

GENERAL MILLS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 23, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## 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): May 22, 2006

## GENERAL MILLS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

1-1185  
(Commission  
File Number)

41-0274440  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Number One General Mills Boulevard  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
(Mail: P.O. Box 1113)

55426

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(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

(Mail: 55440)  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (763) 764-7600

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

General Mills, Inc. (the Company) has entered into a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan with a broker to facilitate the purchase of shares of its common stock. Rule 10b5-1 allows a company to purchase its shares at times when it ordinarily would not be in the market because of self-imposed trading blackout periods, such as the time immediately preceding its quarterly earnings releases. The shares to be repurchased under this 10b5-1 plan would be part of the Company's previously disclosed share repurchase authorization. The Company may terminate the 10b5-1 plan and may enter into similar arrangements in the future. Depending on market conditions, the Company may also make purchases in the open market and in privately negotiated transactions from time to time outside its normal trading blackout periods.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 22, 2006

GENERAL MILLS, INC.

By: /s/ Siri S. Marshall  
Name: Siri S. Marshall  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel &  
Secretary

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