

TYSON FOODS INC

FORM DEFA14A

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14A

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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Tyson Foods, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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TYSON FOODS, INC.



Tyson Foods, Inc.

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762-6999

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Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual
For holders as of: December 08, 2009
Date: February 05, 2010 **Time:** 10:00 AM CST
Location: Holiday Inn
Northwest Arkansas Convention Center
1500 South 48th St.
Springdale, AR 72762

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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— **Before You Vote** —
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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— **How To Vote** —
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the 12 Digit Control Number available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Vote By Telephone: You may vote by calling 1-800-690-6903 using any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the following:

1. Election of Directors:

Nominees:

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| 01) Don Tyson | 06) Brad T. Sauer |
| 02) John Tyson | 07) Robert Thurber |
| 03) Lloyd V. Hackley | 08) Barbara A. Tyson |
| 04) Jim Keever | 09) Albert C. Zapanta |
| 05) Kevin M. McNamara | |

The Board of Directors recommends you vote **FOR** the following proposal(s):

2. To reapprove the Annual Incentive Compensation Plan for Senior Executive Officers; and
3. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accountant for the fiscal year ending October 2, 2010.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote **AGAINST** the following proposal(s):

4. To consider and act upon shareholder proposal 1 regarding a report on the prevention of runoff and other forms of water pollution;
5. To consider and act upon shareholder proposal 2 regarding expansion of the Tyson Foods, Inc. sustainability report; and
6. To consider and act upon shareholder proposal 3 regarding use of antibiotics in animal feed.

The Board of Directors does not have a recommendation for voting on the following proposal:

7. To consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting of Shareholders or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

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