#### 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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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>\*</u> SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR

(First)

(State)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

FLOWERS FOODS INC [FLO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

12/22/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Officer (give title

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

THOMASVILLE, GA 31757

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	12/22/2015		Code G	v V	Amount 6,996	or (D) D	Price \$ 22.32	(Instr. 3 and 4) 7,708,191	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	12/22/2015		G	V	6,996	D	\$ 22.32	7,701,195	I	By Spouse
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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8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te e	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
Deferred Stock (2)	\$ 0 (3)					01/02/2016	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,340
Deferred Stock (5)	\$ 0 (3)					06/05/2016	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	229
Deferred Stock (5)	\$ 0 (3)					06/09/2016	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,026
Deferred Stock (5)	\$ 0 (3)					01/02/2016	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,963

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SHIELDS JOSEPH V JR 1919 FLOWERS CIRCLE THOMASVILLE, GA 31757	X					
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### **Signatures**

Person

/s/ Stephen R. Avera,
Agent

\*\*Signature of Reporting

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).

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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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