

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
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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 \*  
 HEIM JAMES V

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)  
 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/20/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President of Pet Products

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94549

(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)	(A) or (D)	5. Amount or Price	6. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/20/2006		F <sup>(1)</sup>	1,341	D	\$ 42.5	13,659	D
Common Stock	05/22/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	5,000	A	\$ 10.47	18,659	D
Common Stock	05/22/2007		S	7,309	D	\$ 14.26	11,350	D
Class A Common Stock	05/22/2007		M <sup>(2)</sup>	10,000	A	\$ 10.39	40,000	D
Class A Common	05/22/2007		S	14,818	D	\$ 13.31	25,182	D

Stock

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.47	05/22/2007		M	5,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 08/21/2010	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.39	05/22/2007		M	10,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 08/21/2010	Class A Common Stock	10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEIM JAMES V 1340 TREAT BLVD., SUITE 600 WALNUT CREEK, CA 94549			President of Pet Products	

## Signatures

/s/ James V. Heim 05/23/2007

\*\*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).

- Shares withheld by the Issuer in payment of the withholding tax liability incurred upon the vesting of 25%, or 3,750 shares, of the restricted stock award on August 20, 2006. The amount of shares withheld is based on the closing sales price on August 18, 2006, the last sales price before the vesting date.
- (1) Options granted under Central Garden & Pet Company 2003 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
  - (2) These options are exercisable in four installments. Of the 20,000 options, 25% vested on August 20, 2006 and 25% will vest upon the completion of each of 36 months, 48 months and 60 months of continuous employment after the date of the grant of August 20, 2004.
  - (3) These options are exercisable in four installments. Of the 40,000 options, 25% vested on August 20, 2006 and 25% will vest upon the completion of each of 36 months, 48 months and 60 months of continuous employment after the date of the grant of August 20, 2004.

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