

PERDUE DAVID A  
Form 4  
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**Form 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
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**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act  
of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company  
Act of 1935 or  
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Perdue David A. (Last) (First) (Middle)	Dollar General Corporation (DG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify title below)
100 Mission Ridge  (Street)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	below)
Goodlettsville, TN 37072 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year April 2, 2003	Chief Executive Officer
	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filing (Month/Day/Year)	7. 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

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	Price		

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				(A) or (D)	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	04/02/2003		A	78,865	A	78,865 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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 (mm/dd/yy)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Deriva Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.68	04/02/2003		A	500,000	(1)	04/02/2013	Common Stock	500,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$12.68	04/02/2003		A	500,000	(2)	04/02/2013	Common Stock	500,000

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option vests as to 333,333 shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and as to 166,667 shares on the second anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The option vests as to 166,666 shares on the second anniversary of the grant date and as to 333, 334 shares on the third anniversary of the grant date.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).	<u>/s/ Susan S. Lanigan</u> _____ **Signature of Reporting Person	<u>04/04/2003</u>  Date
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**Attorney-in-Fact**

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