HERSHEY FOODS CORP Form 8-K February 11, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 11, 2003 _____

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

_____ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

23-0691590 Delaware 1-183 (commission (I.R.S. Employer File Number) _____ (State or other jurisdiction (Commission of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

17033 100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania _____ (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-6799 _____

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

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Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 11, 2003, Hershey Foods Corporation (the "Corporation") announced updated information regarding projected non-cash pension expense for 2003. A copy of the Corporation's press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 11, 2003

HERSHEY FOODS CORPORATION

By /s/ Frank Cerminara

Frank Cerminara Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99 Hershey Foods Corporation press release dated February 11, 2003.

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