

White Noel W  
Form 3  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

White Noel W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/04/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Sr. Group VP Tyson Fresh Meats

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Class A Common Stock

55,178

D

AR

Class A Common Stock

27,031

I

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:

6. Nature of  
Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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|                                            | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title                | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 10/10/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> | 10/10/2012      | Class A Common Stock | 1,008                      | \$ 9.64  | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 09/19/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/19/2013      | Class A Common Stock | 2,400                      | \$ 13.33 | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 09/29/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/29/2014      | Class A Common Stock | 6,000                      | \$ 15.96 | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/16/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/16/2015      | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     | \$ 16.35 | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/17/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/17/2016      | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     | \$ 15.37 | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/16/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/16/2017      | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     | \$ 15.06 | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/14/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/14/2018      | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     | \$ 4.9   | D                                     | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/30/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 11/30/2019      | Class A Common Stock | 40,000                     | \$ 12.02 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| White Noel W<br>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. Group VP Tyson Fresh Meats | Â     |

## Signatures

Noel White                      12/07/2009

                                          Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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- (1) The Stock Options vest at 40% on the second anniversary date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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