#### GENERAL MILLS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ESREY WILLIAM T** Issuer Symbol GENERAL MILLS INC [GIS] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 108 SOUTH FRONTAGE RD W. 09/21/2009 below) **SUITE 210** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

VAIL, CO 81657

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D) Common 1,484 09/21/2009 A \$0 34,133.4136 D (1) Stock

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number conf 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 60.66	09/21/2009		A(2)	7,418		(3)	09/21/2019	Common Stock	7,41

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ESREY WILLIAM T 108 SOUTH FRONTAGE RD W, SUITE 210 VAIL, CO 81657	X						

## **Signatures**

By: Christopher A. Rauschl For: William T.
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09/23/2009

\*\*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).
- Automatic grant of restricted stock units under the General Mills, Inc. 2006 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors. Each

  (1) restricted stock unit vests on the date of the next annual meeting of General Mills stockholders and represents a contingent right to receive one share of General Mills, Inc. common stock.
- (2) Automatic grant of Non-Employee Director stock option (right to buy) under the General Mills, Inc. 2006 Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
- (3) Vests on the date of the next annual meeting of General Mills stockholders.

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