

TYSON FOODS INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 31, 2000

TYSON FOODS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	0-3400	71-0225165
(State or Other Jurisdiction or Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)
2210 West Oaklawn Drive, Springdale, Arkansas		72762
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's Telephone number, including area code		(501)290-4000

Not applicable

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

Item 5. Other Events

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by one of the registrant's customers, AmeriServe Food Distribution, Inc. See the registrant's press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements. Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated January 31, 2000, of Tyson Foods, Inc.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TYSON FOODS, INC.

Dated: February 4, 2000

By: /s/Steven Hankins

*Steven Hankins
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer*

TYSON FOODS PRESS RELEASE

Statement of Tyson Foods, Inc. Regarding AmeriServe's Reorganization

Springdale, AR - January 31, 2000 - Monday afternoon AmeriServe Food Distribution, Inc. filed for reorganization in Wilmington, DE under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. AmeriServe is a significant distributor of products to several fast food and casual restaurant chains. Tyson Foods, Inc. is a major supplier to AmeriServe's customers and at the time of the filing had approximately \$25 million in trade credit extended to AmeriServe. This filing comes as a surprise since in recent conversation regarding credit matters Tyson was given every assurance that AmeriServe had no plans for bankruptcy.

Tyson and the customers served by AmeriServe are engaged in discussions to assure continuity of supply of Tyson products to their restaurants.

For further information, contact Louis Gottsponer, Tyson's Director of Investor Relations at (501)290-4826 or Ed Nicholson, Corporate Public Relations Manager at (501)290-4591.

End of Filing