

Stanton Alexander L  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Stanton Alexander L		(Month/Day/Year)	TRACTOR SUPPLY CO /DE/ [TSCO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
200 POWELL PLACE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
BRENTWOOD,Â TNÂ 37027			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Senior VP Supply Chain	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	9,638	D	Â
Common Stock	8,098 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	71	I	Stock Purchase Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(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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Option Type	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Instrument	Quantity	Exercise Price	Category	Code
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			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stanton Alexander L 200 POWELL PLACE BRENTWOOD, TN 37027	Â	Â	Â Senior VP Supply Chain	Â

## Signatures

By: /s/ Alexander L. Stanton  
Date: 10/11/2012

\*\*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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