

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 Of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 28, 2004**

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**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20242**  
(Commission File Number)

**68-0275553**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94597**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (925) 948-4000**

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**3697 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California 94549**

**(Former name or former address if changed since last report)**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4<sup>©</sup> under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4<sup>©</sup>)
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 28, 2004, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing its preliminary financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 25, 2004 and guidance for fiscal 2005. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated October 28, 2004.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

By: /s/ Stuart W. Booth

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Stuart W. Booth  
Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 28, 2004