

RUTA STANLEY L  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
RUTA STANLEY L

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)  
08/11/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (D) Price			
Common stock	08/11/2005		M	25,000 A \$ 3.3574	54,427	D	
Common stock	08/11/2005		S	25,000 D \$ 54.0266	29,427	D	
Common stock					2,860	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	\$ 3.7344					01/26/2005 01/26/2010	Common stock 0
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.3574	08/11/2005		M	341	01/25/2004 01/25/2011	Common stock 341
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.3574	08/11/2005		M	24,659	01/25/2005 01/25/2011	Common stock 24,659 <sup>(1)</sup>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.3574					01/25/2006 01/25/2011	Common stock 32,268 <sup>(1)</sup>
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.9075					01/24/2003 01/24/2012	Common stock 20,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.9075					01/24/2004 01/24/2012	Common stock 20,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.9075					01/24/2005 01/24/2012	Common stock 20,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.64					01/23/2004 01/23/2013	Common stock 10,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.64					01/23/2005 01/23/2013	Common stock 10,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.64					01/23/2006 01/23/2013	Common stock 10,000

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Employee Stock Option	\$ 42.65	01/22/2005	01/22/2014	Common stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 42.65	01/22/2006	01/22/2014	Common stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 42.65	01/22/2007	01/22/2014	Common stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 36.395	02/02/2007	02/02/2015	Common stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option	\$ 36.395	02/02/2008	02/02/2015	Common stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option	\$ 36.395	02/02/2009	02/02/2015	Common stock	3,750
Employee Stock Option	\$ 36.395	02/02/2010	02/02/2015	Common stock	3,750

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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## Signatures

Stanley L. Ruta by /s/ Kolin B. Holladay, as  
Attorney-in-fact

08/12/2005

\*\*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) Number of shares are rounded to the nearest whole number.

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