

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
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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**

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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 * PETERSON ROBERT L <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 2210 W. OAKLAWN <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 <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small> <p align="center">9/26/2003</p>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <small>(Check all applicable)</small> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		J (I)	V	3989	A	\$0	558620	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		M		9389	A	\$10.6500	568009	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		M		133471	A	\$10.6500	701480	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		M		42640	A	\$9.9700	744120	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		185500	D	\$14.0151	558620	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		35076	D	\$14.1024	523544	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		56	D	\$14.2700	523488	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		1200	D	\$14.2600	522288	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		5000	D	\$14.2500	517288	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		75000	D	\$14.2000	442288	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		5000	D	\$14.1800	437288	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/26/2003		S		161000	D	\$14.0000	276288	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.65	9/26/2003		M			9389	(2)	12/22/2005	Class A Common Stock	9389	\$0	0	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.65	9/26/2003		M			133471	(3)	12/22/2005	Class A Common Stock	133471	\$0	0	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.97	9/26/2003		M			42640	(3)	10/1/2006	Class A Common Stock	42640	\$0	18760	D			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.97							(2)	10/1/2006	Class A Common Stock	10030		10030	D			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.68							(3)	12/24/2007	Class A Common Stock	71430		71430	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Acquisition of 3,989 shares pursuant to reinvestment of dividends or interest. (DRIPS)
Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 1, 2001 by and among Issuer, Lasso Acquisition Corporation ("Lasso"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Issuer, and IBP, inc. ("IBP"), all options granted by IBP and outstanding on September 28, 2001 (the date IBP merged with Lasso) converted into options to buy Issuer Class A common stock at a predetermined exchange rate.
- (2) All options granted prior to the closing of the tender offer for IBP vested on 7/23/01. For all other options, 40% of the options are exercisable two years after the grant date (the date listed above represents the date 40% become exercisable), and an additional 20% vest in each of the following three years. After 5 years 100% of the options are exercisable.
- (3) exercisable two years after the grant date (the date listed above represents the date 40% become exercisable), and an additional 20% vest in each of the following three years. After 5 years 100% of the options are exercisable.

Remarks:

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERSON ROBERT L 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	X			

Signatures

/s/ Peterson,
Robert L.

9/22/2003

** 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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