

# TYSON FOODS INC

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**SMITH JO ANN R**

## 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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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>SMITH JO ANN R</b>			<b>TYSON FOODS INC [ (TSN) ]</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
<b>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY</b>			<b>2/6/2009</b>					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
<b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>						<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 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	2/6/2009		J (1)	V	290	A	\$0	25422	D	
Class A Common Stock	2/6/2009		A (2)		8230	A	\$0	33652	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				

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents 290 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer 's Stock Plans since the last statement of changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the reporting person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Represents a deferred stock award for shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock having a value of \$80,000 granted on the date of election as a director at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (February 6, 2009), which award will not become payable until 180 days after termination of service as a director.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>SMITH JO ANN R</b> <b>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY</b> <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>	<b>X</b>			

**Signatures**

**By: /s/R. Read Hudson, by Power of Attorney for**

**2/10/2009**

\*\* 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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