

Kroeker Harrald F.K.
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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 *
Kroeker Harrald F.K.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/01/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President-DSD Group

DALLAS, TX 75201

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	12/01/2008		M	2,939 A \$ 0	5,878	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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units (DU003828)	\$ 0	12/01/2008		M	2,000	12/01/2007 ⁽¹⁾	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DV005215)	\$ 0	12/01/2008		M	939	12/01/2007 ⁽¹⁾	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU003837)	\$ 0					02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DV005224)	\$ 0					02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU004317)	\$ 0					01/15/2009 ⁽¹⁾	01/15/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005325)	\$ 29.0914					12/01/2007 ⁽²⁾	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002289)	\$ 29.0914					12/01/2007 ⁽²⁾	12/01/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005943)	\$ 30.1121					02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002290)	\$ 30.1121					02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$ 25.37					01/15/2009 ⁽²⁾	01/15/2018	Common Stock

buy-DF006438)				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF005353)	\$ 30.1121		02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/12/2017	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DV002291)		\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾ 02/12/2017	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kroeker Harrald F.K. 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201			President-DSD Group	

Signatures

Angela B. Miro,
Attorney-in-Fact 12/02/2008

**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 has received an award of RSUs, which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the Issuer in the future,
- (1) subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Award Agreement. The RSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
 - (2) The shares of common stock subject to the Option vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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