

BEATY MICHAEL A  
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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 \*  
BEATY MICHAEL A

(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)  
11/28/2012

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)

EVP / Supply Chain

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
Common Stock	11/28/2012		G	V 1,750 D \$ 23.35	172,568	D	
Common Stock					928	I	By 401(k) <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock					1,621	I	By Spouse <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock					1,800	I	By Spouse as Custodian for grandchildren <sup>(2)</sup>

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 13.05					02/05/2010 02/05/2014	Common Stock	40,612
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 16.5					02/04/2011 02/04/2015	Common Stock	37,125
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 15.89					02/09/2012 02/09/2016	Common Stock	38,700
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 16.67					02/09/2013 02/09/2017	Common Stock	42,150
Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 16.31					02/10/2014 02/10/2018	Common Stock	51,225
Restricted Stock Award <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0 <sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>	Common Stock	7,725

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
				EVP / Supply Chain

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## Signatures

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,  
Agent

12/26/2012

\_\_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) Total includes exempt acquisitions of shares allocated to reporting person in Issuer's 401(k) Plan, as of 12/31/2011.
- (2) Beneficial ownership is disclaimed.
- (3) Granted pursuant to the Flowers Foods, Inc. 2001 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.
- (4) In accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement, the performance shares awarded do not have a conversion or exercise price.
- (5) The company anticipates that in accordance with the terms of the 2011 Restricted Stock Award Agreement the vesting date of the performance shares awarded shall be the date of the filing of the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K with the SEC in 2013.
- (6) Grant expires on the vesting date if performance measures are not met.

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