

Hillshire Brands Co  
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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 \*  
 Connolly Sean

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY, 400 SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60607

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Hillshire Brands Co [HSH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/28/2014

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/28/2014                           |  | U                              |   | 29,023<br>(1) (2)   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/28/2014                           |  | U                              |   | 360<br>(3) (1)  | D  | By 401(k) 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                         |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number of Shares |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)       | \$ 28.65   | 08/28/2014                           |  | D                              | 45,267  | <u>(4)</u>   | 11/04/2021  | Common Stock | 45,267                  |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)       | \$ 25.32   | 08/28/2014                           |  | D                              | 102,207   | <u>(4)</u>   | 08/10/2022  | Common Stock | 102,207                 |
| Employee stock option (right to buy)       | \$ 25.85   | 08/28/2014                           |  | D                              | 248,827   | <u>(4)</u>   | 08/23/2022  | Common Stock | 248,827                 |
| Performance Shares                         | <u>(5)</u>   | 08/28/2014                           |  | D                              | 254,904   | <u>(5)</u>   | <u>(5)</u>  | Common Stock | 254,904                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Connolly Sean<br>C/O THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY<br>400 SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET<br>CHICAGO, IL 60607 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/Alison M. Rhoten for Sean M. Connolly pursuant to power of attorney filed herewith. 09/02/2014

\*\*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) In connection with the completion of a cash tender offer launched by Tyson Foods, Inc. ("Tyson") to purchase all of Issuer's issued and outstanding common stock (the "Tender Offer") pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of July 1, 2014, among Tyson, HMB Holdings, Inc. and Issuer.

(2) This includes 8,099 restricted stock units. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, these restricted stock units became fully vested at the acceptance time of the Tender Offer in exchange for the right to receive a cash payment equal to the number of shares of common stock subject to the restricted stock unit multiplied by \$63.00 per share.

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- (3) These shares were tendered by the 401(k) plan trustee on the reporting person's behalf and on a non-volitional basis in a transaction that was exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
- (4) Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, these options were cancelled in exchange for a cash payment determined using the difference between the applicable exercise price of the option and the \$63.00 per share price as part of the Tender Offer.

- These performance shares represent unvested performance units relating to the 2013-2015 and 2014-2016 performance cycles that, pursuant to the Merger Agreement, were deemed vested assuming achievement of applicable performance metrics at the target amount (100%). The unvested performance units relating to the 2012-2014 performance cycle were deemed vested based on actual achievement of the performance metrics (149%).
- (5)

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