

DEAN FOODS CO
Form 8-K
October 21, 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): October 21, 2009

Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction)

1-12755
(Commission)

75-2559681
(IRS Employer)

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(State of incorporation)

(File Number)

(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)

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

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On October 21, 2009, Dean Foods Company (the Company) announced that it had appointed Joseph E. Scalzo to the new position of Chief Operating Officer, effective November 1. Mr. Scalzo, 51, has served as the President and CEO of the Company's WhiteWave-Morningstar segment since February of 2008. Mr. Scalzo joined the Company in October 2005 as President and CEO of its WhiteWave Foods Company subsidiary. Prior to joining the Company, he was employed by The Gillette Company from 2001 to October 2005, serving most recently as Group President, Personal Care and Global Value Chain. Prior to joining The Gillette Company, Mr. Scalzo served in various capacities at the Coca-Cola Company from 1997 to 2001, including Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of The Minute Maid Company. He began his career at Procter & Gamble in 1985 where he held various leadership positions. Mr. Scalzo's compensation will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors at its next meeting. The press release announcing Mr. Scalzo's appointment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Dean Foods Company press release dated October 21, 2009.

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: October 21, 2009

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ STEVEN J. KEMPS
Steven J. Kemps

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Dean Foods Company press release dated October 21, 2009.