

# 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

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>Hart Craig</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"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>S.V.P. Controller &amp; CAO</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)		
			<b>5/11/2012</b>		
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		
(Street)					
<b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(City) (State) (Zip)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

**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	5/11/2012		J (1)	V	903	A	\$0	18488	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	3/15/2012		J (2)	V	55	A	\$0	42699	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		M		4080	A	\$9.64	46799	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		3580	D	\$19.66	43199	D	
Class A Common Stock	5/11/2012		S		500	D	\$19.67	42699	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)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$9.64	5/11/2012		M	4080	10/10/2004	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	4080	\$9.64	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase 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 16b-3.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on December 15,2011 and March 15,2012, 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.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Hart Craig</b> <b>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY</b> <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>			<b>S.V.P. Controller &amp; CAO</b>	

**Signatures**

**Craig Hart**

**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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