

CONAGRA FOODS INC /DE/  
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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 \*  
MESSEL SCOTT E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONAGRA FOODS INC /DE/ [CAG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/24/2015

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Treasurer&Asst. Secretary

C/O CONAGRA FOODS, INC., ONE CONAGRA DRIVE

(Street)

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

OMAHA, NE 68102

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 12/24/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 30,000  | A  | \$ 26.15                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/24/2015                           |  | S                              |   | 30,000<br><u>(1)</u>  | D  | 42.3207<br><u>(2)</u>                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,639.7201<br><u>(3)</u>  | I  | By 401(k) Plan Trust                       |

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 |
| Employee Stock Options (right to buy)      | \$ 26.15   | 12/24/2015                           |  | M                              | 30,000  | <u>(4)</u>   | 07/10/2018  | Common Stock | 30,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                | Other |
| MESSEL SCOTT E<br>C/O CONAGRA FOODS, INC.<br>ONE CONAGRA DRIVE<br>OMAHA, NE 68102 |               |           | SVP,<br>Treasurer & Asst.<br>Secretary |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lyn Rhoten,  
Attorney-in-fact

12/29/2015

\_\_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) All of the shares being sold were acquired by the Reporting Person within the past two business days upon the exercise of stock options. Price reflects the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions that ranged from \$42.22 to \$42.42 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) Reflects holdings under the ConAgra Foods, Inc. 401(k) plan. The information in this report is based on a plan statement date of December 18, 2015.

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- (4) These stock options, originally covering 60,000 shares, became exercisable as to 40% on July 11, 2012, 30% on July 11, 2013, and 30% on July 11, 2014.

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