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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY**

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Supplement to the Proxy Statement dated September 14, 2012 for the  
Annual Meeting of Stockholders of The Hillshire Brands Company  
to be Held on Thursday, October 25, 2012

October 10, 2012

On September 14, 2012, The Hillshire Brands Company (the "Company") filed a definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (the "Proxy Statement") in connection with its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 (the "Annual Meeting"). At the Annual Meeting, the Company is requesting that the stockholders of the Company approve The Hillshire Brands Company 2012 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan (the "2012 Plan"), as set forth in Proposal 4 of the Proxy Statement. A copy of the 2012 Plan is attached as Appendix A to the Proxy Statement.

After filing the Proxy Statement, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to the 2012 Plan (the "Amendment") to clarify that options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock and SARs that are awarded under the 2012 Plan are not eligible to earn dividends or dividend equivalents, or interest on such dividends or dividend equivalents. The text of the Amendment is included as Annex A to this Supplement. Other than the amendment described above, all other terms of the 2012 Plan remain the same as described in the Proxy Statement.

The 2012 Plan, as amended, will be presented for stockholder approval at the Annual Meeting and effectiveness of the 2012 Plan remains subject to receipt of such approval. If a stockholder returns his or her proxy card or votes via the Internet or by telephone at any time (either before or after the date of this Supplement) indicating "FOR" Proposal 4, such vote will constitute a vote in favor of Proposal 4, as amended by this Supplement. If any stockholder has already returned his or her properly executed proxy card or voted via the Internet or by telephone and would like to change his or her vote on any matter, such stockholder may revoke his or her proxy before it is voted at the Annual Meeting by submission of a proxy bearing a later date, via the Internet, by telephone, by mail or by attending the Annual Meeting in person and casting a ballot. If any stockholder would like a new proxy or has any questions, he or she should contact LaShurn Purnell, Shareholder Services, The Hillshire Brands Company, 3500 Lacey Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515, or at (630) 598-8176.

The information provided above may be deemed "additional soliciting materials" within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Kent B. Magill

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY**

**2012 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE STOCK PLAN**

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2012 the Board of Directors of The Hillshire Brands Company (the Company ) approved the Company s 2012 Long-Term Incentive Stock Plan (the 2012 Plan ), subject to approval by the Company s stockholders at the Company s annual meeting of stockholders scheduled for October 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to amend the 2012 Plan to clarify that options to purchase shares of common stock and SARs that are awarded under the 2012 Plan are not eligible to earn dividends or dividend equivalents, or interest on such dividends or dividend equivalents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2012 Plan hereby is amended to delete the first sentence of Article 7 in its entirety and replace it with the following sentence: The Committee may provide that any Stock Awards under the Plan (i.e., excluding Options and SARs) earn dividends or dividend equivalents, and interest on such dividends or dividend equivalents.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that except as expressly provided in this First Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the 2012 Plan remain in full force and effect, without modification.