

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
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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 * 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) 9/29/2004 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	8/31/2004		J	V	1331 (1)	A	\$0	15046	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock								42897	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				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.96	9/29/2004		A		8000		(2)	9/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	8000	\$0	8000	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)	\$14.50							6/1/1998 (4)	4/26/2005	Class A Common Stock	2100		2100	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 Stock	7500		7500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.50							3/29/2003 (7)	3/29/2011	Class A Common Stock	20000		20000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.32							10/15/2003	10/15/2011	Class A Common	6000		6000	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
								(8)		Stock					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.64							10/10/2004 (9)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	6000		6000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.33							9/19/2005 (10) (11)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	6000		6000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) ncludes 1,331 Shares purchased from 01-01-04 thru 08-31-04, for the reporting person's account under the Tyson Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16b-3.
- (2) The Stock Option vests at 40% on 09-29-06 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (3) The Stock Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing three years after the date of grant 4/26/93.
- (4) The Stock Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing three years after date of grant 6/1/95.
- (5) The stock options become exercisable in five equal annual installments, commencing three years after date of grant 11/20/95.
- (6) The Stock Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing three years after the date of grant 10/3/96.
- (7) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.
- (8) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (9) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (10) This Stock Options vest at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.
- (11) Because of a clerical error, this date was previously reported incorrectly.

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

9/30/2004

** 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).

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