

White Noel W
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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 *
White Noel W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr. Group VP, Fresh Meats

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

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009		J ⁽¹⁾	V 32 A \$ 0	55,210	D	
Class A Common Stockj	12/21/2009		D ⁽²⁾	1,686 D \$ 0	53,524	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/21/2009		F ⁽³⁾	2,188 D \$ 0	51,336	D	
Class A Common	12/21/2009		A ⁽⁴⁾	24,096 A \$ 0	75,432	D	

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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
White Noel W 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Sr. Group VP, Fresh Meats	

Signatures

Noel W. White 12/23/2009
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).
- (1) Represents 32 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) On December 21, 2009, the Issuer entered into a new employment agreement (the "Agreement") with the Reporting Person. In connection with the Agreement, 8,271 previously reported shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested on December 21, 2009 and 1,686 shares were cancelled.

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- (3) On December 21, 2009, pursuant to an election previously made by the Reporting Person, 2,188 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described above in note 2.
- (4) Award of restricted Class A Common Stock pursuant to the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan to vest on December 21, 2012.

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