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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

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			DEAN FOODS CO [DF]				(Check all applicable)			
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			of Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 2011				Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Commercial Officer		
(Street) 4. If Amer Filed(Mon				U	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	_	3. e, if Transaction Code	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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	
Common Stock	03/03/2011		M	400 (1)	. ,	\$ 0	26,220	D		
Common Stock	03/03/2011		F	106 (1)	D	\$ 10.08	26,114	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	ŕ	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (DU004342)	\$ 0	03/03/2011		M	400 (1)	03/03/2009(2)	03/03/2018	Common Stock	400 9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sliva Christopher D 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE SUITE 3400 DALLAS, TX 75204

Chief Commercial Officer

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell 03/07/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 received a total of 400 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (1) restricted stock units. A total of 106 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 294 net shares of Common Stock.
- The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in (2) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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