TYSON FOODS INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VAN BEBBER DAVID L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

(Check all applicable)

(First) 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2008

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Exec.VP & General Counsel

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Ar 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Transaction**Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Se Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)
Derivative or Disposed of Security (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Title

Date

Non-Qualified Stock Option

(right to buy)

\$ 4.9 11/14/2008

A 40,000

11/14/2010(1) 11/14/2018 C

Common Stock

Class A

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN BEBBER DAVID L 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Exec.VP & General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Van Bebber, David L. 11/19/2008

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-14-2010 and 20% each year threreafter for the following three years.

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