

TYSON FOODS INC

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LEATHERBY DENNIS

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
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Symbol	TSN
SIC Code	2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing
Industry	Food Processing
Sector	Consumer/Non-Cyclical
Fiscal Year	09/30

FORM 4

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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 *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
LEATHERBY DENNIS			TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]			<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		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)					
2210 W. OAKLAWN			11/12/2004					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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	9/30/2004		J (1)	V	395	A	\$0	15441	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock	10/2/2004		J (2)	V	370	A	\$0	43267	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2004		A (3)		20676	A	\$0	63943	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2004		A (4)		5012	A	\$0	68955	D	

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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 395 shares purchased from 9-01-04 through 10-31-04 for the reporting person's account in the Tyson Foods, Inc Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16 (b)(3).
- (2) Since the last report, the reporting person has received 370 shares of restricted stock pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature for restricted stock grants under the Company's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. These shares have been added to the number reported in Item 5 of Table I."
- (3) Award of stock pursuant to Tyson Foods, Inc. Restricted Stock Bonus Plan that vests on 11-12-09.
- (4) Award of stock pursuant to Tyson Foods, Inc. Restricted Stock Bonus Plan that vests on 10-15-06.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

LEATHERBY DENNIS
2210 W. OAKLAWN
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Leatherby, Dennis

11/15/2004

** 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).

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