

LEATHERBY DENNIS

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEATHERBY DENNIS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

10/03/2011

Executive VP and CFO

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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	(D)	Price
Class A Common Stock					82,720	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/04/2011		M ⁽³⁾		17,730	A	\$ 17.1
Class A Common Stock	10/04/2011		S ⁽³⁾		5,931	D	\$ 17.1
Class A Common Stock	09/29/2011		J ⁽⁴⁾		154	A	\$ 0
					22,554	I	Employee Stock

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level of 150%.

(2) On September 29, 2008 the Reporting Person received a grant of performance shares which vested on October 4, 2011. The performance shares were previously reported as derivative securities at the 150% level. On October 4, 2011, 17,730 shares vested (150% level) and are reported herein as acquired non-derivative securities.

(3) On October 4, 2011, 17,730 shares of performance Class A Common Stock vested. The award of those performance shares to the Reporting Person has previously been reported (see Footnote #2). Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 5,931 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on October 4, 2011, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting.

(4) 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.

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