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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Reporting     Person *     Â King Donnie			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/04/2009	4. Relationsl Person(s) to	hip of Reporting Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
2200 DON 7	ΓYSON PA	RKWAY					(	
(Street)				(Check all applicable)		)	6. Individual or Joint/Group	
SPRINGDA	LE, ARÂ	72762				owner ow)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secur (Instr. 4)	rity			ount of Securities cially Owned 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Natu Owner (Instr. :	*	
Class A Con	nmon Stock	ς	45,80°	7	D	Â		
Class A Common Stock			239		I	Retirement Savings Plan		
Class A Con	nmon Stock	ζ	950		I	Joint 1	IRA Account	
Class A Con	nmon Stock	ζ	8,067		I	Emple	oyee Stock Purchase Plan	
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities benefic owned directly or indirectly.			,	SEC 1473 (7-02	2)			
	inform	nation conta	oond to the collection nined in this form are and unless the form of	e not				

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial

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	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		ecurity	or Exercise Price of	Form of Derivative	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	10/10/2004(1)	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,392	\$ 9.64	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/19/2005(1)	09/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	6,960	\$ 13.33	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/29/2006(1)	09/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 15.96	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2007(1)	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 16.35	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/17/2008(1)	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 15.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2009(1)	11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 15.06	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/14/2010(1)	11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 4.9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/30/2010(2)	11/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 12.02	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
King Donnie 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Â	Â	Sr. Group VP of Poultry & Prep	Â		

# Signatures

Donnie King	12/08/2009		
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date		

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### **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 date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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