
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) June 28, 2002

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard,
Lafayette, California**
(Address of principal executive offices)

0-20242
(Commission File Number)

68-0275553
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

94549
(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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[LOGO OF CENTRAL GARDEN & PET]

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SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION GRANTED IN SCOTTS LITIGATION

LAFAYETTE, CALIFORNIA, June 28, 2002—Central Garden & Pet Company (NASDAQ: CENT) announced that on June 26, 2002, the United States District Court for the Northern District of California granted The Scotts Company's motion for summary judgment against Central in the suit which Central had originally filed in July 2000 seeking damages and injunctive relief as well as restitution for, among other things, violation of the federal antitrust laws. Central intends to appeal the order granting summary judgment to Scotts.

Central does not anticipate any charge to earnings based on the court's decision and expects that future litigation costs relating to this case will be reduced substantially.

Central Garden & Pet Company is a leading producer of consumer garden and pet products. Central's proprietary branded products include Pennington Seed[®], Norcal Pottery[™], AMDRO[®], Maxide[®], Strike[®], Lilly Miller[®], Grant's[®], and Matthews[®] Four Seasons garden products, and All-Glass[®], Oceanic Systems[®], Island[®], Kaytee[®], TFH[®], Nylabone[®], Zodiac[®], and Four Paws[®] pet products. 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>.