

SpartanNash Co  
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-8**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**SpartanNash Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Michigan**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**38-0593940**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**850 76th Street, S.W.**

**P.O. Box 8700**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**SpartanNash Company**

**Stock Incentive Plan of 2015**

(Full Title of the Plan)

**Kathleen M. Mahoney**

**Executive Vice President General Counsel**

**SpartanNash Company**

**850 76th Street, S.W.**

**P.O. Box 8700**

**Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518**

(Name and Address of Agent for Service)

**(616) 878-2000**

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer **X**  
Company

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller Reporting

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Amount of Registration Fee

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| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2) | Proposed Maximum |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Common Stock                         | 2,500,000                  | \$31.34                                      | \$78,337,500                                 | \$9,102.82       |

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement covers an indeterminate number of additional shares as may be authorized in the event of an adjustment as a result of an increase in the number of issued shares of common stock resulting from the payment of stock dividends or stock splits or certain other capital adjustments.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. On June 1, 2015, the average of the high and low prices of SpartanNash Company's common stock reported on Nasdaq was \$31.34 per share. The registration fee is computed in accordance with Rule 457(h) and (c) under the Securities Act of 1933.

**PART I.**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

The document(s) containing information required in Part I of this registration statement will be provided to each participant in the Plan as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act. Such document(s) are not being filed with the Commission but constitute (together with the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof) a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

**PART II.**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents have been filed by the Company with the Commission and are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 3, 2015;
- (b) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended April 25, 2015;
- The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2015, March 3, 2015, January 23, 2015, and January 12,
- (c) 2015 (except, with respect to each of the foregoing, for portions of such documents which are deemed to be furnished and not filed);
- The description of Company Common Stock contained in the Company's registration statement on Form S-4 filed
- (e) on August 20, 2013, as amended on September 25, 2013 and October 10, 2013, including any subsequently filed amendments and reports updating such description.

All documents filed after the date of this registration statement by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment that indicates that all shares of Company Common Stock offered hereunder have been sold or which deregisters all shares of Company Common Stock remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents (except, with respect to each of the foregoing, for portions of such documents which are deemed to be furnished and not filed).

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document that also is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interest of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Michigan law permits, and Article VI of the Company's Articles of Incorporation require, indemnification of the Company's directors and executive officers in a variety of circumstances, which may include liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Company's Articles of Incorporation provide that directors and executive officers shall be indemnified as of right, and shall be entitled to the advancement of expenses, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding arising out of their service to the Company or one

of its subsidiaries, or to another organization at the request of the Company or one of its subsidiaries. Persons who are not directors or executive officers of the Company may be similarly indemnified in respect of such service to the extent authorized at any time by the Company's board of directors. Furthermore, the Restated Articles of Incorporation provide that the Company may purchase and maintain insurance to protect itself and any such director, officer, or other person against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in respect of such service, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability by law or under its Restated Articles of Incorporation. Pursuant to this authority, the Company maintains such insurance on behalf of its officers and directors.

The Company's bylaws contain extensive provisions concerning indemnification. Among other things, the bylaws provide that the Company may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the Company), by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation or other entity, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company or its shareholders and, with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, the person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. With respect to actions by or in the right of the Company, the bylaws provide that the Company may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any such proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company or its shareholders; however, indemnification is not allowed with respect to a claim, issue, or matter in which the person shall have been found liable to the Company, except to the extent authorized by statute. The bylaws also contain provisions concerning the manner in which the board determines whether a person is entitled to indemnification, the advancement of expenses, other indemnification agreements, insurance and certain definitions and interpretive provisions.

In addition, the Company's ability to indemnify its directors and officers or other persons is determined, to an extent, by the Michigan Business Corporations Act, as amended ("MBCA"). The following is a summary of the applicable provisions of the MBCA:

Sections 561 through 571 of the MBCA contain provisions governing the indemnification of directors and officers by Michigan corporations. That statute provides that a corporation has the power to indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to a threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, whether for profit or not, against expenses (including attorney fees), judgments, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding, if the person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its shareholders, and with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, if the person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

The termination of an action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, does not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation or its shareholders, and, with respect to a criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

Indemnification of expenses (including attorney fees) and amounts paid in settlement is permitted in derivative actions, except that indemnification is not allowed for any claim, issue or matter in which such person has been found liable to the corporation unless and to the extent that a court decides indemnification is proper. To the extent that a director or officer has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of an action, suit or proceeding, or in defense of a claim, issue or matter in the action, suit or proceeding, he or she shall be indemnified against actual and reasonable expenses (including attorney fees) incurred by him or her in connection with the action, suit or proceeding, and any action, suit or proceeding brought to enforce the mandatory indemnification provided under the MBCA. The MBCA permits partial indemnification for a portion of expenses (including reasonable attorney fees), judgments, penalties, fines and amounts paid in settlement to the extent the person is entitled to indemnification for less than the total amount.

Under the MBCA, a corporation may pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent who is a party or threatened to be made a party to an action, suit or proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding if (i) the person furnishes the corporation a written affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct, and (ii) the person furnishes the corporation a written undertaking to repay the advance if it is ultimately determined that he or she did not meet the standard of conduct, which undertaking need not be secured.

The indemnification provisions of the MBCA are not exclusive of the rights to indemnification under a corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws or by agreement. The indemnification provided for under the MBCA continues as to a person who ceases to be a director, officer, employee or agent.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this registration statement:

**Exhibit Index**

| Exhibit Number | Document                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3.1            | Restated Articles of Incorporation of SpartanNash Company, as amended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3.2            | Bylaws of SpartanNash Company, as amended. Previously filed as an exhibit to SpartanNash Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 10, 2011. Here incorporated by reference.                                                                                                    |
| 4.1            | Indenture dated December 6, 2012 by and among SpartanNash Company, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee, and the Company's subsidiaries as Guarantors. Previously filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K on December 6, 2012. Here incorporated by reference. |
| 4.2            | Form of 6.625% Senior Notes Due 2016. Previously filed as an exhibit to SpartanNash's Current Report on Form 8-K on December 6, 2012. Here incorporated by reference.                                                                                                                                         |
| 5.1            | Legal Opinion of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 23.1           | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 23.2           | Consent of Warner Norcross & Judd LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 and incorporated herein by reference).                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



- 24.1 Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement)
- 99.1 SpartanNash Company Stock Incentive Plan of 2015.

**Item 9. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission

pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934, (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (b)

- Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (c)



## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, on June 3, 2015.

### **SpartanNash Company**

By: /s/ Dennis Eidson  
Dennis Eidson  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ David M. Staples  
David M. Staples  
Executive Vice President Chief Operating Officer

Interim Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Dennis Eidson and David M. Staples and each of them his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) and supplements to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them, or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

**Signature**

**Date**

\*/s/ M. Shân Atkins  
M. Shân Atkins  
Director

/s/ Dennis Eidson  
Dennis Eidson  
Director, President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

\*/s/ Mickey P. Foret  
Mickey P. Foret  
Director

\*/s/ Dr. Frank M. Gambino  
Dr. Frank M. Gambino  
Director

\*/s/ Douglas A. Hacker June 3, 2015  
Douglas A. Hacker  
Director

\*/s/ Yvonne R. Jackson June 3, 2015  
Yvonne R. Jackson  
Director

\*/s/ Elizabeth A.                      June 3, 2015  
Nickels  
Elizabeth A. Nickels  
Director

\*/s/ Timothy J.                      June 3, 2015  
O'Donovan  
Timothy J. O'Donovan  
Director

\*/s/ Hawthorne Proctor June 3, 2015  
Hawthorne Proctor  
Director

\*/s/ Craig C. Sturken    June 3, 2015  
Craig C. Sturken  
Chairman and Director

\*/s/ William R. Voss    June 3, 2015  
William R. Voss  
Director

/s/ David M. Staples    June 3, 2015  
David M. Staples

Executive Vice  
President Chief  
Operating Officer

Interim Chief Financial  
Officer

(Principal Financial  
Officer)

/s/ Thomas A. Van      June 3, 2015  
Hall  
Thomas A. Van Hall

Vice President, Interim  
Chief Accounting  
Officer

(Principal Accounting  
Officer)

/s/ Dennis Eidson June 3, 2015  
\*By: Dennis Eidson  
Attorney-in-fact