

TYSON FOODS INC  
Form DEFA14A  
December 22, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**Tyson Foods, Inc.**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder s Meeting to Be Held on February 3, 2012**

**TYSON FOODS, INC.**

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762-6999

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual

**For holders as of:** December 5, 2011

**Date:** February 3, 2012      **Time:** 10:00 AM CT

**Location:** Holiday Inn  
Northwest Arkansas Convention Center

1500 South 48th St.

Springdale, AR 72762

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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**Before You Vote**

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**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT      ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** If you plan to attend Tyson Foods shareholders meeting, you will need a ticket. Please check the proxy materials for instructions on how to obtain a ticket. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR items 1, 2 and 3:**

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01) John Tyson              | 06) Brad T. Sauer     |
| 02) Kathleen M. Bader       | 07) Robert Thurber    |
| 03) Gaurdie E. Banister Jr. | 08) Barbara A. Tyson  |
| 04) Jim Keever              | 09) Albert C. Zapanta |
| 05) Kevin M. McNamara       |                       |

2. To reapprove the performance goals set forth in the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

3. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the

Company for the fiscal year ending September 29, 2012.

**The Board of Directors does not have a recommendation for voting on item 4:**

4. To consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting of Shareholders or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

