

# TYSON FOODS INC

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## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Telephone	479-290-4000
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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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Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the  
Investment Company Act of 1940

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)	
<b>BALEDGE LES R</b>		<b>TYSON FOODS INC [ TSN ]</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>Exec V P &amp; Gen Counsel</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)				
<b>668 NO. SEQUOYAH</b>	<b>12/1/2003</b>				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72701</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b> 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	12/1/2003		J	(1)	V	940	A	\$0	124699	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/1/2003		F			1673	D	\$0	123026	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/1/2003		J			1	A	\$0	321 (2)	I	By 401(k)
Class A Common Stock	12/1/2003		J			586	A	\$0	18086 (3)	I	By ESPP
Class A Common Stock									5000	I	By Spouse

**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				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.32							10/15/2003	10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	15000		15000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$11.50							3/29/2003	3/29/2011	Class A Common Stock	50000		50000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.64							10/10/2004	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	15000		15000	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$13.33							9/19/2003 (4)	9/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	15000		15000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) The number of restricted shares has increased by 940. shares since the last filed Form 4 due to the reinvestment of dividends on the restricted shares, which dividend reinvestment is a non-reportable event???
- (2) Includes 1 shares purchased from 09-01-03 thru 10-31-03 for the reporting person's account under the Tyson Foods, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan.
- (3) Includes 586 shares purchased from 9-01-03 through 10-31-03 for the reporting person's account under the Tyson Foods, Inc Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16(b)(3).
- (4) This Stock Option vests at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.

**Remarks:**

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>BALEDGE LES R 668 NO. SEQUOYAH FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72701</b>			<b>Exec V P &amp; Gen Counsel</b>	

**Signatures**

**/s/ Baledge, Les R.**

**12/8/2003**

\*\* 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).

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