

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 29, 2000

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-20242	68-0275553
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California	94549
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 283-4573

Inapplicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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Item 5. Other Events

On March 29, 2000, Central Garden & Pet Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that it has acquired the AMDRO(R) and IMAGE(R) product lines from American Cyanamid.

Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) See attached Exhibit Index.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release dated March 29, 2000.	5

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ Robert B. Jones

Robert B. Jones, Vice President, Finance

Dated: March 30, 2000

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CENTRAL GARDEN & PET ACQUIRES AMDRO AND IMAGE
CONSUMER PRODUCT LINES FROM AMERICAN CYANAMID

LAFAYETTE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 29, 2000--Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT), the nation's leading manufacturer, supplier, and merchandiser of consumer lawn and garden and pet supply products, today announced that its has acquired the AMDRO(R) and IMAGE(R) consumer product lines from American Cyanamid, the agricultural products division of American Home Products Corporation (NYSE: AHP), for approximately \$28 million.

AMDRO(R) Fire Ant Bait is the leading fire ant bait product available in the consumer market. IMAGE(R) Consumer Concentrate is a selective herbicide for the control of difficult weeds in Southern turf, such as nutsedge, dollarweed, wild onion and garlic, Virginia buttonweed and others. Both products, which are sold primarily in the Southern and Southeastern markets, have a strong presence with such key retailers as Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Ace, Lowe's, TrueServe and Target.

"The acquisition of the AMDRO(R) and IMAGE(R) product lines is an excellent strategic move that will enhance Central's already strong portfolio of lawn and garden branded product offerings," said William E. Brown, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Central. "Both product lines have top brand awareness in their respective categories and we look forward to continuing to grow these outstanding brands using Central's consumer branded strategies."

Central Garden & Pet Company is the nation's leading manufacturer, supplier, and merchandiser of consumer lawn and garden and pet supply products. Central's proprietary branded products include Pennington Seed(R), Kaytee(R), TFH(R), Nylabone(R), Zodiac(R), and Four Paws(R) pet products, Island(R) aquariums, Matthews(R) Four Seasons products and Grant's(R) ant control products. Central offers its retail and branded manufacturing partners a wide array of value-added services proven to increase sales and profitability, including logistics and distribution support, inventory management, advertising and promotional programs, in-store

merchandising service, and sales program development. For additional information on Central Garden & Pet, including access to the Company's SEC filings, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.centralgardenandpet.com>.

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The statements contained in this release which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in or implied by forward-looking statements. These risks are described in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including, without limitation, the final accounting for all issues between the Company and Monsanto under the Solaris Agreement, such as the amounts receivable from Monsanto for cost reimbursements, payments for cost reductions and payments for services; the amounts payable to Monsanto for inventory; responsibility for obsolete inventory and for non-payment by Solaris' direct sales accounts; and costs associated with the realignment of the Company's lawn and garden distribution operations to reflect anticipated business levels for the fiscal year 2000.

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