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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Zapanta Albert C

(First)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

1130N 100D3 INC [131

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

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY 02/03/2012

(Middle)

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

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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_X__ Director ______ 10% Owner
Officer (give title elow) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non	-De	rivative S	ecurit	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2011		Code J <u>(1)</u>	v V	Amount 348	(D)	Price \$ 0	39,891	D		
Class A Common Stock	02/03/2012		A(2)		4,128	A	\$0	44,019	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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative			Securities				(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
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	•				(A) or						Repo
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						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

Zapanta Albert C 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY X SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Signatures

R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Albert C. 02/07/2012 Zapanta

> **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).
- Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2011, June 15, 2011, September 15, 2011 and December 15, 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under Issuer's stock plan since the last statement of changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- Represents a defered stock award for shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock having a value of \$80,000 granted on the date of (2) election as a director at the 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (February 3, 2012), which award will not become payable until 180 days after termination of service as a director.

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