

TYSON FOODS INC

Reported by
TYSON JOHN H

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 |

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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$9.32 | 2/7/2011 | | M | | 200000 | 10/15/2003 | 10/15/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 200000 | \$9.32 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents 3,863 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan or received pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's stock plans since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Represents 626 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's stock plans since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TYSON JOHN H 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | X | | | |

Signatures

R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for John Tyson

2/8/2011

** 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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