DEAN FOODS CO Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KLEIN RONALD H | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | |
| 2515 MCKINN SUITE 1200 | IEY AVEN | UE, | 12/13/2006 | X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| DALLAS, TX | 75201 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative | Secu | rities Acquii | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y 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. Securit corr Dispos (Instr. 3, | ed of | ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2006 | | Code V M | Amount 25,086 | (D) | Price \$ 17.1835 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 45,056.291 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2006 | | S | 5,000 | D | \$ 43 | 40,056.291 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2006 | | S | 6,500 | D | \$ 43.35 | 33,556.291 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2006 | | S | 3,500 | D | \$ 43.4 | 30,056.291 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | | S | 200 | D | \$ 43.26 | 29,856.291 | D | |

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| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 43.27 | 29,056.291 | D |
|-----------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|------------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 43.28 | 28,056.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 3,086 | D | \$ 43.35 | 24,970.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 400 | D | \$ 43.36 | 24,570.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 1,600 | D | \$ 43.37 | 22,970.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 43.4 | 21,970.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 43.41 | 20,970.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 43.42 | 20,670.291 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/14/2006 | S | 700 | D | \$ 43.43 | 19,970.291 | D |

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. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title a |
|--|-------------------|
| Security Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative or Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Underly (Instr. 3 |
| Date Exercisable Expiration Date Code V (A) (D) | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units-DF902030 \$ 0 01/07/2006(1) 02/07/2015 | Comm |
| Restricted Stock Units-TU905739 \$ 0 01/07/2006(1) 02/07/2015 | Comm |
| Restricted Stock Units-(DU003754) \$ 0 01/13/2007(1) 01/13/2016 | Comm |

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| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-T0000510) | \$ 12.1383 | | | | 01/22/2002(2) | 01/22/2011 | Commo |
|--|------------|------------|---|--------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-T0000847) | \$ 12.1383 | | | | 01/22/2002(2) | 01/22/2011 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF001606) | \$ 17.1835 | | | | 01/14/2003(2) | 01/14/2012 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF001607) | \$ 17.1835 | 12/13/2006 | M | 25,086 | 01/14/2003(2) | 01/14/2012 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF001359) | \$ 17.1835 | | | | 01/14/2003(2) | 01/14/2012 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-T0000942) | \$ 17.1835 | | | | 01/14/2003(2) | 01/14/2012 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000598) | \$ 17.1835 | | | | 01/14/2003(2) | 01/14/2012 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000669) | \$ 17.1835 | | | | 01/14/2003(2) | 01/14/2012 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF002209) | \$ 20.9355 | | | | 01/06/2004(2) | 01/06/2013 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-T0001044) | \$ 20.9355 | | | | 01/06/2004(2) | 01/06/2013 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002210) | \$ 20.9355 | | | | 01/06/2004(2) | 01/06/2013 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000659) | \$ 20.9355 | | | | 01/06/2004(2) | 01/06/2013 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF003314) | \$ 26.3199 | | | | 01/13/2005(2) | 01/13/2014 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000267) | \$ 26.3199 | | | | 01/13/2005(2) | 01/13/2014 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to | \$ 26.3199 | | | | 01/13/2005(2) | 01/13/2014 | Commo |

| buy-T0001765) | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000269) | \$ 26.3199 | 01/13/2005(2) | 01/13/2014 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF003315) | \$ 26.3199 | 01/13/2005(2) | 01/13/2014 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000740) | \$ 26.3199 | 01/13/2005(2) | 01/13/2014 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF902122) | \$ 26.8941 | 01/07/2006(2) | 01/07/2015 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-T0001363) | \$ 26.8941 | 01/07/2006(2) | 01/07/2015 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF902123) | \$ 26.8941 | 01/10/2006(2) | 01/10/2015 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000268) | \$ 26.8941 | 01/07/2006(2) | 01/07/2015 | Commo |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000798) | \$ 26.8941 | 01/10/2006(2) | 01/10/2015 | Commo |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF004892) | \$ 37.74 | 01/13/2007(2) | 01/13/2016 | Commo |
| | | | | |

Comm

Stock

01/13/2007(2) 01/13/2016

Reporting Owners

\$ 37.74

Non-Qualified

Stock Option (right

to buy-DF004893)

Reporting Person

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| reporting 6 wher | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| KLEIN RONALD H 2515 MCKINNEY AVE DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | Senior Vice President | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Ronald H. Klein | 12/14/2006 | | | | | | |
| **Signature of | Date | | | | | | |

Reporting Owners 4

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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) The reporting person has received an award of Stock Units ("SUs") under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the SU Award Agreement. The SUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
- (2) The shares of common stock subject to the Option shall vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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