**DEAN FOODS CO** Form 4 May 21, 2010

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

See Instruction

MUSE JOHN R			Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]					Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			_X_ Director 10% Owner				
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1600			05/19/2010					Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If An	nendment, I	Date Origina	al		6. Individual or J	oint/Group Fil	ing(Check
F			Filed(M	Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
DALLAS, TX 75201								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non-	-Derivative	Secu	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of		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 Stock	05/19/2010			M	39,157	A	\$ 9.3614	385,442	D	
Common Stock								2,550	I	by Spouse. $\underline{^{(1)}}$
Common Stock								2,000	I	by minor children sharing household.

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI001803)	\$ 9.3614	05/19/2010		M	22,500	06/30/2000(2)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000639)	\$ 9.3614	05/19/2010		M	4,146	06/30/2000(2)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002938)	\$ 9.3614	05/19/2010		M	1,947	06/30/2000(2)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002942)	\$ 9.3614	05/19/2010		M	10,564	06/30/2000(2)	06/30/2010	Common Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
MUSE JOHN R						
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1600	X					
DALLAS, TX 75201						

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## **Signatures**

Richard Stephens, Attorney-In-Fact 05/21/2010

\*\*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 disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by him.
- (2) The options were fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.

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