

# TYSON FOODS INC

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**TYSON JOHN H**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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

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Section 17(a) of the Public  
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>TYSON JOHN H</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>2210 W. OAKLAWN</b>  <small>(Street)</small>  <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>TYSON FOODS INC [ TSN ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span> <b>Chairman &amp; CEO</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)  <p align="center"><b>9/19/2003</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)		

**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	9/19/2003		J		2560 (1)	A	\$0	72047	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock								2349676	D	
Class A Common Stock								1000	I	By Daughter
Class A Common Stock								1000	I	By Son

**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)	\$13.33	9/19/2003		A		500000		9/19/2003 (2)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	500000	\$0	500000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.42							(3)	4/26/2003	Class A Common Stock	18750		18750	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$14.50							6/1/1998 (4)	4/26/2005	Class A Common Stock	3750		3750	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.17							(5)	11/19/2005	Class A Common Stock	11250		11250	D	
Non-Qualified Stock										Class A					

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				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Option (right to buy)	\$14.58						(6)	3/10/2006	Common Stock	22500		22500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$17.92						(7)	10/3/2006	Class A Common Stock	37500		37500	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.32						10/15/2003 (8)	10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	200000		200000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.64						10/10/2004 (9)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	200000		200000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.23						7/29/2005 (10)	7/29/2013	Class A Common Stock	500000		500000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.50						3/29/2003 (11)	3/29/2011	Class A Common Stock	200000		200000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Includes 2,560 Shares purchased from 07-01-03 thru 08-29-03, for the reporting person's account under the Tyson Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16(b)(3).
- (2) This Stock Option vests at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) 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 date of grant 3/12/96.
- (7) The Stock Options become exercisable in five equal annual installments commencing three years after the date of grant 10/3/96.
- (8) The stock option vests at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter.
- (9) The Stock Option vests at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (10) The Stock Option vests at 40% on 7-29-05 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (11) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.

**Remarks:**

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>TYSON JOHN H 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Chairman &amp; CEO</b>	

**Signatures**

/s/ Tyson, John H.

9/23/2003

\*\* 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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