

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
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Symbol	TSN
SIC Code	2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing
Industry	Food Processing
Sector	Consumer/Non-Cyclical
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hart Craig	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 9/3/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2210 W. OAKLAWN	4. 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 VP, Ch. Acct Officer & Cont /	
(Street) SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 (City) (State) (Zip)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	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

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	6027	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock	19209	D (1)	

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			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/25/2010	Class A Common Stock	1759	\$10.81	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/25/2010	Class A Common Stock	2051	\$10.81	D	
			Class A				

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/15/2003 (3)	10/15/2011	Common Stock	5040	\$9.32	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/10/2004 (4)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	4080	\$9.64	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	9/19/2005 (5)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	4080	\$13.33	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Award of stock pursuant to IBP Long Term Restricted Stock Plan granted on 12-26-00 to vest on 12-25-05.
- (2) All options granted prior to the closing of the tender offer for IBP, inc vested on 7-23-01.
- (3) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (4) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (5) This Stock Options vest at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hart Craig 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Sr VP, Ch. Acct Officer & Cont	

Signatures

/s/ Hart, Craig J

9/9/2004

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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