

RUTA STANLEY L  
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 \*  
RUTA STANLEY L

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)  
02/07/2011

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

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount Price                                    |   |  |  |
| Common stock                    | 02/07/2011                           |  | M <sup>(5)</sup>               | 12,944 A \$ 51.99   | 63,888 <sup>(4)</sup>   | D  |  |
| Common stock                    | 02/07/2011                           |  | F <sup>(6)</sup>               | 3,424 D \$ 51.99  | 60,464  | D  |  |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 10,991 <sup>(1)</sup>   | 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 Share                               |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 30.635<br><u>(1)</u>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/2007 02/09/2016                                    | Common stock 13,332<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 30.635<br><u>(1)</u>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/2008 02/09/2016                                    | Common stock 13,334<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 30.635<br><u>(1)</u>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/09/2009 02/09/2016                                    | Common stock 13,334<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 23.0825<br><u>(1)</u>                               |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/07/2008 02/07/2017                                    | Common stock 12,666<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 23.0825<br><u>(1)</u>                               |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/07/2009 02/07/2017                                    | Common stock 12,666<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 23.0825<br><u>(1)</u>                               |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/07/2010 02/07/2017                                    | Common stock 12,668<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 19.225<br><u>(1)</u>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2009 02/06/2018                                    | Common stock 17,016<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 19.225<br><u>(1)</u>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2010 02/06/2018                                    | Common stock 17,018<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Employee stock option                      | \$ 19.225<br><u>(1)</u>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2011 02/06/2018                                    | Common stock 17,018<br><u>(1) (3)</u>                         |
| Restricted stock units                     | \$ 51.99   | 02/07/2011                           |  | M <sup>(5)</sup>               | 12,944  | 02/06/2011 <u>(7)</u>                                    | Common stock 12,944   |

|                             |                          |            |            |                 |                      |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Employee<br>stock<br>option | \$ 17.1775<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/04/2010 | 02/04/2019 | Common<br>stock | 19,640<br><u>(1)</u> |
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| Employee<br>stock<br>option | \$ 17.1775<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/04/2012 | 02/04/2019 | Common<br>stock | 19,640<br><u>(1)</u> |
| Restricted<br>stock units   | \$ 17.1775<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/04/2012 | <u>(2)</u> | Common<br>stock | 25,946<br><u>(1)</u> |
| Employee<br>stock<br>option | \$ 26.2075<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/03/2011 | 02/03/2020 | Common<br>stock | 14,808<br><u>(1)</u> |
| Employee<br>stock<br>option | \$ 26.2075<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/03/2012 | 02/03/2020 | Common<br>stock | 14,808<br><u>(1)</u> |
| Employee<br>stock<br>option | \$ 26.2075<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/03/2013 | 02/03/2020 | Common<br>stock | 14,806<br><u>(1)</u> |
| Restricted<br>stock units   | \$ 26.2075<br><u>(1)</u> | 02/03/2013 | <u>(2)</u> | Common<br>stock | 12,406<br><u>(1)</u> |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| RUTA STANLEY L<br>200 POWELL PLACE<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 |               |           | EVP-Chief Operating Officer |       |

## Signatures

Stanley L. Ruta by: /s/ Kurt D. Barton, as  
Attorney-in-fact

02/09/2011

\_\_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) Exercise price and shares have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split that occurred on September 2, 2010.

(2) The restricted stock units vest at the end of the third anniversary of the date of grant and will be distributed to the reporting person at that time.

(3) Fractional shares are rounded to the nearest whole number.

(4)

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Note that amount of securities owned have been adjusted to reflect the current transaction as well as a reduction of 14,750 shares(split-effected)to correct an overstatement of shares owned reported on a Form 4 filing on 10/8/2009. Ending ownership position for all Form 4's filed 10/8/2009 through 9/20/2010 were incorrectly overstated by these 14,750 shares.

- (5) 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 restricted stock units and the conversion to shares of common stock.
- (6) This transaction represents the withholding of shares to satisfy tax withholding liabilities incident to the lapse of vesting restrictions on the restricted stock units.
- (7) The restricted stock units vested at the end of the third anniversary date of the grant.

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