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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Gonzalez Rachel A		(Month/Day/Year)	DEAN FOODS CO [DF]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		11/07/2012		
2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE,Â SUITE 3400			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
DALLAS,Â TXÂ 75204			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Executive Vice President and	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,818	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006479)	06/02/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/02/2018	Common Stock 4,100 \$ 21.06	D Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006823)	02/13/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/13/2019	Common Stock 4,875 \$ 20.07	D Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF007122)	02/12/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/12/2020	Common Stock 14,484 \$ 14.56	D Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF007306)	02/18/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/18/2021	Common Stock 20,485 \$ 10.35	D Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF007356)	02/17/2013 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/17/2022	Common Stock 26,307 \$ 12.07	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004355)	06/02/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/02/2018	Common Stock 270 \$ 0	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004982)	02/12/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/12/2020	Common Stock 1,636 \$ 0	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU005629)	02/18/2012 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/18/2021	Common Stock 10,352 \$ 0	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU005680)	02/17/2013 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/17/2022	Common Stock 18,467 \$ 0	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gonzalez Rachel A 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE SUITE 3400 DALLAS, TX 75204	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President and	Â

## Signatures

Katherine K. Connell,  
Attorney-In-Fact 11/15/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) The shares of Common Stock subject to the Option are fully vested.
- (2) The shares of Common Stock subject to the Option vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement.

The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The remaining units subject to the award will vest on June 2, 2013, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions contained in the award agreement.
- (3) The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The remaining units subject to the award will vest on February 12, 2013.
- (4) The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The remaining units subject to the award will vest in equal installments on February 18, 2013 and February 18, 2014.
- (5) The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (6) The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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