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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 4, 2005 (May 4, 2005)

Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-12755	75-2559681
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
	2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75201	
	(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)	
	Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (214) 303-3400	

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the registrant searnings release for the first quarter of 2005, issued May 4, 2005. This release shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: May 4, 2005 DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Ronald L. McCrummen

Ronald L. McCrummen Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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