

TYSON FOODS INC

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LOVETTE WILLIAM W

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 * Lovette William W <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 2210 W. OAKLAWN DR. <small>(Street)</small> SPRINGDALE, AR 72764 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]	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 Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">10/2/2006</p>		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
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed <small>(MM/DD/YYYY)</small>		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	9/30/2006		J	V	1302 <small>(1)</small>	A	\$0	149065	D	
Class A Common Stock								1967	I	By ESPP

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security <small>(Instr. 3)</small>	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code <small>(Instr. 8)</small>		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <small>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</small>		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security <small>(Instr. 3 and 4)</small>		8. Price of Derivative Security <small>(Instr. 5)</small>	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <small>(Instr. 4)</small>	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <small>(Instr. 4)</small>
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Shares	(2)	10/2/2006		A		28337		(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	28337	\$0	28337	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents 1,302 shares of restricted stock received by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Company's Stock Plans. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Each Performance Share that vests entitles the reporting person to 1 share of Class A Common Stock. The number expressed above is the maximum number of shares that can vest under the grant.
- (3) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the 2009 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 goals related to return on invested capital.

Reporting Owners

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

Lovette William W
2210 W. OAKLAWN DR.
SPRINGDALE, AR 72764

Sr Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds

Signatures

By: R. Read Hudson, by power of attorney for

10/4/2006

** 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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