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(Print or Type F	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> ARONOWITZ DAVID M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (Mi		COTTS COMPANY [SMG]					(Check all applicable)			
		(M	onth/Da	ay/Year)	ansaction			Director 10% Owner			
C/O THE SO COMPANY ROAD	COTTS 7, 14111 SCOTTSI		/01/20	)04				X Officer (giv below) EVP,	GC and Secret	ner (specify ary	
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>			
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(City)	(State) (Z	Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common				Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Shares	12/01/2004			А	700	А	\$0	700	D		
Common Shares								350	D		
Common Shares								1,821.84 <u>(1)</u>	Ι	By 401(K) Plan	
Common Shares								6,197.16 <u>(2)</u>	Ι	By Deferral Plan	
								193.2 <u>(3)</u>	Ι		

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Common
Shares

By Stock Purchase Plan

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)

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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 69	12/01/2004		А	16,200	12/01/2007	12/01/2014	Common Shares	16,200

## **Reporting Owners**

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
ARONOWITZ DAVID M C/O THE SCOTTS COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041			EVP, GC and Secretary					
Signatures								
Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fac Aronowitz	t for Dav	id M.	12/02/2004					
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting	Person		Date					

## **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) Represents common shares held in the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Retirement Savings Plan ("401(K) Plan") a/o 9/ 30/04.

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- (2) Represents common shares held in the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Executive Retirement Plan (the "Deferral Plan") a/o 9/30/04.
- (3) Represents common shares held in the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Associate Stock Purchase Plan a/o 9/30/04.

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