

BROWN FORMAN CORP  
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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 \*  
**CRUTCHER MICHAEL B**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BROWN FORMAN CORP [BFA, BFB]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**850 DIXIE HIGHWAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**08/11/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice Chairman/General Counsel

**LOUISVILLE, KY 40210**  
 (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  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |
| Class A Common <sup>(1)</sup>   | 08/11/2005                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                   | 6,066                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 0                                                  |
| Class B Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 21,392                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class B Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 9,362                                                                                         | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Class B Common                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 1,800                                                                                         | I                                                        | RET Account                                           |

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) |                |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title          | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 50                                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 05/01/2006                                               | 08/31/2007                                                    | Class B Common | 600                        |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 30.63                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 05/01/2001                                               | 04/30/2008                                                    | Class B Common | 7,156                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 31.13                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 05/01/2002                                               | 04/30/2009                                                    | Class B Common | 6,550                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 25.22                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 05/01/2003                                               | 04/30/2010                                                    | Class B Common | 9,700                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 34.17                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 05/01/2004                                               | 04/30/2011                                                    | Class B Common | 7,724                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 32.11                                               |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | 05/01/2005                                               | 04/30/2012                                                    | Class B Common | 9,828                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                 | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| CRUTCHER MICHAEL B<br>850 DIXIE HIGHWAY<br>LOUISVILLE, KY 40210 |               |           | Vice Chairman/General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

Nelea A. Absher, Attn In Fact for: Michael B.  
Crutcher

08/11/2005

\_\_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) The reporting person was awarded these shares of restricted stock under the Brown-Forman Omnibus Compensation Plan, based on the Company's fiscal 2005 performance.

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