

DEAN FOODS CO/  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2004

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**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):  
January 5, 2004 (January 5, 2004)

**Dean Foods Company**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-12755

75-2559681

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(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2515 McKinney Avenue, LB 30, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75201

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

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**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure**

Attached is a press release issued by the registrant on January 5, 2004.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

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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: January 5, 2004

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Lisa N. Tyson

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Lisa N. Tyson  
Senior Vice President and  
Deputy General Counsel

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<b>EXHIBIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press Release issued January 5, 2004