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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): September 7, 2004 (September 7, 2004)

Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Commission File Number | (IRS Employer Identification No.) | 2515 McKinney Avenue, LB 30, Suite 1200 | Dallas, Texas 75201 | (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) | Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (214) 303-3400

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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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: September 7, 2004 DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Lisa N. Tyson

Lisa N. Tyson Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

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