

TYSON FOODS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
White Noel W

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY  
(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)  
09/20/2016

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)  
President Poultry

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |                            |   |                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |                            |   |                              |
| Class A Common Stock            | 09/20/2016                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 125.263   | A  | \$ 0                                       | 119,016.04 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D |                              |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/28/2016                           |  | J <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 334.2194  | A  | \$ 0                                       | 10,729.2545                | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock            | 11/28/2016                           |  | M <sup>(4)</sup>               |   | 33,892.033  | A  | \$ 0                                       | 152,908.073 <sup>(2)</sup> | D |                              |
|                                 | 11/28/2016                           |  | F <sup>(5)</sup>               |   | 16,557  | D  | \$ 0                                       |                            | D |                              |

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|                            |            |  |                  |            |   |                           |                             |
|----------------------------|------------|--|------------------|------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock |            |  |                  |            |   | 136,351.073<br><u>(2)</u> |                             |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2016 |  | F <sup>(6)</sup> | 6,904      | D | \$ 0                      | 129,447.073<br><u>(7)</u> D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 11/28/2016 |  | A <sup>(8)</sup> | 10,939.257 | A | \$ 0                      | 140,386.33<br><u>(9)</u> 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title Underlying Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title                                   |
| Performance Shares                         | <u>(4)</u>   | 11/28/2016                           |  | M                              | 43,997  | <u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>                                    | Class A Common Stock                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 58.34   | 11/28/2016                           |  | A <sup>(10)</sup>              | 47,556  | 11/28/2017 11/28/2026                                    | Class A Common Stock                    |
| Performance Shares                         | <u>(11)</u>  | 11/28/2016                           |  | A <sup>(11)</sup>              | 21,878.514  | <u>(11)</u> <u>(11)</u>                                  | Class A Common Stock                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| White Noel W<br>2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 |               |           | President Poultry |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Noel W.  
White

11/30/2016

\*\*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 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

(2) Includes 14,132.779 shares of Class A Common Stock which vested as described in footnote 6; 11,157.486 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 23,571.499 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on July 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 12,651.436 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.

(3) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

(4) On November 22, 2013 the Reporting Person received a grant of 43,997 performance shares which vested (in whole or in part) or expired on November 28, 2016 subject to the achievement of performance metrics in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement. The performance metrics were (a) a cumulative adjusted earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) target of \$6,344 million for the 2014-2016 fiscal years and (b) a favorable comparison of the Issuer's Class A common stock price relative to the stock prices of a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over the 2014-2016 fiscal years. The performance shares could vest at a level of 50%-200% and were previously reported as derivative securities at the 200% level. On November 28, 2016, 33,892.033 shares vested and are reported herein as acquired non-derivatives securities.

(5) Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 16,557 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 28, 2016, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described in footnote 4.

(6) On November 28, 2016, 14,132.779 shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested. These shares were previously reported as beneficially owned by the Reporting Person. Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 6,904 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 28, 2016, to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

(7) Includes 11,157.486 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 23,571.499 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on July 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 12,651.436 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.

(8) Award of Class A Common Stock which vests on November 18, 2019 if the performance metric described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement is achieved. The performance metric is achievement of a three year (fiscal 2017-2019) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement. If the performance metric is not achieved, the award expires.

(9) Includes 11,157.486 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2017 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 23,571.499 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on July 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 12,651.436 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 10,939.257 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 18, 2019 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.

(10) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on each of the first, second, and third anniversary dates of the grant.

(11) Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on November 18, 2019 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved. The performance metrics set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement are (1) achievement of a three year (fiscal 2017-2019) cumulative EBIT target and (2) a favorable comparison of the relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock compared to a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over a three year

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(fiscal 2017-2019) period. Subject to the achievement of the performance metrics, the performance shares could vest at a level of 50%-200% and are reported as derivative securities at the 200% level. If neither of the performance metrics are achieved, the award expires.

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