

Leonard Bernard
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 *
Leonard Bernard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2210 WEST OAKLAWN DRIVE

(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)

11/14/2008

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 ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Group VP of Food Service

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 10/31/2008 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 64 A \$ 0 | 1,572 | I | By Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 57,735 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | | | | | 52,734 | I | By 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 Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 4.9 | 11/14/2008 | | A | 40,000 | 11/14/2010 ⁽²⁾ 11/14/2018 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|----------------------------------|
| | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Leonard Bernard 2210 WEST OAKLAWN DRIVE SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | Group VP of Food Service |

Signatures

/s/ Leonard,
Bernard 11/19/2008

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 64 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Employee

(1) 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.

(2) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-14-2010 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

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