

TYSON FOODS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LEATHERBY DENNIS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/23/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

(Street)
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	08/23/2016		G		7,500	D	\$ 0
							135,027.875 (1)
Class A Common Stock	09/15/2016		J(2)		51.764	A	\$ 0
							135,079.639 (1)
Class A Common Stock	11/17/2016		J(3)		319.5693	A	\$ 0
							6,152.2356
	11/28/2016		M(4)		22,465.576	A	\$ 0

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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Class A Common Stock						157,545.215 <u>(1)</u>	
Class A Common Stock	11/28/2016		F ⁽⁵⁾	10,976	D	\$ 0	146,569.215 <u>(1)</u> D
Class A Common Stock	11/28/2016		F ⁽⁶⁾	4,577	D	\$ 0	141,992.215 <u>(7)</u> D
Class A Common Stock	11/28/2016		A ⁽⁸⁾	7,250.9	A	\$ 0	149,243.115 <u>(9)</u> 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 a Underlyi (Instr. 3)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Performance Shares	<u>(4)</u>	11/28/2016		M	29,164	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Class Comm Stock
Performance Shares	<u>(10)</u>	11/28/2016		A ⁽¹⁰⁾	29,003.6	<u>(10)</u> <u>(10)</u>	Class Comm Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1	11/28/2016		A ⁽¹¹⁾	31,522	11/28/2017 11/28/2026	Class Comm Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEATHERBY DENNIS 2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY			EVP & CFO	

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Signatures

/s/ Dennis

11/30/2016

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**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).
- (1) Includes 9,368.014 shares of Class A Common Stock which vested as described in footnote 6; 7,539.016 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and, 8,513.437 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.
- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (3) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (4) On November 22, 2013 the Reporting Person received a grant of 29,164 performance shares which vested (in whole or in part) or expired on November 28, 2016 subject to the achievement of performance metrics in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement. The performance metrics were (a) a cumulative adjusted earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) target of \$6,344 million for the 2014-2016 fiscal years and (b) a favorable comparison of the Issuer's Class A common stock price relative to the stock prices of a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over the 2014-2016 fiscal years. The performance shares could vest at a level of 50%-200% and were previously reported as derivative securities at the 200% level. On November 28, 2016, 22,465.576 shares vested and are reported herein as acquired non-derivatives securities.
- (5) Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 10,976 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 28, 2016, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described in footnote 4.
- (6) On November 28, 2016, 9,368.014 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested. These shares were previously reported as beneficially owned by the Reporting Person. Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 4,577 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 28, 2016, to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (7) Includes 7,539.016 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and includes 8,513.437 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.
- (8) Award of Class A Common Stock which vests on November 18, 2019 if the performance metric described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement is achieved. The performance metric is achievement of a three year (fiscal 2017-2019) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement. If the performance metric is not achieved, the award expires.
- (9) Includes 7,539.016 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 8,513.437 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 7,250.9 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 18, 2019 if the performance metric described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement is achieved.
- (10) Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on November 18, 2019 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved. The performance metrics set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement are (1) achievement of a three year (fiscal 2017-2019) cumulative EBIT target and (2) a favorable comparison of the relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock compared to a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over a three year (fiscal 2017-2019) period. Subject to the achievement of the performance metrics, the performance shares could vest at a level of 50%-200% and are reported as derivative securities at the 200% level. If neither of the performance metrics are achieved, the award expires.
- (11) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on each of the first, second, and third anniversary dates of the grant.

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