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ANNUAL REPORT
1996



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

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(1)

1. Corporation Name

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY

Principal Place of Business

CHECKERBOARD SQUARE
INCOME TAX - 3A
ST. LOUIS MO 63164

Mailing Address

CHECKERBOARD SQUARE
INCOME TAX - 3A
ST. LOUIS MO 63164



3. Date Incorporated or Qualified 02/29/1932	3a. Date of Last Report 06/06/1995
4. FEI Number 43-0470580	Applied For <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
5. Certificate of Status Desired <input type="checkbox"/>	\$8.75 Additional Fee Required
6. Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund Contribution <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5.00 May Be Added to Fees
8. This corporation has liability for intangible tax under s. 199.032, Florida Statutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

2. Principal Place of Business	2a. Mailing Address
21 Suite, Apt. #, etc.	26 Suite, Apt. #, etc.
22 City & State	27 City & State
23 Zip	28 Zip
24 Country	29 Country
25	30

9. Name and Address of Current Registered Agent

THE PRENTICE-HALL CORPORATION SYSTEM, INC.
1201 HAYS STREET
SUITE 105
TALLAHASSEE FL 32301

10. Name and Address of New Registered Agent

81 Name	85 Zip Code
82 Street Address (P.O. Box Number is Not Acceptable)	
83	
84 City	

11. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 607.0502 and 607.1508, Florida Statutes, the above-named corporation submits this statement for the purpose of changing its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida. Such change was authorized by the corporation's board of directors. I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with, and accept the obligations of, Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

SIGNATURE

Signature: typed or printed name of registered agent and title if applicable

(NOTE: Registered Agent signature required when reinstating)

DATE

12. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS		13. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS IN 12	
TITLE	CPD	1.1 TITLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Addition
NAME	STIRITZ, WILLIAM P.	1.2 NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CHECKERBOARD SQUARE	1.3 STREET ADDRESS	
CITY - ST - ZIP	ST LOUIS MO	1.4 CITY - ST - ZIP	
TITLE	V	2.1 TITLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Addition
NAME	BROWN, JAY W.	2.2 NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CHECKERBOARD SQUARE	2.3 STREET ADDRESS	
CITY - ST - ZIP	ST LOUIS MO	2.4 CITY - ST - ZIP	
TITLE	VS	3.1 TITLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Addition
NAME	NEVILLE, JAMES M.	3.2 NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CHECKERBOARD SQUARE	3.3 STREET ADDRESS	
CITY - ST - ZIP	ST LOUIS MO	3.4 CITY - ST - ZIP	
TITLE	T	4.1 TITLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Addition
NAME	WINNEY, R.D.	4.2 NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CHECKERBOARD SQUARE	4.3 STREET ADDRESS	
CITY - ST - ZIP	ST LOUIS MO	4.4 CITY - ST - ZIP	
TITLE	VPC	5.1 TITLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Addition
NAME	WRAY, A. M.	5.2 NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CHECKERBOARD SQUARE	5.3 STREET ADDRESS	
CITY - ST - ZIP	ST. LOUIS MO	5.4 CITY - ST - ZIP	
TITLE	AT	6.1 TITLE	<input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Addition
NAME	WEINEL, R. B.	6.2 NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CHECKERBOARD SQUARE	6.3 STREET ADDRESS	
CITY - ST - ZIP	ST. LOUIS MO	6.4 CITY - ST - ZIP	

14. I do hereby certify that the information supplied with this filing is voluntarily furnished and does not qualify for the exemption stated in Section 119.07(3)(k), Florida Statutes. I further certify that the information indicated on this annual report or supplemental annual report is true and accurate and that my signature shall have the same legal effect as if made under oath; that I am an officer or director of the corporation or the receiver or trustee empowered to execute this report as required by Chapter 607, Florida Statutes; and that my name appears in Block 12 or Block 13 if changed, or on an attachment with an address.

SIGNATURE *R.B. Weinell*

R.B. WEINEL, ASST. SECRETARY

4/15/96

314-982-2466

SIGNATURE AND TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF SIGNING OFFICER OR DIRECTOR

Date

Daytime Phone #

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RALSTON PURINA COMPANY

OFFICERS

<u>STIRITZ</u> , W. P.	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer & President	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>BROWN</u> , J. W.	Vice President	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>ELSESSER</u> , J. R.	Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>MANNIX</u> , P.C.	Vice President	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>McGINNIS</u> , W. P.	Vice President	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>MEFFERT</u> , G. L., JR.	Vice President	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>MULCAHY</u> , J. P.	Vice President	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>NEVILLE</u> , J. M.	Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>WRAY</u> , A.M.	Vice President & Controller	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>WINNEY</u> , R. D.	Treasurer	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>WEINEL</u> , R. B.	Assistant Treasurer	Checkerboard Square St. Louis MO 63164

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OFFICERS (cont.)

<u>FORSMAN</u> , A. E.	Assistant Secretary	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>GROSCH</u> , T. L.	Assistant Secretary	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>HAMILTON</u> , N. E.	Assistant Secretary	Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164

DIRECTORS

<u>BANKS</u> , D. R.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>BIGGS</u> , J. H.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>DANFORTH</u> , D., JR.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>DANFORTH</u> , W. H.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>FARRELL</u> , D. C.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>INGRAM</u> , M. D.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>LIDDY</u> , R. A.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>McDONNELL</u> , J. F.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>ORTEGA</u> , K. D.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164
<u>STIRITZ</u> , W. P.		Checkerboard Square St. Louis, MO 63164