

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Industry	Food Processing
Sector	Consumer/Non-Cyclical
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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TYSON JOHN H <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> P O BOX 2020 <small>(Street)</small> SPRINGDALE, AR 72765 <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) 5/11/2012 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person _____ 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	3/15/2012		J (1)	V	1162	A	\$0	109748	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock								1000	I	by Son
Class A Common Stock								1000	I	by Daughter
Class A Common Stock	3/15/2012		J (2)	V	174	A	\$0	1365652	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		M		200000	A	\$9.64	1565652	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		500	D	\$19.76	1565152	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		8576	D	\$19.75	1556576	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		1200	D	\$19.74	1555376	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		1899	D	\$19.72	1553477	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		17658	D	\$19.71	1535819	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		14000	D	\$19.7	1521819	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		13700	D	\$19.69	1508119	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		600	D	\$19.68	1507519	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		2800	D	\$19.67	1504719	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		9791	D	\$19.66	1494928	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		37000	D	\$19.65	1457928	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		2400	D	\$19.64	1455528	D	

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			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		700	D	\$19.6401	1454828	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		100	D	\$19.635	1454728	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		100	D	\$19.6329	1454628	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		6600	D	\$19.63	1448028	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		5678	D	\$19.62	1442350	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		9594	D	\$19.61	1432756	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		3204	D	\$19.6	1429552	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		100	D	\$19.595	1429452	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		1300	D	\$19.59	1428152	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		800	D	\$19.58	1427352	D
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		200	D	\$19.57	1427152	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$9.64	5/11/2012		M		200000	10/10/2004	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	200000	\$9.64	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents 1,162 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan or received pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's stock plans 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.
- (2) Represents 174 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's stock plans since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TYSON JOHN H P O BOX 2020 SPRINGDALE, AR 72765	X			

Signatures

Nathan Hodne by Power of Attorney for John Tyson

5/15/2012

** 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).

** 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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