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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] Kimbro Ken (Month/Day/Year) 11/20/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person SPRINGDALE, ARÂ 72762 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One SVP & Chief Human Res. Officer Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Class A Common Stock 68,494 by Employee Stock Purchase I Class A Common Stock 4,580 Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/19/2005(1)	09/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	1,392	\$ 13.33	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/29/2006(1)	09/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	12,000	\$ 15.96	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2007(1)	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$ 16.35	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/17/2008(1)	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$ 15.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2009(1)	11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$ 15.06	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/14/2010(1)	11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$ 4.9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/30/2010(2)	11/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	50,400	\$ 12.02	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kimbro Ken 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Â	Â	SVP & Chief Human Res. Officer	Â

Signatures

Kimbro, Ken 11/30/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 the second anniversary date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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