Stanley L. Ruta by /s/ Kurt D. Barton, as  
Attorney-in-fact

09/22/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Transaction represents exercise of options (adjusted for 2-for-1 stock split paid by the Company on September 2, 2010) pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan executed by Mr. Ruta.
  - (2) This option was previously reported as covering 3,750 shares at an exercise price of \$36.395 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (3) This option was previously reported as covering 6,666 shares at an exercise price of \$61.27 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (4) Number of shares are rounded to the nearest whole number.
  - (5) This option was previously reported as covering 6,667 shares at an exercise price of \$61.27 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (6) This option was previously reported as covering 6,333 shares at an exercise price of \$46.165 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (7) This option was previously reported as covering 6,334 shares at an exercise price of \$46.165 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (8) This option was previously reported as covering 8,508 shares at an exercise price of \$38.45 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (9) This option was previously reported as covering 8,509 shares at an exercise price of \$38.45 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (10) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Tractor Supply Company common stock.
  - (11) This option was previously reported as covering 6,472 shares at an exercise price of \$38.45 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (12) The restricted stock units vest at the end of the third anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (13) This option was previously reported as covering 9,820 shares at an exercise price of \$34.355 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (14) This option was previously reported as covering 12,973 shares at an exercise price of \$34.355 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (15) This option was previously reported as covering 7,404 shares at an exercise price of \$52.415 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (16) This option was previously reported as covering 7,403 shares at an exercise price of \$52.415 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.
  - (17) This option was previously reported as covering 6,203 shares at an exercise price of \$52.415 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.

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