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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **COLLENS LEWIS M** Issuer Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 1555 ASTOR ST., APT 6W 09/30/2008 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

CHICAGO, IL 60610

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 1,060 \$0 Common 09/30/2008 38,294 ⁽²⁾ D A (1) (1) Stock

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)

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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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF002164)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000612)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	10,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000650)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	4,14
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000609)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	1,94
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF002874)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000607)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000779)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	1,38
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000611)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	649
	\$ 21.4389					06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014		7,50

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF003662)				Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000606)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000789)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	1,38
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000608)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	649
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF905916)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000610)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF005289)	\$ 25.3078	06/30/2006(3)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DV000613)	\$ 25.3078	06/30/2006(3)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF005994)	\$ 31.87	06/29/2007(3)	06/29/2017	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.62	06/30/2008(4)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	7,50
Restricted Stock Units (DU003815)	\$ 0	06/30/2007(5)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	850
Restricted Stock Units (DV005201)	\$ 0	06/30/2007(5)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	399

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Restricted Stock Units (DU003926)	\$ 0	06/29/2008(5)	06/29/2017	Common Stock	1,70
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	06/30/2009(5)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	2,55

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COLLENS LEWIS M 1555 ASTOR ST., APT 6W CHICAGO, IL 60610	X					

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney-In-Fact

**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).
- These are restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan in payment of fees owed for services as an independent director. All such shares are subject to vesting in three equal increments, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued and then annually thereafter.
- (2) Includes 4,438 shares of Ristricted Stock Units ("RSUs") which have vested and for which the reporting person has opted to defer receipt until a future date.
- (3) The options were granted automatically under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- (4) The options were granted automatically under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of RSUs, which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the Issuer in the future,

 (5) subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Award Agreement. The RSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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