

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 479-290-4000 |
| CIK | 0000100493 |
| Symbol | TSN |
| SIC Code | 2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing |
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VAN BEBBER DAVID L <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY <small>(Street)</small> SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/23/2011 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) EVP & General Counsel 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 | 12/23/2011 | | G | | 3500 | D | \$0 | 112970 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/14/2012 | | J (1) | | 706 | A | \$0 | 113676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/14/2012 | | G | | 2500 | D | \$0 | 111176 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/14/2012 | | G | | 500 | D | \$0 | 110676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 12/14/2012 | | G | | 1000 | D | \$0 | 109676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/14/2013 | | J (2) | | 647 | A | \$0 | 2442 | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 6000 | A | \$13.33 | 115676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 8000 | A | \$15.96 | 123676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 8000 | A | \$15.37 | 131676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 8000 | A | \$15.06 | 139676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 7600 | D | \$23.78 | 132076 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 300 | D | \$23.79 | 131776 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 100 | D | \$23.8186 | 131676 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 600 | D | \$23.84 | 131076 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 200 | D | \$23.8482 | 130876 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 12800 | D | \$23.85 | 118076 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 200 | D | \$23.8505 | 117876 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 300 | D | \$23.86 | 117576 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 1200 | D | \$23.87 | 116376 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 100 | D | \$23.89 | 116276 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 5000 | D | \$23.9 | 111276 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/22/2013 | | S | | 1600 | D | \$23.91 | 109676 | 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |
| Non-qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$13.33 | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 6000 | 9/19/2005 | 9/19/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 6000 | \$13.33 | 0 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$15.96 | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 8000 | 9/29/2006 | 9/29/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 8000 | \$15.96 | 0 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$15.37 | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 8000 | 11/17/2008 | 11/17/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 8000 | \$15.37 | 0 | D | |
| Non-qualified stock options (right to buy) | \$15.06 | 2/22/2013 | | M | | 8000 | 11/16/2009 | 11/16/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 8000 | \$15.06 | 0 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VAN BEBBER DAVID L 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | | | EVP & General Counsel | |

Signatures

David L. Van Bebber

2/26/2013

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 4(b)(v).

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