

# TYSON FOODS INC

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**LEATHERBY DENNIS**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>LEATHERBY DENNIS</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY</b>  (Street)  <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>TYSON FOODS INC [ TSN ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <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>EVP &amp; Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <b>11/26/2012</b>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (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	11/21/2012		J (1)	V	634	A	\$0	27199	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	11/26/2012		D (2)		4037	D	\$0	71262	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/26/2012		F (3)		14931	D	\$0	56331	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/27/2012		G (4)	V	4051	D	\$0	52280	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				
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$19.36	11/26/2012		A (5)		70600	11/26/2013	11/26/2022	Class A Common Stock	70600	\$19.36	70600	D	
Performance Shares	(6)	11/26/2012		A (6)		45454	(6)	(6)	Class A Common Stock	45454	(6)	45454	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 Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) On November 14, 2012, the Issuer entered into a new employment agreement (the "Employment Agreement") with the Reporting Person. In connection with the Employment Agreement, 34,363 previously reported shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested on November 26, 2012 and 4,037 shares were cancelled.

- (3) Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 14,931 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 26, 2012, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described in note 2.
- (4) Gift to Church
- (5) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for each of the following two years.
- (6) Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2015 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the "Incentive Agreement") are achieved. The performance metrics are (1) achievement of a three year (fiscal 2013-2015) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement and (2) a comparison of the market price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies selected by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Issuer over a three year (fiscal 2013-2015) period, as more particularly described in the Incentive Agreement. If neither of the performance metrics is achieved, the award expires.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>LEATHERBY DENNIS</b> <b>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY</b> <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>			<b>EVP &amp; Chief Financial Officer</b>	

#### Signatures

/s/R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Dennis Leatherby

11/28/2012

\*\* 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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