DEAN FOODS CO/ Form 4

January 10, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person _ FROMBERG BARRY A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO/ [DF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, LB 30, SUITE 1200	(Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2006	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
DALLAS, TX 75201		_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State) (2	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/06/2006		M	35,000	A	\$0	68,088.001	D	
Common Stock	01/06/2006(1)		S	35,000	D	\$ 38	33,088.001	D	
Common Stock	01/07/2006		M	3,420 (2)	A	\$0	36,508.001	D	

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$\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercise Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Secur
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Deferred Stock Units (DU000093)	\$ 0					01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	12
Deferred Stock Units (TU905827) (3)	\$0					01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	2,
Restricted Stock Units (DF902033) (3)	\$ 0	01/07/2006		M	4,100 (2)	01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	4,
Restricted Stock Units (TU905726) (3)	\$ 0	01/07/2006		M	756 <u>(2)</u>	01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	75
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy - DF002195) (4)	\$ 20.9355					01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	4,
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy - T0001047) (4)	\$ 20.9355					01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	7
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy - DF003306) (4)	\$ 26.3199					01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	1,
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy - T0001768) (4)	\$ 26.3199					01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	1
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 26.8941					01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	5,

(right to buy - DF902167) (4)								
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy - T0001365) (4)	\$ 26.8941				01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	ϵ
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000579) (4)	\$ 13.7918				07/31/1999	07/31/2008	Common Stock	3,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000608) (4)	\$ 13.7918				07/31/1999	07/31/2008	Common Stock	11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000499) (4)	\$ 12.1383				01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0003349) (4)	\$ 12.1383				01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF001523) (4)	\$ 17.1835	01/06/2006	M	35,000	01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock	35
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF001332) (4)	\$ 17.1835				01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock	75
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF002196) (4)	\$ 20.9355				01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	27
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000609) (4)	\$ 20.9355				01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	16
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF003307) (4)	\$ 26.3199				01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	46
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy -	\$ 26.3199				01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	2,

TU000197) (4)					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000695) (4)	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	8,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - TU000198) (4)	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - DF902168) (4)	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - T0000699) (4)	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	9,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy - TU000199) (4)	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006	01/07/2015	Common Stock	3

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relation	nships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FROMBERG BARRY A			Executive	
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, LB 30, SUITE 1200			Vice	
DALLAS, TX 75201			President	

Signatures

Barry A.

Fromberg 01/10/2006

**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).
- Sales are pursuant to a 10b5-1 Sales Plan dated November 7, 2005, between reporting person and Bear Stearns & Co., Inc., acting as

 (1) agent, to permit the orderly disposition of a portion of the reporting person's holdings of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$01 per share
- The reporting person was entitled to receive a total of 4,856 shares of common stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the 2005 Award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs"). A portion of these shares (1,436) were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of 3,420 net shares of common stock.

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A Stock Unit, which is issued under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan, is a right to receive one share 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 prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

(4) The shares of common stock subject to the Option vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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