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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARDIN JOSEPH S JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Issuer		
			DEAN FOODS CO [DF]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
820 PICACHO LANE			05/01/2008	Officer (give title below) Other (specification)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
				X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	I - Non-Derivative Sec	urities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	. 4. Securities A ransaction Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and Instr. 8) (A on Code V Amount (D	f (D) 15)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/01/2008		M 39,157 A	\$ 11.2299	108,676 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock					3,550	I	by Trusts.

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI000775)	\$ 11.2299	05/01/2008		M	22,500	06/30/1998(3)	06/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001539)	\$ 11.2299	05/01/2008		M	10,564	06/30/1998(3)	06/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000724)	\$ 11.2299	05/01/2008		M	4,146	06/30/1998(3)	06/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001551)	\$ 11.2299	05/01/2008		M	1,947	06/30/1998(3)	06/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000564)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(3)	06/30/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001548)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(3)	06/30/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000733)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(3)	06/30/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001552)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(3)	06/30/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI001802)	\$ 9.3614					06/30/2000(3)	06/30/2010	Common Stock

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001542)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000(3)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000637)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000(3)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001544)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000(3)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SF002504)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(3)	06/29/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001541)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(3)	06/29/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000642)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(3)	06/29/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001553)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001 <u>(3)</u>	06/29/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002167)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001545)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000649)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001543)	\$ 14.2341	07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock
	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002877)				Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001546)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000778)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001550	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF003665)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001538)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000788)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001549)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF905919)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

buy-DV001540)

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

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HARDIN JOSEPH S JR 820 PICACHO LANE X SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

Signatures

Joseph S. Hardin, Jr., by Angela B. Miro as attorney in fact

05/05/2008

**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).
- (1) Includes 8,876 shares of common stock from DSUs that have vested, and the reporting person has elected to defer receipt until he is no longer a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- (2) The reporting person is the trustee and disclaims all beneficial interest except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in the trusts, if any. The reporting person's sister and the reporting person's children are the beneficiaries of the trusts.
- (3) The options were granted automatically under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.

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