

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET CO  
Form 8-K  
December 11, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant To Section 13 of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **December 11, 2012**

**Central Garden & Pet Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**                      **001-33268**                      **68-0275553**  
(State or other jurisdiction    (Commission File    (IRS Employer

of incorporation)              Number)                      Identification No.)

**1340 Treat Boulevard, Suite 600, Walnut Creek, California**    **94597**  
(Address of principal executive offices)                                      (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code    **(925) 948-4000**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On December 11, 2012, Central Garden & Pet Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 29, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated December 11, 2012.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

CENTRAL GARDEN  
& PET COMPANY

By: /s/ Lori Varlas  
Lori Varlas  
Senior Vice  
President and  
Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: December 11, 2012