

# TYSON FOODS INC

Reported by  
**ZAPANTA ALBERT C**

## 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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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <b>Zapanta Albert C</b>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>5/18/2004</b>	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]</b>
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>2210 W. OAKLAWN</b>	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Street) <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>	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
(City) (State) (Zip)		

### 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)

### 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			

#### Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Zapanta Albert C 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>	<b>X</b>			

#### Signatures

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

**5/25/2004**

\*\* 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).

\*\* 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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