

SMUCKER J M CO
Form 8-K
March 18, 2011

**UNITED STATES
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): March 18, 2011

The J. M. Smucker Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ohio

001-05111

34-0538550

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Strawberry Lane

Orrville, Ohio

44667-0280

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(330) 682-3000**

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 18, 2011, The J. M. Smucker Company (the Company) entered into a share repurchase plan (the Plan) established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), in connection with the 5,000,000 common shares authorized for repurchase by the Company's Board of Directors in January 2011. A Rule 10b5-1 plan allows a company to repurchase its shares at times when it otherwise might be unable to do so under the Exchange Act's insider trading rules or during self-imposed trading blackout periods. The Plan will facilitate purchases of the Company's common shares under its authorized share repurchase program. The Company's designated broker will have authority under the Plan to repurchase up to 2,500,000 of the 5,000,000 common shares authorized for repurchase commencing on March 18, 2011 and expiring on September 18, 2011, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Repurchases under the Plan will be subject to specified parameters and certain price and volume restraints as established in the Plan. Therefore, there is no guarantee as to the exact number of common shares that will be repurchased or that there will be any repurchases at all pursuant to the Plan. Any repurchased shares will be held in treasury.

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.

THE J. M. SMUCKER COMPANY

By: /s/ Mark R. Belgya
Mark R. Belgya
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

Date: March 18, 2011