TYSON FOODS INC

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)] White Noel W (Month/Day/Year) 10/07/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2210 W. OAKLAWN (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person SPRINGDALE, ARÂ 72762 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Group VP Fr Meats Op & Comm Reporting Person Sa (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Class A Common Stock 89,679 (1) D Â Class A Common Stock **By ESPP** 66,540 Ι Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

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

3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 4. 5. (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of Ownership (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative (Instr. 5) Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Performance Shares	(2)(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	20,775	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	12/21/2005	Class A Common Stock	1,000	\$ 10.65	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	09/30/2006	Class A Common Stock	5,828	\$ 9.97	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	09/30/2006	Class A Common Stock	3,886	\$ 9.97	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	12/23/2007	Class A Common Stock	7,247	\$ 8.68	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	12/23/2007	Class A Common Stock	2,467	\$ 8.68	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	08/30/2008	Class A Common Stock	7,430	\$ 6.95	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	08/30/2008	Class A Common Stock	2,284	\$ 6.95	D	Â
Phantom Stock	(5)	12/29/2009	Class A Common Stock	9,714	\$ 7.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	02/17/2010	Class A Common Stock	1,074	\$ 5.43	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	02/17/2010	Class A Common Stock	8,640	\$ 5.43	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	07/16/2011	Class A Common Stock	17,529	\$ 10.64	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/15/2003(6)	10/15/2011	Class A Common Stock	3,024	\$ 9.32	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock	10/10/2004(7)	10/10/2012	Class A	3,024	\$ 9.64	D	Â

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Option (right to buy)

Common
Stock

Class A

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) $09/19/2005^{(8)} 09/19/2013$ Common 2,400 \$ 13.33 D Â

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

White Noel W

2210 W. OAKLAWN Group VP Fr Meats Op & Comm Sa SPRINGDALE. ARÂ 72762

Signatures

/s/ White, Noel 10/11/2005

**Signature of Date

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).
- (1) Mr. White directly holds 4,580 shares of common stock and 85,099 shares of restricted common stock.
- The awards were effective October 3, 2005, the date the Company priced and determined to offer the filer their new employment contract (2) and the awards. The award agreements were delivered to the filer on October 7, 2005, the date the filer signed their new employment agreement with the Company.
- The award vests two business days following the Company's public announcement of its earnings for the second quarter of 2008 fiscal year. One half of the award is based upon a comparison of the market price of Tyson's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies and the other half by the achievement of the Company of certain cash flow measures.
- (4) Each Performance Share that vests entitles holder to 1 share of Class A Common Stock. The number expressed above is the maximum number of shares that can vest under the grant.
- Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 1, 2001 by and among Issuer, Lasso Acquisition Corporation ("Lasso"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Issuer, and IBP, inc. ("IBP"), all options granted by IBP and outstanding on September 28, 2001 (the date IBP merged with Lasso) converted into options to buy Issuer Class A common stock at a predetermined exchange rate. All options granted prior to the closing of the tender offer for IBP, inc vested on 7-23-01.
- (6) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (7) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (8) This Stock Options vest at 40% on 9-19-05 and 20% each year thereafter for three (3) years.

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