#### TYSON FOODS INC

Form 4

November 21, 2006

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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1(b).

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* LEATHERBY DENNIS

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

(Check all applicable)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/17/2006

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer

2210 W. OAKLAWN

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(Zip)

(Middle)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (T)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Underlying Securit Securities Security or Exercise Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) any

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired Derivative

(A) or Security Disposed of

(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title

> Exercisable Date

Non-Qualified

Class A Stock \$ 15.37 11/17/2006  $A^{(1)}$ 8,000 11/17/2008 11/17/2016 Common

Option(right to

Stock

Amo

or Num of Shar

buy)

# **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LEATHERBY DENNIS 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer

# **Signatures**

Reporting Person

/s/ Leatherby, 11/21/2006 Dennis

\*\*Signature of 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) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-17-08 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

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