FORM 11-K

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

For the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1996

OR

## [ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-14616

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

J & J Snack Foods Corp. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

J & J Snack Foods Corp. 6000 Central Highway Pennsauken, NJ 08109

EXHIBIT 24.1

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

We have issued our report dated April 4, 1997 accompanying the financial statements and schedules incorporated by reference or included in the Annual Report of J & J Snack Foods Corp. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 1996. We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of said report in the Registration Statement of J & J Snack Foods Corp. on Form S-8 (File No. 33-87532, effective December 16, 1994).

## GRANT THORNTON

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 25, 1997

## SIGNATURES

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 its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

J & J Snack Foods Corp. 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan

Plan Administrator