

BERNON ALAN J
Form 4
April 23, 2003

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Bernon, Alan J. (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Dean Foods Company (DF)			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director — 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) — Other (specify below) Director and Chief Operating Officer, Northeast Region		
Dean Northeast, LLC 124 Grove Street			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year April 22, 2003		
(Street) Franklin, MA 02038			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)			7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price									
Common Stock	04/22/03		P		25,000	A	\$43.5232 ⁽¹⁾			557,897.670			D			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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FORM 4 (continued) 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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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	Year)	Year)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)				Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)						
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	21.5625					01/22/02	01/22/11	Common Stock	9,272	9,272	D	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	30.5250					01/14/03	01/14/12	Common Stock	3,276	3,276	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	18.7188					01/04/01	01/04/10	Common Stock	26,666	13,332	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	21.5625					1/22/02	01/22/11	Common Stock	44,060	44,060	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	30.5250					01/14/03	01/14/12	Common Stock	126,724	126,724	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Shares purchased through Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

By: /s/ **Alan J. Bernon**

April 23, 2003

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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