

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
CIK	0000100493
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 * Smith Donald <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY <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 (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/5/2010	5. 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) President and CEO 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
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	3/4/2010		G (1)	V	320	D	\$0	152247	D	
Class A Common Stock	3/29/2010		G (1)	V	193	D	\$0	152054	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/30/2010		J (2)	V	810	A	\$0	152864	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/5/2010		M (4)		7002	A	(3)	159866	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/5/2010		S (4)		2342	D	\$16.13	157524	D	
Class A Common Stock	9/30/2010		J (5)	V	4786	A	\$0	44808	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock								904	I	by custodian for child
Class A Common Stock								4527	I	by Spouse

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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Shares	(3)	10/1/2007	10/5/2010	M (3)		21008	(3)	10/5/2010	Class A Common Stock	21008	(3)	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares given as a gift.
- (2) Represents 810 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan 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.
- (3) On October 1, 2007, the Reporting Person received a grant of performance shares which vested or expired on October 5, 2010. The performance shares could vest at a level of 50%-150% and were previously reported as derivative securities at the 150% level. On October 5, 2010, 7,002 shares vested and are reported herein as acquired non-derivative securities and 14,006 shares have expired.
- (4) On October 5, 2010, 7,002 shares of performance Class A Common Stock vested. The award of these performance shares to the Reporting Person has previously been reported (See Footnote #3). Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 2,342 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on October 5, 2010, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting.
- (5) Represents 4,786 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan 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.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Donald 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			President and CEO	

Signatures/s/ Nathan A. Hodne by Power of Attorney for Donald Smith10/6/2010

** 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).Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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