

TYSON FOODS INC

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WHITE NOEL W

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 * White Noel W <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> 2210 W. OAKLAWN <small>(Street)</small> SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) 12/16/2005 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Group VP Fr Meats Op & Comm Sa 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
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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	12/16/2005		M		1000	A	\$10.65	90679	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/31/2005		J	v	132 (1)	A	\$0	10240	I	By ESPP

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				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.65	12/16/2005		M		1000	(2)	12/21/2005	Class A Common Stock	1000	\$16.86	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Includes 132 shares purchased from 10-08-05 through 10-31-05 for the reporting person's account in the Tyson Foods, Inc Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16 (b)(3).
- (2) Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 1, 2001 by and among Issuer, Lasso Acquisition Corporation ("Lasso"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Issuer, and IBP, inc. ("IBP"), all options granted by IBP and outstanding on September 28, 2001 (the date IBP merged with Lasso) converted into options to buy Issuer Class A common stock at a predetermined exchange rate. All options granted prior to the closing of the tender offer for IBP, inc vested on 7-23-01.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
White Noel W 2210 W. OAKLAWN			Group VP Fr Meats Op & Comm Sa	

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Signatures

/s/ White, Noel W

12/19/2005

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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