FRESH BRANDS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

STEMLAR THOMAS M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

FRESH BRANDS INC [FRSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

451 EAST SADDLEBROOK LANE

01/01/2005

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

VERNON HILLS, IL 60061

(State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

2,000 D

Common Stock

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)

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number comf 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 |
| Option (right to buy) (1) | \$ 7.75 | 01/01/2005 | | A | 5,000 | 01/01/2005 | 01/01/2015 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Option (right to buy) (1) | \$ 8.26 | | | | | 05/26/2004 | 05/26/2014 | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships | |
|--|--|
|--|--|

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEMLAR THOMAS M 451 EAST SADDLEBROOK LANE X VERNON HILLS, IL 60061

Signatures

/s/ Stemlar, 01/04/2005 Thomas M.

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) Options granted pursuant to the 2001 Nonemployee Director Nonqualified Stock Option Plan.

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