

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 * PENNINGTON BROOKS III		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY [CENT]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Pres. & CEO - Pennington Seed <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) 1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY	(First) MADISON, GA 30650	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/07/2003		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street)		(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	11/07/2003		M		680	A (1)	\$6.81	174,812	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2003		S		2,065	D (2)	\$26.997	172,747	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2003		S		6,529	D (3)	\$26.997	889,444	I	By L.P. (4)
Common Stock	11/07/2003		S		550	D (5)	\$26.997	73,040	I	By L.P. (6)
Common Stock								6,938	I	By spouse (7)

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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.81	11/07/2003		M	680	07/02/2003	07/02/2004	Common Stock	680	\$ 0	7,500	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PENNINGTON BROOKS III 1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY MADISON, GA 30650	X		Pres. & CEO - Pennington Seed	

Signatures

/s/ Brooks M. Pennington III		11/07/2003
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

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) Options exercised through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(2) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(3) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(4) Mr. Pennington holds these shares as President of Pennington Management Company LLC, General Partner of Pennington Partners, L.P.

(5) Shares sold through sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

(6) By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company, LLC ("BPCBLLC"), and Mr. Pennington is the sole member of BPCBLLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(7) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 6,938 shares of Central Garden & Pet Company common stock owned by his spouse.

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