

Tanner Gregg A
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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 *
Tanner Gregg A

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

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP, Supply Chain

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	01/15/2009		M		4,800 (1)	A	\$ 0 (1)
					14,112	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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006018)	\$ 26.67					11/06/2008 ⁽²⁾	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006019)	\$ 26.67					11/06/2008 ⁽²⁾	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU003944)	\$ 0					11/06/2008 ⁽³⁾	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU003945)	\$ 0					11/06/2008 ⁽³⁾	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU003946)	\$ 0					11/01/2012 ⁽⁴⁾	12/17/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006429)	\$ 25.37					01/15/2009 ⁽²⁾	01/15/2018	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU004308)	\$ 0	01/15/2009		M	4,800 ⁽¹⁾	01/15/2009 ⁽³⁾	01/15/2018	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU004385)	\$ 0					11/01/2012 ⁽⁴⁾	12/01/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tanner Gregg A 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200			Exec VP, Supply Chain	

DALLAS, TX 75201

Signatures

Angela B. Miro,
Attorney-in-Fact

01/20/2009

__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) The reporting person was entitled to receive a total of 4,800 shares of common stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the 2008 Award of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs").
 - (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.

A Restricted Stock Unit is a right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
 - (3) The reporting person has received Restricted Stock Units which is a right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units will vest on November 1, 2012, five years from the reporting person's date of employment, pursuant to the terms of his letter offering employment.
 - (4) subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units will vest on November 1, 2012, five years from the reporting person's date of employment, pursuant to the terms of his letter offering employment.

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