

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in 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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**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

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|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
| SAUER BRAD T | | | TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | | |
| 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY | | | 2/3/2012 | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | | | | | | <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 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 | 12/15/2011 | | J (1) | V | 161 | A | \$ 0 | 18401 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 2/3/2012 | | A (2) | | 6449 | A | \$ 0 | 24850 | 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) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2011, June 15, 2011, September 15, 2011 and December 15, 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under Issuer's stock 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 a deferred stock award for shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock having a value of \$125,000 granted on the date of election as a director at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (February 3, 2012), which award will not become payable until 180 days after termination of service as a director.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SAUER BRAD T 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Brad T. Sauer

2/7/2012

** 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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