

TYSON FOODS INC

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LOVETTE WILLIAM W

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing
Industry	Food Processing
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lovette William W	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/7/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]
(Last) (First) (Middle) 697 LAURAL RIDGE	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 Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds /	
(Street) SPRINGDALE, AR 72764 (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	148363 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Class A Common Stock	991	I	By ESPP

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			
Performance Shares	(2) (3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	24930	(4)	D	
Performance Shares	(5)	(5)	Class A Common Stock	22796	(4)	D	
			Class A				

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	3/10/2006	Common Stock	30000	\$14.58	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	10/3/2006	Class A Common Stock	30000	\$17.91	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	3/29/2003 (8)	3/29/2011	Class A Common Stock	37500	\$11.50	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/15/2003 (9)	10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	9000	\$9.32	D	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/10/2004 (10)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	9000	\$9.64	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	9/19/2005 (11)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	6000	\$13.33	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Mr. Lovette directly holds 10,565 shares of common stock and 137,798 shares of restricted common stock.
- (2) The awards were effective October 3, 2005, the date the Company priced and determined to offer the filer their new employment contract and the awards. The award agreements were delivered to the filer on October 7, 2005, the date the filer signed their new employment agreement with the Company.
- (3) The award vests two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the second quarter of 2008 fiscal year. One half of the award is based upon a comparison of the market price of Tyson's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the other half by the achievement of the Company of certain cash flow measures.
- (4) Each Performance Share that vests entitles holder to 1 share of Class A Common Stock. The number expressed above is the maximum number of shares that can vest under the grant.
- (5) The award vests two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the 2007 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of Tyson's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the achievement by the Company of certain return on invested capital measures.
- (6) The stock options become exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing three years after date of grant 3/12/96.
- (7) The Stock Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing three years after the date of grant 10/3/96.
- (8) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.
- (9) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (10) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (11) 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
Lovette William W 697 LAURAL RIDGE			Sr Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds	

Signatures

/s/ Lovette, William W

10/11/2005

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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