

DEAN FOODS CO  
Form 8-K  
February 15, 2012  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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 15, 2012 (February 15, 2012)**

**Dean Foods Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other Jurisdiction

**1-12755**  
(Commission

**75-2559681**  
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**2711 North Haskell Avenue, Suite 3400**

**Dallas, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**75204**  
(Zip code)

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

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the registrant's earnings release for the fourth quarter and full year of 2011, issued February 15, 2012. This release shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Earnings Release issued February 15, 2012

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**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 15, 2012

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By:

/s/ SCOTT K. VOPNI  
Scott K. Vopni  
*Vice President and*

*Chief Accounting Officer*

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**NUMBER**

**DESCRIPTION**

99.1	Earnings Release issued February 15, 2012
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