

Sara Lee Corp
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FORM 4

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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 *
WARD JONATHAN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O LAZARD FRERES & CO.
 LLC, 191 S. LASALLE STREET**

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60603

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Sara Lee Corp [SLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
common stock	01/02/2008		A	(1) 7,809	\$ 16.01	23,414 (2) (3)	D

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)

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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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
phantom stock	\$ 0 ⁽⁴⁾	12/31/2007		A	628.14 ⁽⁵⁾	⁽⁶⁾ / ⁽⁶⁾	common stock	628.14 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WARD JONATHAN P C/O LAZARD FRERES & CO. LLC 191 S. LASALLE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60603	X			

Signatures

/s/ Helen N. Kaminski For Jonathan P. Ward pursuant to power of attorney previously filed. 01/03/2008

__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) Consists of restricted stock units (RSUs) granted for serving on the Board of Directors, and on one or more Committees of the Board, during calendar year 2008. The RSUs will vest on January 2, 2009 and will be converted into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis on the date six months after the reporting person ceases to be a director of Sara Lee.
- (2) Includes 21,632 RSUs that may be settled only for shares of common stock. RSUs vest one year after the grant date and, on the settlement date, are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis. The settlement date is six months after the reporting person ceases to be a director of Sara Lee.
- (3) Includes 21 shares acquired as a participant in Sara Lee Corporation's dividend reinvestment plan.
- (4) The phantom stock units will convert into shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (5) Represents director fees deferred and dividend reinvestment credits accrued in the reporting person's account in the Sara Lee Corporation Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Program. Shares units were acquired on December 31, 2007 at a price of \$16.125 per share and will be settled only for shares of Sara Lee common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (6) The reporting person will receive shares of Sara Lee common stock, on a one-for-one basis, at a future date(s) specified by him pursuant to the deferred compensation plan.

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