

DEAN FOODS CO
Form 8-K
March 01, 2011

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):

February 25, 2011

Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12755
(Commission

75-2559681
(IRS Employer

File Number)
2711 North Haskell Avenue, Suite 3400

Identification No.)

Dallas, TX 75204

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

On March 1, 2011, Dean Foods Company (the "Company") announced that Joseph E. Scalzo would no longer serve as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer, effective February 25, 2011. In connection with the termination of his employment, Mr. Scalzo will receive severance benefits pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Executive Severance Pay Plan, which is set forth on Exhibit 10.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 19, 2010.

The press release containing this announcement 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 March 1, 2011.

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: March 1, 2011

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 March 1, 2011