

CRUTCHER MICHAEL B  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CRUTCHER MICHAEL B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
BROWN FORMAN CORP [BFA, BFB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
850 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman/General Counsel

LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common					15,326	D	
Class B Common	12/09/2005		M		7,156	A	\$ 30.63 16,518
Class B Common	12/09/2005		M		6,550	A	\$ 31.13 23,068
Class B Common	12/09/2005		S		13,706	D	\$ 70.065 9,362
Class B Common					1,800	I	RET Account

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 50					05/01/2006 08/31/2007	Class B Common	60
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.63	12/09/2005		M	7,156	05/01/2001 04/30/2008	Class B Common	7,156
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.13	12/09/2005		M	6,550	05/01/2002 04/30/2009	Class B Common	6,550
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.22					05/01/2003 04/30/2010	Class B Common	9,700
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.17					05/01/2004 04/30/2011	Class B Common	7,700
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.11					05/01/2005 04/30/2012	Class B Common	9,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRUTCHER MICHAEL B 850 DIXIE HIGHWAY			Vice Chairman/General Counsel	

LOUISVILLE, KY 40210

## Signatures

Nelea A. Absher, Attn In Fact for: Michael B.  
Crutcher

12/12/2005

\_\_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).

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