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December 21, 2001

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 21, 2001.

Registration No. 333-64936

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO FORM S-4 ON FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

DEAN FOODS COMPANY
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE

75-2559681

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

DEAN FOODS COMPANY 1989 STOCK AWARDS PLAN
DEAN FOODS COMPANY 1992 DIRECTOR STOCK AWARDS PLAN
DEAN FOODS COMPANY 1996 DIRECTOR STOCK AWARDS PLAN
(Full Title of the Plans)

GREGG L. ENGLS
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DEAN FOODS COMPANY
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201
(214) 303-3400
(Name, Address, and Telephone Number,
including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

COPY TO:
WILLIAM A. MCCORMACK
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1717 MAIN STREET, SUITE 2800
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF EACH CLASS OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE	PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE

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Common Stock,
\$0.01 par value 3,164,175 (1) (2) (2)

(1) This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 covers 3,164,175 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Dean Foods Company (the "Registrant") originally registered on Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4.

(2) All filing fees payable in connection with the registration of these securities were paid in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-4 on July 11, 2001 and Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 on August 10, 2001 registering 18,509,450 shares of Common Stock of the Registrant, including the 3,164,175 shares being registered hereunder.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

We are filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to convert the registration of a portion of the shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to be issued under certain employee benefit plans that were originally registered on Form S-4, to Form S-8. We filed our Registration Statement of Form S-4 (File No. 333-64936) in connection with our acquisition by merger of the former Dean Foods Company, a Delaware corporation ("Old Dean Foods"). Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 4, 2001 (the "Merger Agreement"), among us (formerly known as Suiza Foods Corporation), Blackhawk Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and our wholly-owned subsidiary ("Blackhawk") and Old Dean Foods, at the effective time of the merger between Blackhawk and Old Dean Foods, each outstanding stock award originally issued by Old Dean Foods pursuant to the plans listed below became no longer exercisable for shares of common stock of Old Dean Foods, but, instead, now constitutes an award of or an option to acquire our common stock pursuant to the plans listed below:

- Dean Foods Company 1989 Stock Awards Plan
Dean Foods Company 1992 Director Stock Awards Plan
Dean Foods Company 1996 Director Stock Awards Plan

Each outstanding stock award will be exercisable for the number of shares of Old Dean Foods common stock to which the corresponding Old Dean Foods option or other stock based award was subject multiplied by 0.7521.

We hereby amend our Registration Statement (the "Registration Statement") on Form S-4 (No. 333-64936), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 11, 2001, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Form S-4 filed on August 10, 2001, by filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 (the "Post-Effective Amendment") relating to 3,164,175 shares of our Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of stock awards issued under the Dean Foods Company 1989 Stock Awards Plan, the Dean Foods Company 1992 Director Stock Awards Plan, and the Dean Foods Company 1996 Director Stock Awards Plan.

PART I

ITEM 1. PLAN INFORMATION*

ITEM 2. REGISTRANT INFORMATION AND EMPLOYEE PLAN ANNUAL INFORMATION*

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*Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the "Note" to Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.

The following documents heretofore filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by Dean Foods Company (the "Registrant") are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

(a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, which contains the Registrant's audited financial statements for the Registrant's last completed fiscal year (the "2000 Form 10-K").

(b) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2001, June 30, 2001, and September 30, 2001.

(c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on April 5, 2001 (amended by Form 8-K/A filed on April 10, 2001) and May 3, 2001.

(d) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated February 19, 1997, (File Number 001-127-55), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

(e) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock purchase rights contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated March 10, 1998, (File Number 001-127-55), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all of the shares of Common Stock offered have been sold or which deregisters all of such shares then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents (such documents, and the documents enumerated above, "Incorporated Documents").

Any statement contained in an Incorporated Document shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed Incorporated Document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.

Not applicable.

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ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

The Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation provides that no director of the Registrant will be personally liable to the Registrant or any of its stockholders for monetary damages arising from the director's breach of fiduciary duty as a director, with certain limited exceptions.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, every Delaware corporation has the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any and all expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding. The power to indemnify applies only if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in the best interests, or not opposed to the best interests, of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

The power to indemnify applies to actions brought by or in the right of the corporation as well, but only to the extent of defense and settlement expenses and not to any satisfaction of a judgment or settlement of the claim itself, and with the further limitation that in such actions no indemnification shall be made in the event of any adjudication of negligence or misconduct unless the court, in its discretion, believes that in light of all the circumstances indemnification should apply.

The Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation contains provisions requiring it to indemnify its officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

- 4.1* Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant dated December 21, 2001.
- 4.2 Rights Agreement dated March 6, 1998 among the Registrant and Harris Trust & Savings Bank, as rights agent, which includes as Exhibit A the Form of Rights Certificate (incorporated by reference from the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on March 10, 1998 (File No. 1-12755)).
- 5.1+ Opinion of Hughes & Luce, L.L.P.

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- 23.1+ Consent of Hughes & Luce, L.L.P. (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2* Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP (for the Registrant).
- 24.1+ Power of Attorney (contained in signature page).

+Previously filed.
*Filed herewith.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

(a) The Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act");

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to

Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The Registrant hereby undertakes that for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the

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Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification by the Registrant for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification by the Registrant against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Dallas, State of Texas, on December 21, 2001.

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: *

Barry A. Fromberg
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

*By: /s/ GREGG L. ENGLER

Gregg L. Engles
Attorney-In-Fact

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature -----	Title -----	
/s/ Gregg L. Engles ----- Gregg L. Engles	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	Decembe

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* ----- Barry A. Fromberg	Principal Financial and Accounting Officer	Decembe
/s/ Gregg L. Engles ----- Gregg L. Engles	Chairman of the Board	Decembe
* ----- Pete Schenkel	Vice Chairman of the Board	Decembe
* ----- Hector M. Nevares	Vice Chairman of the Board	Decembe
* ----- Alan Bernon	Director	Decembe
* ----- Tom Davis	Director	Decembe
* ----- Stephen L. Green	Director	Decembe
* ----- Joseph S. Hardin, Jr.	Director	Decembe
* ----- John Muse	Director	Decembe
* ----- P. Eugene Pender	Director	Decembe
* ----- Jim Turner	Director	Decembe
*By: /s/ GREGG L. ENGLS ----- Gregg L. Engles Attorney-In-Fact		

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