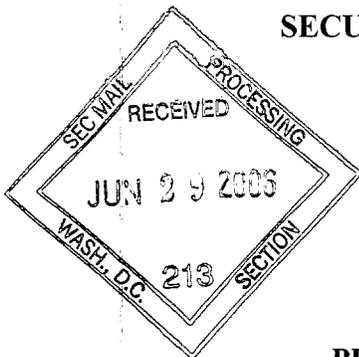


UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549



FORM 11-K



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ANNUAL REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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(Mark One):

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Nos. 333-66430 and 333-100794

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from  
that of the issuer named below: **SPARTAN STORES, INC. SAVINGS  
PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES**

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the  
address of its principal executive office: **SPARTAN STORES, INC., 850  
76<sup>th</sup> STREET, S.W., GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49518-8700**

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## **REQUIRED INFORMATION**

The following financial statements and schedules are filed as part of this report:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Statements of Assets Available for Benefits  
as of December 31, 2005 and 2004

Statements of Changes in Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended  
December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004

Notes to Financial Statements

Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2005

## **EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

99.1 Performance Table

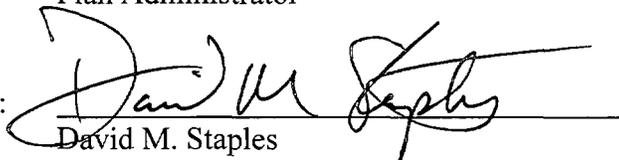
## SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES

Dated: June 28, 2006

By: SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
Plan Administrator

By:   
David M. Staples  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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**SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES**

**June 28, 2006**

**This document constitutes part of a prospectus covering securities  
that have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933.**

***Performance History***

The following table illustrates the investment performance of Spartan Stores common stock, assuming the reinvestment of dividends. The table shows the value of a hypothetical initial investment of \$1,000 invested on March 31, 2001, and its value as of the end of each subsequent fiscal year shown below. Spartan Stores' fiscal year ends on the last Saturday of March each year.

	Initial Investment on 3/31/01 <u>Value</u>	3/30/02 <u>Value</u>	3/29/03 <u>Value</u>	3/27/04 <u>Value</u>	3/26/05 <u>Value</u>	3/25/2006 <u>Value</u>
Spartan Stores, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 771.25	\$ 237.94	\$ 484.08	\$ 1,116.88	\$ 1,296.40

Spartan Stores did not pay any dividends on its common stock during the fiscal years ended March 30, 2002, March 29, 2003, March 27, 2004, and March 26, 2005. The Company paid a quarterly dividend of \$.05 per common share on March 14, 2006. The Company's adoption of a dividend policy does not commit the board of directors to declare future dividends. Any future dividends will be considered and declared by the board of directors in its discretion. The ability of the board of directors to continue to declare dividends will depend on a number of factors, including the Company's future financial condition and profitability and compliance with the terms of its credit facilities.

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Plan Administrator  
Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates  
850 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements No. 333-66430 and No. 333-100794 of Spartan Stores, Inc. on Form S-8 of our report dated June 14, 2006, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 11-K of Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates for the year ended December 31, 2005.

June 27, 2006  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rehmann Kolson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.



**SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR  
UNION ASSOCIATES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2005 AND 2004**



**REHMANN ROBSON**

*Certified Public Accountants*

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**  
**SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES**

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Note: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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# REHMANN ROBSON

*Certified Public Accountants*

*A member of THE REHMANN GROUP*

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

June 14, 2006

Plan Administrator  
Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates  
850 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates as of December 31, 2005, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended and the December 31, 2005 supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements and supplemental schedule are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The financial statements of Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates for the year ended December 31, 2004 were audited by other auditors whose report dated June 8, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audit of the 2005 financial statements in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit of the 2005 financial statements provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the 2005 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates as of December 31, 2005, and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic 2005 financial statements taken as a whole. The December 31, 2005 supplemental schedule listed in the Table of Contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic 2005 financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

REHMANN ROBSON

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.  
SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES**

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	<b>December 31</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
Plan interest in Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Master Trust	\$ 26,513,453	\$ 23,600,858
Participant loans	1,126,982	922,978
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>27,640,435</b>	<b>24,523,836</b>
Participant contributions receivable	58,660	27,964
<b>Total assets (equal to net assets available for benefits)</b>	<b>\$ 27,699,095</b>	<b>\$ 24,551,800</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**

	<u>Year Ended December 31</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Additions to assets attributed to:</b>		
<b>Investment income</b>		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments in Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Master Trust	\$ 1,870,127	\$ 1,991,818
Interest and dividends	725,044	328,524
<b>Total investment income</b>	<u>2,595,171</u>	<u>2,320,342</u>
Employee contributions	<u>1,709,130</u>	<u>1,620,751</u>
<b>Total additions</b>	<u><b>4,304,301</b></u>	<u><b>3,941,093</b></u>
<b>Deductions from assets attributed to:</b>		
Benefits paid to participants	1,156,256	1,698,340
Administrative expenses	<u>750</u>	<u>945</u>
<b>Total deductions</b>	<u><b>1,157,006</b></u>	<u><b>1,699,285</b></u>
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>3,147,295</b>	<b>2,241,808</b>
<b>Net assets available for plan benefits</b>		
Beginning of year	<u>24,551,800</u>	<u>22,309,992</u>
<b>End of year</b>	<u><b>\$ 27,699,095</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 24,551,800</b></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**  
**SAVINGS PLUS PLAN FOR UNION ASSOCIATES**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following description of the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for Union Associates (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**Description of the Plan**

***General***

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees of Spartan Stores, Inc. (the "Plan Sponsor" or "Company") represented by the General Teamsters Union. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon attaining age 21 and having 6 consecutive months of employment with 500 service hours, or 1,000 service hours in 12 consecutive months since the date of hire. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

***Contributions***

Participants are eligible to contribute up to 75% of their pay as tax-deferred contributions, subject to limits in the Internal Revenue Code. Participants direct the investment of contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. As of December 31, 2005, the plan offered 18 mutual funds and the common stock of the Plan Sponsor as investment options for participants. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

***Participant Accounts***

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Plan earnings and expenses are allocated based on the ratio of each participant's account balance to the total account balance. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

***Vesting***

All funds contributed to the Plan are 100% vested and nonforfeitable.

***Participant Loans***

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of 50% of the participant's account balance. Additionally, to be non-taxable, the loan cannot exceed \$50,000, reduced by the participant's highest outstanding loan balance during the 12 month period immediately preceding the loan date. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years, or up to 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are

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secured by the balance in the participants account and bear interest at rates ranging from 7.25% to 9.0%, which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator at the time the loan was made. Principal and interest is reimbursed ratably through payroll deductions.

***Payment of Benefits***

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant, or his or her beneficiary, receives a lump sum amount equal to the value of the participant's account or installment payment as defined by the Plan agreement. All accounts less than \$5,000 in value as of the last date of employment require a lump sum distribution; all participants with vested accounts equal to or greater than \$5,000 are given the option for distribution, or maintaining their accounts in the Plan.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Accounting***

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared using the accrual method of accounting.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***Investment Valuation and Income Recognition***

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Except for participant loans, fair value is determined by closing market prices at the end of the Plan year. Participant loans are valued at their outstanding balance, which approximates fair values. Unrealized appreciation or depreciation in the aggregate fair value of investments represents the change in the difference between aggregate fair value and the cost of investments, including reinvestment of earnings. The realized gain or loss on sale of investments is the difference between the proceeds received and the average cost of investments sold.

Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of net appreciation in fair market value of investments for such investments.

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***Administrative Expenses***

The Plan's administrative expenses, including salaries, accounting, and legal, are paid by the Company and qualify as party-in-interest transactions which are exempt from prohibited transaction rules. Fees for participant record keeping services were paid by the Plan.

***Payment of benefits***

Benefits are deducted from plan assets when paid.

***Reclassification***

Certain amounts as reported in the 2004 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2005 presentation.

**2. INVESTMENTS**

The Plan's investments consist of an interest in Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Master Trust (the "Master Trust"), a trust established by the Plan Sponsor and administered by Mercer HR Outsourcing ("Mercer"). The Master Trust permits co-mingling of the trust assets of the Plan and the Spartan Stores, Inc. Savings Plus Plan for investment and administrative purposes. Mercer maintains supporting records for the purpose of allocating investments at fair value and the net gain or loss of the investment account to the participating plans. The following is a summary of information regarding the trust that was prepared from information supplied by the trustee and furnished to the Plan administrator for each plan in the Master Trust.

Interest and dividends and the net appreciation for both participating plans in the Master Trust for the year ended December 31, 2005 are summarized as follows:

Interest and dividends	<u>\$ 3,689,110</u>
Net appreciation in value of investments:	
Mutual funds	5,627,133
Common stock	<u>3,395,612</u>
Total net appreciation	<u>9,022,745</u>
Net investment gain	<u>\$ 12,711,855</u>

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The assets of the Master Trust are summarized as follows at December 31:

<b>Investments at fair value:</b>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Fidelity Advisor Diversified International Fund	\$ 9,297,873	\$ 9,569,492
Lord Abbett Midcap Value Fund	6,440,598	5,139,351
Neuberger Berman Genesis Advisor Fund	7,752,402	5,831,412
AIM Small Cap Growth Fund	2,004,478	1,898,321
Growth Fund of America	2,215,263	919,503
PIMCO Total Return Fund	7,590,915	7,258,609
Thornburg International Value Fund	2,008,469	-
Calamos Growth Fund	6,268,439	5,123,548
The George Putnam Fund of Boston	6,780,233	6,979,781
Putnam Fund for Growth and Income	3,136,482	3,125,235
Putnam Investors Fund	14,382,682	14,233,891
Putnam Voyager Fund	14,491,246	15,413,326
Putnam New Opportunities Fund	4,590,169	4,578,483
Putnam Asset Allocation: Growth Portfolio	3,299,170	2,906,971
Putnam Asset Allocation: Balanced Portfolio	7,352,862	6,349,663
Putnam Asset Allocation: Conservative Portfolio	2,962,491	3,149,714
Putnam S&P 500 Index	11,490,711	12,197,288
Spartan Stores, Inc. Common Stock	7,829,017	6,044,932
Putnam Stable Value Fund	14,142,928	12,863,152
Unallocated cash	<u>4,296</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments	<u>\$ 134,040,724</u>	<u>\$ 123,582,672</u>
Plan's investment in the Master Trust	<u>\$ 26,513,453</u>	<u>\$ 23,600,858</u>
Plan's percentage interest in total assets of the Master Trust	<u>19.78 %</u>	<u>19.10 %</u>

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**3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Certain investments held by the Plan are managed by Mercer, the custodian and trustee of the Plan. Such investments fall within the investment guidelines of the Plan and are considered related party transactions. All participating plans in the Master Trust held \$82,628,974 and \$81,797,504 in such investments as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Fees paid to MERCER during 2005 and 2004 were \$2,654 and \$2,342, respectively.

**4. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on February 6, 2003, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter, the Plan administrator and the Plan's legal counsel believe that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

**5. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed an intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

**6. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan provides for various investment options in mutual funds and common stock of the Plan sponsor. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of assets available for benefits.

**7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

In April 2006, the Administrator of the trust was changed from Mercer to Fidelity Investments Institutional Operations Company, Inc. The transfer of assets occurred on April 3, 2006.

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**SPARTAN STORES, INC.**  
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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS**  
**(HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2005**

**PLAN NO. 003**

**EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO. 38-0593940**

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<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party</b>	<b>(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value</b>	<b>(e) Current Value</b>
*	Putnam Investments	Participant loans, maturity 1 – 5 years, with rates ranging between 7.25% and 9.0%, collateral – participant account balances	\$ 1,126,982

a) An asterisk in this column identifies a person known to be a party in interest.