

TYSON FOODS INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEATHERBY DENNIS

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2210 W. OAKLAWN
(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2006		J	V	1,296 (1)	A \$ 0	70,426 D
Class A Common Stock	10/15/2006		S		15,016 (2)	\$ 15.1	55,410 D
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2006		J	V	3,560 (3)	A \$ 0	22,188 I By ESPP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
LEATHERBY DENNIS 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Director 10% Owner Officer Other Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ Leatherby, 10/17/2006
Dennis

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
 - (1) Represents 1,296 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
 - (2) On October 15, 2006, 44,890.1445 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested. The award of these restricted shares to the Reporting Person has previously been reported. Pursuant to an election previously made by the Reporting Person, 15,016.1445 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting.
 - (3) Includes 3,560 Shares purchased of Class A Common Stock from 09-01-05 thru 09-30-06, for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-3.

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