

TYSON FOODS INC

Form 4

October 04, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Lovette William W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2210 W. OAKLAWN DR.

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72764

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/02/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr Group VP Pltry &amp; Prep Fds

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 09/30/2006                              |                                                             | J V                                     | 1,302<br>(1)                                                               | A \$ 0 149,065                                                                                                     | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                            | 1,967                                                                                                              | I                                                                    | By ESPP                                                           |

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) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Performance Shares                         | (2)                                                    | 10/02/2006                           |                                                    | A                              | 28,337                                                                                  | (3) (3)                                                  | Class A Common Stock 28,337                                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Lovette William W<br>2210 W. OAKLAWN DR.<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72764 | Sr Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds     |

## Signatures

By: R. Read Hudson, by power of attorney for 10/04/2006

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).

- (1) Represents 1,302 shares of restricted stock received by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Company's Stock Plans. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Each Performance Share that vests entitles the reporting person to 1 share of Class A Common Stock. The number expressed above is the maximum number of shares that can vest under the grant.
- (3) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the 2009 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of Tyson's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the achievement by the Company of certain goals related to return on invested capital.

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