Kroeker Harrald F.K. Form 4 February 14, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Kroeker Harra	*	ing Person *	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				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200			02/12/2008	X Officer (give title Other (special below) President-DSD Group			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
DALLAS, TX	75201		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - No	n-Derivativo	e Securit	ies Acquired, Disp	osed	of, or Bei	neficia	lly Owned	
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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	TransactionAcquired (A) or		r	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D))	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
~			Code v	Amount	(D)	FIICE			
Common Stock	02/12/2008		M	2,939	A	\$0	2,939	D	

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)

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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)	Code	5. Number on f 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 A Underlying So (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units (DU003828)	\$ 0					12/01/2007(1)	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DV005215)	\$ 0					12/01/2007(1)	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU003837)	\$ 0	02/12/2008		M	2,000	02/12/2008(1)	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DV005224)	\$ 0	02/12/2008		M	939	02/12/2008(1)	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0					01/15/2009(1)	01/15/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005325)	\$ 29.0914					12/01/2007(2)	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002289)	\$ 29.0914					12/01/2007(2)	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005943)	\$ 30.1121					02/12/2008(2)	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002290)	\$ 30.1121					02/12/2008(2)	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.37					01/15/2009(2)	01/15/2018	Common Stock
	\$ 30.1121					02/12/2008(2)	02/12/2017	

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Incentive Stock
Option (right to
buy-DF005353)

Common
Stock

Incentive Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Kroeker Harrald F.K. 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE SUITE 1200

President-DSD Group

Signatures

DALLAS, TX 75201

Harrald F. K.

Kroeker

02/14/2008

**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).
 - The reporting person has received an award of RSUs, which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the Issuer in the future,
- (1) subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Award Agreement. The RSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- 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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