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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement TRACTOR SUPPLY CO /DE/ [TSCO] A Stanton Alexander L (Month/Day/Year) 09/27/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 200 POWELL PLACE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting \_X\_\_ Officer Other Person BRENTWOOD, TNÂ 37027 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Senior VP Supply Chain Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 9,638 Â Common Stock 8,098 (1) D Common Stock Ι Stock Purchase Plan 71 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership

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			(Instr. 4)  Title Amount or Number of Shares		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	03/30/2007	03/30/2016	Employee Stock Option	3,011	\$ 33.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	03/30/2008	03/30/2016	Employee Stock Option	3,011	\$ 33.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	03/30/2009	03/30/2016	Employee Stock Option	3,011	\$ 33.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	03/30/2008	03/30/2016	Employee Stock Option	2,311	\$ 33.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	03/30/2009	03/30/2016	Employee Stock Option	3,656	\$ 33.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/07/2008	02/07/2017	Employee Stock Option	6,333	\$ 23.0825	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/07/2009	02/07/2017	Employee Stock Option	6,333	\$ 23.0825	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/07/2010	02/07/2017	Employee Stock Option	2,002	\$ 23.0825	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/07/2010	02/07/2017	Employee Stock Option	2,200	\$ 23.0825	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/04/2012	02/04/2019	Employee Stock Option	5,841	\$ 17.1175	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/03/2011	02/03/2020	Employee Stock Option	5,758	\$ 26.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/03/2012	02/03/2020	Employee Stock Option	5,759	\$ 26.2075	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/03/2013	02/03/2020	Employee Stock Option	5,759	\$ 26.2075	D	Â

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Employee Stock Option	02/02/2012	02/02/2021	Employee Stock Option	3,626	\$ 51.695	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/02/2013	02/02/2021	Employee Stock Option	3,625	\$ 51.695	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/02/2014	02/02/2021	Employee Stock Option	3,625	\$ 51.695	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/08/2013	02/08/2022	Employee Stock Option	3,169	\$ 85.08	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/08/2014	02/08/2022	Employee Stock Option	3,169	\$ 85.08	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	02/08/2015	02/08/2022	Employee Stock Option	3,169	\$ 85.08	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer of the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Stanton Alexander L 200 POWELL PLACE BRENTWOOD Â TNÂ 37027	Â	Â	Senior VP Supply Chain	Â			

#### **Signatures**

By: /s/ Alexander L.
Stanton

\*\*Signature of Reporting

Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting
Person

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Represents restricted stock units granted under the Tractor Supply Company 2009 Stock Incentive Plan. Each restricted stock unit

  (1) represents a contingent right to receive one share of Tractor Supply Company common stock. The restricted stock units vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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