

TYSON FOODS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**LEATHERBY DENNIS**

(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)  
09/15/2014

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)  
EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 or Price		
Class A Common Stock	09/15/2014		J <sup>(1)</sup>		17 A \$ 0	118,907	D
Class A Common Stock	11/20/2014		J <sup>(2)</sup>		297 A \$ 0	2,852	I Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	11/21/2014		A		7,395 <sup>(3)</sup> A \$ 0	126,302 <sup>(4)</sup>	D

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Num of S
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 42.26	11/21/2014		A	80,278	11/21/2015 11/21/2024		Class A Common Stock	80
Performance Shares	(5)	11/21/2014		A(5)	23,662	(5) (5)		Class A Common Stock	23

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEATHERBY DENNIS 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ R. Read Hudson as Power of Attorney for Dennis Leatherby  
 11/25/2014  
 \*\*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).
- (1) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment 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.
- (2) 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

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exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

(3) Award of 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 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the Incentive Agreement) are achieved. The performance metrics are achievement of a three year (fiscal 2015-2017) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement. If the performance metrics are not achieved, the award expires.

(4) Includes 9,188 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2016 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.

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 2017 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 2015-2017) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement and (2) a 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 2015-2017) period, as more particularly described in the Incentive Agreement. If neither of the performance metrics is achieved, the award expires.

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