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FORM	I 4 UNITED	STATES						NGE C	OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287	
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Kimbro Ken Sy			Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) ((Chec					k all applicable)					
				(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2012					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & Chief HR Officer			
SPRINGDA	(Street) LE, AR 72762		4. If Ame Filed(Mo			ate Origina r)	l		6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by 0 Form filed by M Person	One Reporting I	Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tah	le I - N	on-F	Derivative	Secur	ities Acau	uired, Disposed of	° or Benefici	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	on Date 2A. Deemed			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (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	12/06/2012			Code J <u>(1)</u>		Amount	(D) A	Price \$ 0	2,352	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan	
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2012			М		14,044	A	\$ 12.02	54,593	D		
Class A Common Stock	12/13/2012			S		11,744	D	\$ 19.89	42,849	D		
	12/13/2012			S		2,300	D	\$ 19.9	40,549	D		

Class A Common Stock

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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of S
Non-qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.02	12/13/2012		М	14,044	11/30/2011	11/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	14,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships			
I Branch and a state	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Kimbro Ken 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			SVP & Chief HR Officer			
Signatures						

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**Signature of

Reporting Person

Ken Kimbro 12/17/2012

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

** 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 purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock
 Purchase 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 16b-3.

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