

VELLA KIMBERLY D  
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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 \*  
VELLA KIMBERLY D

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)  
02/23/2012

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

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock	02/23/2012		S <sup>(2)</sup>		3,400	D <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 85 19,328
Common stock	02/24/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>		789	A <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 19.225 20,117
Common stock	02/24/2012		S <sup>(3)</sup>		789	D <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 85.01 19,328
Common stock	02/27/2012		M <sup>(3)</sup>		35,300	A <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 19.225 54,628
Common stock	02/27/2012		S <sup>(3)</sup>		25,700	D <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 85.51 28,928

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Common stock	02/27/2012		<u>S</u> (3)	9,600	<u>D</u> (3)	\$ 86.37	19,328	D	
Common stock							1,076	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)	Amount or Number of Share
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee stock option	\$ 19.225	02/24/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>		<u>M</u> (3)	13,764 (3)	02/06/2009 02/06/2018	Common stock	13,764
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Employee stock option	\$ 19.225	02/27/2012		<u>M</u> (3)	8,561 (3)	02/06/2011 02/06/2018	Common stock	13,764
Employee stock option	\$ 17.1175					02/04/2010 02/04/2019	Common stock	10,911
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Employee stock option	\$ 26.2075					02/03/2011 02/03/2020	Common stock	8,226



## 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) Restricted stock units vest at the end of the third anniversary date of the date of grant and will be delivered to the reporting person on that date unless a deferral is elected.
- (2) This transaction was made pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan established by Ms. Vella on 11/9/2011.
- (3) This transaction was made pursuant to a 10b5-1 plan established by Ms. Vella on 02/06/2012.
- (4) Grant exercised over a two day period. 789 shares were exercised and sold on 2/24/2012. The remaining 12,975 shares were exercised and sold on 2/27/2012.

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