

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 3

(Initial Statement of 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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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Smith Donald	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) 1/4/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2210 W. OAKLAWN	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, Consumer Products /	
(Street) SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 (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	53955	D	
Class A Common Stock	452	I	By Custodian For Child
Class A Common Stock	452	I	By Custodian For Child
Class A Common Stock	30728	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock	4527	I	By Spouse Trust

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			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/10/2004 (1)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	1392.0000	\$9.64	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	9/19/2005		Class A				

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
(right to buy)	(2)	9/19/2013	Common Stock	2784.0000	\$13.33	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	9/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	6000.0000	\$15.96	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/16/2007 (4)	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	10000.0000	\$16.35	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/16/2009 (5)	11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock	40000.0000	\$15.06 (5)	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	11/17/2008 (6)	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	20000.0000	\$15.37 (6)	D	
Performance Shares	(7)	(7)	Class A Common Stock	9445.8438	(8)	D	
Performance Shares	(9)	(9)	Class A Common Stock	8310.2493	(8)	D	
Performance Shares	(10)	(10)	Class A Common Stock	21008.4034	(8)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The Stock Options vested at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) This Stock Options vest at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (3) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 09-29-06 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (4) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-16-07 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (5) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-16-09 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (6) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-17-08 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (7) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Issuer's public announcement of its earnings for the 2009 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the achievement by the Issuer of certain goals related to return on invested capital. The number of performance shares that can vest under the awards range from 50% to 150% of a target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.
- (8) Each Performance Share that vests entitles the reporting person to 1 share of Class A Common Stock. The number is the maximum number of shares that can vest under the grant.
- (9) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Issuer's public announcement of its earnings for the 2008 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the achievement by the Issuer of certain goals related to return on invested capital. The number of performance shares that can vest under the awards range from 50% to 150% of a target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.

(10) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Issuer's 2010 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies. The number of performance shares that can vest under the awards range from 50% to 150% of a target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Donald 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Group VP, Consumer Products	

Signatures

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

1/14/2008

** 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 5(b)(v).

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