

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 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 *
PENNINGTON BROOKS III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO
 [CENT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/16/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Pres. & CEO - Pennington Seed

MADISON, GA 30650

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 7,500 | A | \$ 21.74 |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 1,000 | D | \$ 51.5 |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | | S | | 1,000 | D | \$ 51.35 |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | | S | | 1,000 | D | \$ 51.25 |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | | S | | 2,100 | D | \$ 51.2 |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | S | 597 | D | \$ 51.12 | 241,353 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | S | 53 | D | \$ 51.1 | 241,300 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | S | 750 | D | \$ 51 | 240,550 | D | |
| Common Stock | 08/16/2005 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 50.9 | 239,550 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 49,040 | I | By L.P. ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 6,938 | I | By Spouse ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 7,604 | I | By LLC ⁽⁵⁾ |

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 (right to buy) | \$ 21.74 | 08/16/2005 | | M | 7,500 | 08/10/2005 | 08/10/2006 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

