

TYSON FOODS INC

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PLESS RODNEY S

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762-6999
Telephone	479-290-4000
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Symbol	TSN
SIC Code	2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing
Industry	Food Processing
Sector	Consumer/Non-Cyclical
Fiscal Year	09/30

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
PLESS RODNEY S			TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior VP, Control		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
4356 SAVANNAH LANE			9/19/2003					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock								38028	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.33	9/19/2003		A	6000	9/19/2003 (1)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	6000	\$0	6000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.32					10/15/2003 (2)	10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	6000		6000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.64					10/10/2004 (3)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	6000		6000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.50					3/29/2003 (4)	3/29/2011	Class A Common Stock	15000		15000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This Stock Option vests at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.
- (2) The stock option vests at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter.
- (3) The Stock Option vests at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (4) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.

Remarks:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PLESS RODNEY S 4356 SAVANNAH LANE SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Senior VP, Control	

Signatures

/s/ Pless, Rodney S.

9/23/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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