

SPARTAN STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 18, 2002

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**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: October 17, 2002  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Commission File Number: 000-31127

**Michigan**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)  
of Incorporation or Organization)

**38-0593940**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**850 76th Street, S.W.**  
**P.O. Box 8700**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**49518**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(616) 878-2000**

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated October 17, 2002.

**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 17, 2002, Spartan Stores, Inc. issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which is here incorporated by reference. This report and the exhibit are furnished, not filed.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 18, 2002

SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Alex J. DeYonker

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Alex J. DeYonker  
Secretary

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| 99.1                      | Press Release Dated October 17, 2002 |