

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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| 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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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Davidson Wendy P | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/10/2005 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)] |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4773 TRAILS END LANE | 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) Group VP Food Svc / | |
| (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 | 75077 (1) | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 963 | I | By ESPP |
| Class A Common Stock | 87 | I | By Spouse |
| Class A Common Stock | 322 | I | RSP Stock Match |

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) | (2) | Class A Common Stock | 20775 | (3) (4) | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | | | Class A | | | | |

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|---|--|--------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| (right to buy) | (5) | 10/3/2006 | Common Stock | 6000 | \$17.91 | D | |
| Non-Qualifited Stock Option (right to buy) | 3/29/2003 (6) | 3/29/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 3375 | \$11.50 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/15/2003 (7) | 10/15/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 540 | \$9.32 | D | |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/10/2004 (8) | 10/10/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 1872 | \$9.64 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 9/19/2005 (9) | 9/19/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 2016 | \$13.33 | D | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/15/2003 (7) | 10/15/2011 | Class A Common Stock | 36 | \$9.32 | I | By Spouse |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/10/2004 (8) | 10/10/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 36 | \$9.64 | I | By Spouse |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 9/19/2005 (9) | 9/19/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 26 | \$13.33 | I | By Spouse |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Mrs. Davidson directly holds 2,336 shares of common stock and 72,741 shares shares of restricted common stock.
- (2) 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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 10, 2005, the date the filer signed their new employment agreement with the Company.
- (5) The Stock Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing three years after the date of grant 10/3/96.
- (6) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.
- (7) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (8) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (9) This Stock Options vest at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.

Reporting Owners

| | Relationships |
|--|---------------|
| | |

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
|--|----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| Davidson Wendy P 4773 TRAILS END LANE SPRINGDALE, AR 72764 | | | Group VP Food Svc | |

Signatures

/s/ Davidson, Wendy P

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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