

Connolly Sean  
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**FORM 4**

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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, 3500 LACEY ROAD

(Street)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/14/2012

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
common stock	09/14/2012		A	8,099 (1)	\$ 0 28,965 (2)	D	

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)**

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Connolly Sean C/O THE HILLSHIRE BRANDS COMPANY 3500 LACEY ROAD DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski, for Sean Connolly pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 09/18/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
  - Represents restricted stock units (RSUs) granted upon conversion of performance stock units (PSUs). In anticipation of the spin-off of its international coffee and tea business that was completed on June 28, 2012, in fiscal 2012 the company granted PSUs under its FY12-14
  - (1) long-term equity incentive program with a value equal to one-third of the annual grant amount. These PSUs were converted into RSUs to the extent the company achieved a one-year operating income target for fiscal 2012. The RSUs will settle and be converted into shares of common stock, on a one-for-one basis, on August 31, 2014, subject to the reporting person's continued employment through that date.
  - (2) Includes 8,099 RSUs that will be converted into shares of common stock, on a one-for-one basis, upon vesting.

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