DEAN FOODS CO/ Form 4

January 11, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

SECURITIES

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)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KLEIN RONALD H

> (First) (Middle)

2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, **SUITE 1200**

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

DEAN FOODS CO/[DF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2006

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President --

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - No	on-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/07/2006		M		2,487 (1)	A	\$ 0	26,584.288 (1)	D	
Common Stock	01/07/2006		F		1,058 (1)	D	\$ 0	25,526.288 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/30/2005		J(2)	V	33.384	A	\$ 29.954 (2)	25,559.762	D	
Common Stock	07/29/2005		J(2)	V	32.954	A	\$ 30.345 (2)	25,592.626	D	
Common Stock	08/31/2005		J(2)	V	31.848	A	\$ 31.399 (2)	25,624.474	D	

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Common Stock	09/30/2005	J(2)	V	30.274	A	\$ 33.031 (2)	25,654.748	D
Common Stock	10/31/2005	J(2)	V	32.544	A	\$ 30.7275 (2)	25,687.292	D
Common Stock	11/30/2005	J(2)	V	30.806	A	\$ 32.4615 (2)	25,718.098	D
Common Stock	12/30/2005	J(2)	V	31.239	A	\$ 32.011 (2)	25,749.337	D

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on 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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Stock Units-DU000097	\$ 0						01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Deferred Stock Units-TU905844	\$ 0						01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units-DF902030	\$ 0	01/07/2006		M		2,100 (1)	01/07/2006	02/07/2015	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units-TU905739	\$ 0	01/07/2006		M		387 (1)	01/07/2006	02/07/2015	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000510	\$ 12.1383						01/22/2002(4)	01/22/2011	Common Stock

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Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000847	\$ 12.1383	01/22/2002(4)	01/22/2011	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF001606	\$ 17.1835	01/14/2003(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF001607	\$ 17.1835	01/14/2003(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF001359	\$ 17.1835	01/14/2003(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000942	\$ 17.1835	01/14/2003(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000598	\$ 17.1835	01/14/2003(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000669	\$ 17.1835	01/14/2003(4)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF002209	\$ 20.9355	01/06/2004(4)	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0001044	\$ 20.9355	01/06/2004(4)	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF002210	\$ 20.9355	01/06/2004(4)	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000659	\$ 20.9355	01/06/2004(4)	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF003314	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(4)	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(4)	01/13/2014	Common Stock

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(right to buy)-TU000267				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0001765	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(4)	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-TU000269	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(4)	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF003315	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(4)	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000740	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(4)	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF902122	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006 <u>(4)</u>	01/07/2015	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0001363	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006(4)	01/07/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-TU000268	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006(4)	01/07/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000798	\$ 26.8941	01/10/2006(4)	01/10/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF902123	\$ 26.8941	01/10/2006(4)	01/10/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

Reporting Owners 4

KLEIN RONALD H 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201

Senior Vice President --

Signatures

Ronald H. Klein 01/11/2006

**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).
- The reporting person was entitled to receive a total of 2,487 shares of common stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the (1) 2005 Award of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs"). A portion of these shares (1,058) were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of 1,429 net shares of common stock.
- (2) Shares purchased through Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
 - The reporting person has received an award of Stock Units ("SUs") under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan which is a right to
- (3) receive shares of common stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the SU Award Agreement. The SUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
- (4) The shares of common stock subject to the Option shall vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- In order to comply with the IRS guidelines which stipulate that the aggregate fair market value of incentive stock option grants (valued as of the grant date) exercisable for the first time during any calendar year cannot exceed \$100,000, a correction was made whereby there was a replacement of some of the incentive stock options with non-qualified options, which contain the same exercise price and vesting terms.

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