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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Co

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Exner John David

			SENECA FOODS CORP /NY/ [SENEA]				′	(Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transacti (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2009					DirectorX Officer (gi				
3736 SOUTH MAIN STREET		08/10/2009					General Counsel					
	(Street)			ndment, Da th/Day/Year	U	l		6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting P	erson		
MARION, N	IY 14505							Form filed by Person	More than One R	eporting		
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Executi any	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. SecurionAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	d (A) of d of (E) 4 and (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)		
Foods Class A Common	08/10/2009			A	468	A	(1)	1,557	D			
Seneca Class A Common								231.1	I	401-K Match		
Seneca Class B Common								51.3	I	401-K Match		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative	of (Month/Day/Y Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		Under Securi	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Exner John David

General Counsel 3736 SOUTH MAIN STREET

MARION, NY 14505

Signatures

Jeffrey L. Van Riper, As Attorney 10/05/2009 in Fact

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).

Award of restricted stock pursuant to the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by the shareholders of the

(1) Company on August 10, 2007. No price was paid by the Reporting Person in connection with this award of shares of restricted stock which vest 25% per year over the next four years.

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