

TYSON FOODS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BOND RICHARD L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(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)  
11/14/2008

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)  
President & C.E.O.

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 09/30/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | V 3,153 A \$ 0  | 555,569   | D  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 10/31/2008                           |  | J <sup>(2)</sup>               | V 6,059 A \$ 0  | 7,882   | I  | By Employee Stock Purchase Plan   |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |                 |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title                |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 4.9   | 11/14/2008                           |  | A                              |   | 500,000  |   | 11/14/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> | 11/14/2018      | Class A Common Stock |
| Restricted Stock Units                     | <u>(4)</u>   | 09/30/2008                           |  | J <sup>(5)</sup>               | V   | 6,996  |   | <u>(4)</u>                | <u>(4)</u>      | Class A Common Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| BOND RICHARD L<br>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | X             |           | President & C.E.O. |       |

## Signatures

By: Nathan A. Hodne, by Power of Attorney for

11/19/2008

\_\_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 3,153 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 through September 30, 2008. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Represents 6,059 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.
- (3) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-14-2010 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (4) The restricted stock units vested on February 12, 2008, and will be paid to the Reporting Person on the date specified in the award.

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(5) 2000 Stock Incentive Plan through September 30, 2008. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

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