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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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09/30/2008

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAVIS TOM C		Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N		f Earliest Tr				(Ch	eck all applicable	e)	
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	(Street)		ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	Č			Applicable Line)	Joint/Group Filing y One Reporting Po		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code	4. Securi onAcquirec Disposec (Instr. 3, Amount 1,185	d (A) o))	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)	
Common	09/30/2008		۸	1,100	۸	ΦΛ	32.081	D		

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securitie
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy SF002502)	\$ 10.1707					06/29/2001(2)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000783)	\$ 10.1707					06/29/2001(2)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	10,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy T0000644)	\$ 10.1707					06/29/2001(2)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	4,14
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000785)	\$ 10.1707					06/29/2001(2)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	1,94
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DF002165)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(2)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000790)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(2)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	10,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy T0000653)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(2)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	4,14
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000791)	\$ 14.2351					07/01/2002(2)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	1,94
	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013		7,50

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DF002875)				Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000789)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy T0000782)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	1,38
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000784)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	649
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DF003663)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000788)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy T0000792)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	1,38
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000787)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	649
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DF905917)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000786)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	3,52
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DF005290)	\$ 25.3078	06/30/2006(2)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	7,50
	\$ 25.3078	06/30/2006(2)	06/30/2016		3,52

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DV000792)				Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy DF005995)	\$ 31.87	06/29/2007(2)	06/29/2017	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.62	06/30/2008(3)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	7,50
Restricted Stock Units (DU003816)	\$ 0	06/30/2007(4)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	850
Restricted Stock Units (DV005202)	\$ 0	06/30/2007(4)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	399
Restricted Stock Units (DU003927)	\$ 0	06/29/2008(4)	06/29/2017	Common Stock	1,70
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	06/30/2009(4)	06/30/2018	Common Stock	2,55

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DAVIS TOM C 500 CRESCENT COURT SUITE 270 DALLAS, TX 75201	X					

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney-In-Fact

**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).
- These are restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan in payment of fees owed for services as an independent (1) director. All such shares are subject to vesting in three equal increments, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued and then annually thereafter.
- (2) The options were automatically granted under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.

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- (3) The options were granted automatically under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs"), which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (4) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Award Agreement. The RSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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