

TYSON FOODS INC

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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> 2210 W. OAKLAWN <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) 10/4/2004	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO 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								82114	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock								1000	I	By Son
Class A Common Stock								1000	I	By Daughter
Class A Common Stock								2355501	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Shares	\$0.00 (1)							(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	176250		176250	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 Option (right to buy)	\$14.58							(6)	3/10/2006	Class A 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)	\$11.50							3/29/2003	3/29/2011	Class A Common	200000		200000	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
to buy)								(8)		Stock					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.32							10/15/2003 (9)	10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	200000		200000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.64							10/10/2004 (10)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	200000		200000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.23							7/29/2005 (11)	7/29/2013	Class A Common Stock	500000		500000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.33							9/19/2005 (12) (13)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	500000		500000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$15.96							(14)	9/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	500000		500000	D	
Performance Shares	\$0.00 (1)	10/4/2004		A		150000		(2)	(2)	Class A Common Stock	150000	\$0	150000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Each Performance Share that vests entitles holder to 1 share of Class A Common Stock.
- (2) The award vests two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the 2007 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of Tyson's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the achievement by the Company of certain return on invested capital measures.
- (3) The award vests two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the 2006 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of Tyson's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the achievement by the Company of certain cash flow measures.
- (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 Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.
- (9) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (10) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (11) The Stock Option vests at 40% on 7-29-05 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (12) This Stock Options vest at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.
- (13) Because of a clerical error, this date was previously reported incorrectly.
- (14) The Stock Option vests at 40% on 09-29-06 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Tyson, John H.

10/5/2004

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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