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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement DEAN FOODS CO [DF] Sliva Christopher D (Month/Day/Year) 05/21/2009 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2515 MCKINNEY (Check all applicable) **AVENUE, Â SUITE 1200** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Senior Vice President and Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75201 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 10,313 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units (DU003811)	03/07/2007(1)	03/07/2016	Common Stock	4,400	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DV005423)	03/07/2007(1)	03/07/2016	Common Stock	2,066	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU003839)	02/12/2008(1)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	3,600	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DV005226)	02/12/2008(1)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	1,689	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004327)	01/15/2009(1)	01/15/2018	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004342)	03/03/2009(1)	03/03/2018	Common Stock	1,600	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004422)	02/13/2010(2)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 0	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005285)	03/07/2007(3)	03/07/2016	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 25.3895	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV003672)	03/07/2007(3)	03/07/2016	Common Stock	16,433	\$ 25.3895	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005945)	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	23,223	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV003673)	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	10,903	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006448)	01/15/2009(3)	01/15/2018	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 25.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006465)	03/03/2009(3)	03/03/2018	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 21.71	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006545)	02/13/2010(3)	02/13/2019	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 20.07	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF005355)	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	6,777	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DV003674)	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	3,182	\$ 30.1121	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sliva Christopher D

2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE SUITE 1200

DALLAS, TXÂ 75201

Relationships

Other

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney-In-Fact 06/04/2009

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
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Date

- The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in (1) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The restricted stock units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in (2) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The restricted stock units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
- (3) The shares of Common Stock subject to the Option vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement.

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