

TYSON FOODS INC

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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
CIK	0000100493
Symbol	TSN
SIC Code	2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing
Industry	Food Processing
Sector	Consumer/Non-Cyclical
Fiscal Year	09/30

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * King Donnie <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY <small>(Street)</small> SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/9/2009 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr. Group VP, Poultry and Prep 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	12/9/2009		D (1)		11185	D	\$0	34622	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/9/2009		F (2)		4276	D	\$0	30346	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/9/2009		A (3)		24096	A	\$0	54442	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/9/2009		S		2500	D	\$12.54	5567	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock								239	I	Retirement Savings Plan
Class A Common Stock								950	I	Joint IRA Account

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) On December 9, 2009, the Issuer entered into a new employment agreement (the "Agreement") with the Reporting Person. In connection with the Agreement 12,782 previously reported shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested on December 9, 2009 and 11,185 shares were cancelled.
- (2) On December 9, 2009, pursuant to an election previously made by the Reporting Person, 4,276 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described above in note 1.

(3) Award of restricted Class A Common Stock pursuant to Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan to vest on December 9, 2012, pursuant to the Agreement.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
King Donnie 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Sr. Group VP, Poultry and Prep	

Signatures

Donnie King

12/10/2009

** 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).

** 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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