

TYSON FOODS INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â King Donnie                             |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]                            |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |         | 10/10/2007                           |  |  |
| 2210 WEST OAKLAWN DRIVE                   |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                             |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                                     |
|   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| SPRINGDALE,Â ARÂ 72762                    |         |                                      | (give title below)                                 | (specify below)  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | Grp VP of Poultry & Prep.Foods                     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock            | 1,509   | D  | Â   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 54,441  | D  | Â   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 1,109   | I  | By ESPP   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
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| (Instr. 4)                                | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date  | Derivative Security (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/10/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> | 10/10/2012       | Class A Common Stock                    | 1,392                      | \$ 9.64                                  | D  | Â                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 09/19/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/19/2013       | Class A Common Stock                    | 6,960                      | \$ 13.33                                 | D  | Â                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <sup>(1)</sup>          | 09/29/2014       | Class A Common Stock                    | 10,000                     | \$ 15.96                                 | D  | Â                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 11/16/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/16/2015       | Class A Common Stock                    | 10,000                     | \$ 16.35                                 | D  | Â                               |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option(right to buy)  | 11/17/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/17/2016       | Class A Common Stock                    | 10,000                     | \$ 15.37                                 | D  | Â                               |
| Performance Shares                        | Â <sup>(2)</sup>          | Â <sup>(2)</sup> | Class A Common Stock                    | 21,008.4034                | \$ <sup>(2)</sup>                        | D  | Â                               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| King Donnie<br>2210 WEST OAKLAWN DRIVE<br>SPRINGDALE,Â ARÂ 72762 | Â             | Â         | Â Grp VP of Poultry & Prep.Foods | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ King, Donnie                      10/19/2007  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 stock options vest at 40% on the second anniversary of the grant date, the date indicated herein is the first vesting date, and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
  - (2) The award will vest or expire two business days following the Issuer's 2010 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies. The number of performance shares that can vest under the awards range from 50% to 150% of the target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting

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level of 150%.

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