

TYSON JOHN H  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
TYSON JOHN H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2210 W. OAKLAWN  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/10/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or (D) Price   |  |                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 09/30/2006                           |  | J                              | V   | 17,741<br>(1)   | A  | \$ 0 2,418,712 D                  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 09/30/2006                           |  | J                              | V   | 165 (2)   | A  | \$ 0 2,418,877 D                  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 10/10/2006                           |  | F                              |   | 40,045<br>(3)   | D  | \$ 15.03 2,378,832 D              |
| Class A Common                  | 09/30/2006                           |  | J                              | V   | 9,049<br>(4)  | A  | \$ 0 103,561 I By ESPP            |

Stock

|                            |  |       |   |                |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---|----------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |  | 1,000 | I | By<br>Daughter |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---|----------------|

|                            |  |       |   |        |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---|--------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |  | 1,000 | I | By Son |
|----------------------------|--|-------|---|--------|

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                     |
|   |  |   |   |                                      |  | Code   | V   | (A)   | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| TYSON JOHN H<br>2210 W. OAKLAWN<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | X             |           | Chairman of the Board |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Tyson, John  
H. 10/12/2006

\*\*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).

Represents 17,741 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. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

(2) Represents 165 shares of Class A Common Stock received by the reporting person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan feature maintained by the transfer agent. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

On October 10, 2006, 105,921.1094 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested. The award of these restricted shares to the Reporting Person has previously been reported. Pursuant to an election previously made by the Reporting Person, 40,045.1094 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting.

(4) Represents 9,049 shares purchased of Class A Common Stock from 11-01-05 thru 9-30-06 for the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-3.

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