

GENERAL MILLS INC
Form 8-K
October 21, 2014

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):

October 21, 2014

General Mills, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-01185

41-0274440

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

Number One General Mills Boulevard,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

55426-1347

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

763-764-7600

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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.

On October 14, 2014, General Mills, Inc. (the "Company") agreed to sell \$500,000,000 principal amount of its 1.400% Notes due 2017 and \$500,000,000 principal amount of its 2.200% Notes due 2019 (collectively, the "Notes") pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, dated October 14, 2014 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), among the Company, Barclays Capital Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule II of the Underwriting Agreement. The Notes will be issued pursuant to that certain Indenture, dated as of February 1, 1996 (as amended, the "Indenture"), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, and the Officers' Certificates and Authentication Orders, dated October 21, 2014 (collectively, the "Officers' Certificates"), pursuant to Sections 201, 301 and 303 of the Indenture. The offer and sale of the Notes has been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, by Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-179621). The sale of the Notes is expected to close on October 21, 2014.

The purpose of this Current Report is to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission the Underwriting Agreement, the Officers' Certificates and the opinion of Dorsey & Whitney LLP with respect to the validity of the Notes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated October 14, 2014, among the Company, Barclays Capital Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC.

4.1 Officers' Certificate and Authentication Order, dated October 21, 2014, for the 1.400% Notes due 2017 (which includes the form of Note) issued pursuant to the Indenture.

4.2 Officers' Certificate and Authentication Order, dated October 21, 2014, for the 2.200% Notes due 2019 (which includes the form of Note) issued pursuant to the Indenture.

5.1 Opinion of Dorsey & Whitney LLP.

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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.

General Mills, Inc.

October 21, 2014

By: *Donal L. Mulligan*

Name: Donal L. Mulligan

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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