

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) July 12, 1996

Central Garden & Pet Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-20242

68-0275553

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File
Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California

94549

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (510) 283-4573

Inapplicable

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

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Item 5. Other Events

On July 12, 1996, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing the consummation of the acquisition of Kenlin Pet Supply, Inc., the largest distributor of pet supply products in the eastern United States.

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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1.1	Press Release dated July 12, 1996.	5

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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
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 12, 1996

[LETTERHEAD OF CENTRAL GARDEN & PET]

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CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPLETES ACQUISITION
OF KENLIN PET SUPPLY

LAFAYETTE, CALIFORNIA, JULY 12, 1996 --- Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) today announced that it has completed the previously announced acquisition of Kenlin Pet Supply, the largest distributor of pet supply products in the eastern United States.

Based in Mahwah, New Jersey and China Grove, North Carolina, Kenlin Pet Supply has annual sales of approximately \$70 million. Kenlin operates in 17 eastern states and has approximately 290 employees.

Central Garden & Pet Company is the leading national distributor of lawn and garden supply products, as well as a major distributor of pet and pool supplies.

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