

TYSON FOODS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**LEATHERBY DENNIS**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2210 W. OAKLAWN  
(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/16/2007

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)  
Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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		
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2007		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	182	A	\$ 0 51,146	D
Class A Common Stock	10/31/2007		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	815	A	\$ 0 5,064	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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.06	11/16/2007		A	8,000	11/16/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LEATHERBY DENNIS 2210 W. OAKLAWN SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Sr. VP, Finance and Treasurer	

**Signatures**

By: R. Read Hudson, by power of attorney for  
 11/20/2007  
 \*\*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) Represents 182 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock received by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan through September 30, 2007. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Represents 815 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased from June 1, 2007 thru October 31, 2007, for the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-3.
- (3) Stock Options vest at 40% on November 16, 2009 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

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