

Smith Donald
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Smith Donald

(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)
09/29/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Group VP, Consumer Products

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V 430 A \$ 0	54,385	D	
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2008		J ⁽²⁾	V 1,569 A \$ 0	32,297	I	By Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock					904	I	By Custodian For Child

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Class A Common Stock	4,527	I	By Spouse Trust
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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 and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date Date	Title Amount Num Shar
Performance Shares	(3)	09/29/2008		A	29,550.8274	(3) (3)	Class A Common Stock 29,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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2210 W. OAKLAWN
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Group VP, Consumer Products

Signatures

By: R. Read Hudson, by power of attorney for 10/01/2008

**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).

Represents 430 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock acquired by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan since the last statement of changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the reporting person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

Represents 1,569 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 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

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The award will vest or expire two business days following the Issuer's 2011 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of the 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 a target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.

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