

# TYSON FOODS INC

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## FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	2015 - Poultry Slaughtering and Processing
Industry	Food Processing
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *  <b>Leonard Bernard</b>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>10/10/2007</b>	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  <b>TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]</b>
(Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>2210 WEST OAKLAWN DRIVE</b>	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>Group VP of Food Service /</b>	
(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)
<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>56799</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>By ESPP</b>
<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>52734</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>By Trust</b>

**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			
<b>Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>10/10/2004</b> (1)	<b>10/10/2012</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>6960.0000</b>	<b>\$9.6400</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>3/29/2003</b> (2)	<b>3/29/2011</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>20000.0000</b>	<b>\$11.5000</b>	<b>D</b>	
			<b>Class A</b>				

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>10/15/2003</b> (1)	<b>10/15/2011</b>	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>6960.0000</b>	<b>\$9.3200</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>9/19/2005</b> (1)	<b>9/19/2013</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>6960.0000</b>	<b>\$13.3300</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	(1)	<b>9/29/2014</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>10000.0000</b>	<b>\$15.9600</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>11/16/2007</b> (1)	<b>11/16/2015</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>10000.0000</b>	<b>\$16.3500</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)</b>	<b>11/17/2008</b> (1)	<b>11/17/2016</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>40000.0000</b>	<b>\$15.3700</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Performance Shares</b>	(3)	(3)	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>23614.6096</b>	(3)	<b>D</b>	
<b>Performance Shares</b>	(4)	(4)	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>21008.4034</b>	(4)	<b>D</b>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) The stock options vest at 40% on the second anniversary of the grant date, the date indicated herein is the first vesting date, and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (2) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.
- (3) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the 2009 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 goals related to return on invested capital. The number of performance shares that can vest under the awards range from 50% to 150% of the target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.
- (4) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Issuer's 2010 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies. The number of performance shares that can vest under the awards range from 50% to 150% of the target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Leonard Bernard 2210 WEST OAKLAWN DRIVE SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>			<b>Group VP of Food Service</b>	

**Signatures**

/s/ Leonard, Bernard

10/19/2007

\*\* 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).

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