

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
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 * LEATHERBY DENNIS (Last) (First) (Middle) 2210 W. OAKLAWN (Street) SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/31/2003 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	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) Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer 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	2/5/2004		M		11250	A	\$14.3333	54147	D	
Class A Common Stock	2/5/2004		F		680	D	\$16.9100	53467	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/31/2003		J	V	518 (1)	A	\$0	13715	I	By ESPP

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				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.33	2/5/2004		M		11250	(2)	4/26/2004	Class A Common Stock	11250	\$0	0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.50						(4)	6/1/1998 4/26/2005	Class A Common Stock	2100		2100	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.32						(7)	10/15/2003 10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	6000		6000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.42						(3)	4/26/2003	Class A Common Stock	6000		6000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.17						(5)	11/19/2005	Class A Common Stock	9000		9000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.92						(6)	10/3/2006	Class A Common	7500		7500	D	

