

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 CO  
 [CENT]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1280 ATLANTA HIGHWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/23/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Pres. & CEO - Pennington Seed**

**MADISON, GA 30650**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 (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                    | 05/23/2005                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 12,500  | A  | \$ 7.54   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/23/2005                           |  | S <sup>(5)</sup>               |   | 92  | D  | \$ 46.05  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/23/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 408   | D  | \$ 46.03  |
| Common Stock                    | 05/23/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 4,500   | D  | \$ 46   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/23/2005                           |  | S                              |   | 4,500   | D  | \$ 45.9   |

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|              |            |   |       |   |          |         |   |                          |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|--------------------------|
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 45.85 | 294,429 | D |                          |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 45.82 | 293,429 | D |                          |
| Common Stock | 05/23/2005 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 45.73 | 292,429 | D |                          |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 67,040  | I | By L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>   |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 6,938   | I | By Spouse <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |   |       |   |          | 7,604   | I | By LLC <sup>(4)</sup>    |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 7.54  | 05/23/2005                           |  | M                              | 12,500  | 07/22/2004   | 07/22/2005  | Common Stock               | 12,500                     |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Brooks M.  
Pennington III

05/24/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## 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) Option exercise effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.  
By BPCB Partners L.P. The general managing partner of BPCB Partners L.P. is BPCB Management Company LLC ("BPCBLLC"), and
- (2) 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.
- (3) Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of 6,938 shares of the Issuer's common stock owned by his spouse.  
By Pennington Management Company II, LLC, in which Mr. Pennington has an ownership interest. Mr. Pennington is the President of
- (4) Pennington Management Company II, LLC. Mr. Pennington disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Sale (and all sales reported in this table) effected under sales plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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