

Downing Lee J  
Form 4  
November 02, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Downing Lee J

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)  
11/01/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior VP Store Operations

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(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	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	11/01/2012		M		2,879	A	\$ 39.515	8,565 D
Common Stock	11/01/2012		S		2,879	D	\$ 96.9389	5,686 D
Common Stock								657 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	\$ 39.515	11/01/2012		M		2,879		10/27/2012	10/27/2020	Common Stock	2,879
Employee Stock Option	\$ 39.515							10/27/2013	10/27/2020	Common Stock	2,879
Employee Stock Option	\$ 51.695							02/02/2013	02/02/2021	Common Stock	3,625
Employee Stock Option	\$ 51.695							02/02/2014	02/02/2021	Common Stock	3,625
Employee Stock Option	\$ 85.08							02/08/2013	02/08/2022	Common Stock	3,169
Employee Stock Option	\$ 85.08							02/08/2014	02/08/2022	Common Stock	3,169
Employee Stock Option	\$ 85.08							02/08/2015	02/08/2022	Common Stock	3,169

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Downing Lee J 200 POWELL PLACE	Senior VP Store Operations

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

## Signatures

Lee J. Downing by: /s/ Kurt D. Barton, as  
Attorney-in-fact

11/02/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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