

DEAN FOODS CO  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â VOPNI SCOTT K		(Month/Day/Year)	DEAN FOODS CO [DF]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE,Â SUITE 3400		12/15/2010	(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
DALLAS,Â TXÂ 75204			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Vice President	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,423	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006480)	06/02/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 06/02/2018	Common Stock 8,200 \$ 21.06	D Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006870)	02/13/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/13/2019	Common Stock 8,500 \$ 20.07	D Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF007239)	02/12/2011 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/12/2020	Common Stock 5,552 \$ 14.56	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004356)	06/02/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/02/2018	Common Stock 2,700 \$ 0	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004738)	02/13/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/13/2019	Common Stock 2,800 \$ 0	D Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU005099)	02/12/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/12/2020	Common Stock 1,882 \$ 0	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VOPNI SCOTT K 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE SUITE 3400 DALLAS, TX 75204	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Katherine K. Connell,  
Attorney-In-Fact

12/22/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 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.  
  
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 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, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
  - (2) 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 the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
  - (3) 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 the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
  - (4) 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 the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year

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period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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