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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO [CENT] A Machek Howard (Month/Day/Year) 09/02/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & (Check all applicable) PET COMPANY, Â 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 10% Owner Director 600 _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Chief Accounting Officer Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person **WALNUT** Form filed by More than One CREEK. CAÂ 94597 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,000 D Class A Common Stock 21,960 (1) D Units - Common Stock 311.3467 (2) Ι By 401(k) Plan Units - Class A Common Stock $1,095.6336 \stackrel{(3)}{=}$ Ι By 401(k) Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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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 (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Title Number of Shares		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(4)	04/13/2017	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$ 9.26	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(5)	03/26/2018	Class A Common Stock	18,000	\$ 9.54	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(6)	03/31/2019	Class A Common Stock	18,000	\$ 6.43	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(7)	03/31/2021	Class A Common Stock	18,000	\$ 10.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
.	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Machek Howard C/O CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY 1340 TREAT BOULEVARD, SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597	Â	Â	Chief Accounting Officer	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Howard
Machek

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Includes 9,460 restricted shares of Class A Common Stock granted on February 14, 2014 of which one-third vest annually on February 14, 2017, 2018 and 2019, and 4,500 restricted shares of Class A Common Stock granted on September 16, 2014, of which one-third vest annually on March 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- (2) The units represent interests in the CENT Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENT stock and cash.
- (3) The units represent interests in the CENTA Stock Fund in the Issuer's 401(k) Plan, which consist of shares of CENTA stock and cash.
- Options were granted on April 13, 2011 of which 12,800 shares are vested and exercisable, 3,200 shares will vest and be exercisable on March 13, 2017 and 4,000 shares are subject to the satisfaction of performance conditions.

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- Options were granted on March 26, 2012 of which 13,500 shares are vested and exercisable and the remaining 4,500 shares will vest and be exercisable on March 26, 2016.
- Options were granted on August 12, 2013 of which 9,000 shares are vested and exercisable and the remaining 9,000 shares will vest and be exercisable as follows: 4,500 shares on March 31, 2016 and 4,500 shares on March 31, 2017.
- Options were granted on April 16, 2015. One-fourth (i.e. 4,500) of the total shares will vest on March 31, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively.

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