

DEAN FOODS CO  
Form 8-K  
April 15, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**April 15, 2009**

**Dean Foods Company**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1200

Dallas, TX 75201

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 303-3400

Not Applicable.

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Effective April 15, 2009, The Board of Directors of Dean Foods Company (the Company ) made certain changes to its classes of directors. Jim Turner moved from Class II to Class III of the Board, to serve until his successor is elected and qualified, or until his earlier resignation, retirement or removal, and Tom Davis moved from Class I to Class III of the Board, to serve until his successor is elected and qualified, or until his earlier resignation, retirement or removal. Mr. Turner and Mr. Davis will each be eligible for re-election at the Company s annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2010. Such changes were effected in order to comply with the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, which both require the Company to maintain Board classes as nearly equal in number as possible.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 15, 2009

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Steven J. Kemps  
Steven J. Kemps  
*Executive Vice President and General Counsel*