

DEAN FOODS CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VOPNI SCOTT K

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE, SUITE 3400  
(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75204

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DEAN FOODS CO [DF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/12/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/12/2012                           |  | M                              | 627 <u>(1)</u> A  | \$ 0  | 3,529  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/12/2012                           |  | F                              | 193 <u>(1)</u> D  | \$ 10.69  | 3,336  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 933 <u>(2)</u> A  | \$ 0  | 4,269  | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2012                           |  | F                              | 286 <u>(2)</u> D  | \$ 10.93  | 3,983  | D                                 |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units (DU005099)          | \$ 0   | 02/12/2012                           |  | M                              | 627<br>(1)  | 02/12/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/12/2020                     | Common Stock  | 627                        |
| Restricted Stock Units (DU004738)          | \$ 0   | 02/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 933<br>(2)  | 02/13/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/13/2019                     | Common Stock  | 933                        |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Katherine K. Connell,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/14/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

The reporting person received a total of 627 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (1) restricted stock units. A total of 193 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 434 net shares of Common Stock.

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(2) The reporting person received a total of 933 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units. A total of 286 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 647 net shares of Common Stock.

(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.

(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 period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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