

White Noel W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/26/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Sr. Grp. VP Fresh Meats

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 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)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	11/21/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	V	772	A	\$ 0	39,384	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	11/26/2012		D ⁽²⁾		2,599	D	\$ 0	59,049	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/26/2012		F ⁽³⁾		9,738	D	\$ 19.36	49,311	D	

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November 26, 2012 and 2,599 shares were cancelled.

- (3) Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 9,738 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 26, 2012, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described in footnote 2.
- (4) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for each of the following two years.
- Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2015 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the "Incentive Agreement") are achieved. The performance metrics are (1) achievement of a three year (fiscal 2013-2015) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement and (2) comparison of the market price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies selected by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Issuer over a three year (fiscal 2013-2015) period, as more particularly described in the Incentive Agreement. If neither of the performance metrics is achieved, the award expires.
- (5)

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