

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 3

(Initial Statement of 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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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		
Webster Jeffrey			11/14/2008		TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Sr. VP Renewable Products Div. /				
(Street)			5. 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	66618	D	
Class A Common Stock	4248	I	By Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	9/29/2006 (1)	9/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	6000.0000	\$15.9600	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/16/2007 (2)	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	8000.0000	\$16.3500	D	
	11/16/2009		Class A				

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	11/16/2017	Common Stock	8000.0000	\$15.0600	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/14/2010 (4)	11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock	10000.0000	\$4.9000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/17/2008 (5)	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	8000.0000	\$15.3700	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 09-29-06 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-16-07 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (3) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-16-09 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (4) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-14-10 and 20% each year threereafter for the following three years.
- (5) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-17-08 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Webster Jeffrey 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Sr. VP Renewable Products Div.	

Signatures

By: Nathan A. Hodne, by Power of Attorney for

11/24/2008

** 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 5(b)(v).

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