

SANDFORT GREGORY A  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SANDFORT GREGORY A

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)  
02/04/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Pres-Chief Merchandising Officer

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  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| Common stock                    | 02/04/2012                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 25,946 A<br>(2) \$ 81.05  | 85,012  | D  |  |
| Common stock                    | 02/04/2012                           |  | F <sup>(3)</sup>               | 8,260 D<br>(3) \$ 81.05   | 76,752  | D  |  |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,021   | 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                      | \$ 17.1175   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/04/2012   | 02/04/2019  | Common stock | 19,640                     |
| Restricted stock units                     | \$ 81.05   | 02/04/2012                           |  | M <sup>(2)</sup>               | 25,946 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 02/04/2012   | <sup>(1)</sup>  | Common stock | 25,946                     |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 26.2075   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/03/2012   | 02/03/2020  | Common stock | 20,566                     |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 26.2075   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/03/2013   | 02/03/2020  | Common stock | 20,566                     |
| Restricted stock units                     | \$ 26.2075 <sup>(1)</sup>                              |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/03/2013   | <sup>(1)</sup>  | Common stock | 17,230 <sup>(1)</sup>      |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 51.695  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2012   | 02/02/2021  | Common stock | 12,948                     |
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| Employee stock option                      | \$ 51.695  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/02/2014   | 02/02/2021  | Common stock | 12,948                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address         | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| SANDFORT GREGORY A<br>200 POWELL PLACE |               |           | Pres-Chief Merchandising Officer |       |

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

## Signatures

Gregory Sandfort by: /s/ Kurt D. Barton, as  
Attorney-in-fact

02/07/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) The restricted stock units vest at the end of the third anniversary of the date of the grant. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person on that anniversary date.
  - (2) In accordance with the grant agreement, the restricted stock units vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant. This transaction represents the vesting of those units that were awarded and the conversion to shares of common stock as reflected on Table I.
  - (3) This transaction represents the number of shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding liabilities incident to the lapse of vesting restrictions on the restricted stock units.

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