

TYSON FOODS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VAN BEBBER DAVID L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 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)  
10/03/2011

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)  
Executive VP & Gen Counsel

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |   |                              |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|---|------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                             |       |   |                              |
| Class A Common Stock            | 07/01/2011                           |                                                    | J(1)                           | V                                                                 | 1,055                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 0                              | 4,282 | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock            | 07/01/2011                           |                                                    | J(2)                           | V                                                                 | 3,971                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 0                              | 311   | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock            | 09/29/2011                           |                                                    | J(1)                           | V                                                                 | 859                                                                                           | A                                                        | \$ 0                              | 1,170 | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |

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|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---|--------|---|------------|---------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 07/01/2011 | <u>J</u> <sup>(2)</sup> | V | 3,971  | A | \$ 0       | 115,389 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 08/16/2011 | <u>G</u> <sup>(3)</sup> |   | 1,000  | D | \$ 0       | 114,389 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 09/15/2011 | <u>J</u> <sup>(4)</sup> | V | 236    | A | \$ 0       | 114,625 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 10/04/2011 | <u>M</u> <sup>(7)</sup> |   | 17,730 | A | <u>7</u>   | 132,355 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 10/04/2011 | <u>S</u> <sup>(7)</sup> |   | 5,931  | D | \$<br>17.1 | 126,424 | 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 and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date |                                                   |
| Performance Shares                         | <u>(5)</u>                                             | 10/03/2011                           |                                                    | <u>A</u> <sup>(5)</sup>        | <u>(5)</u> 12,961                                                                       | <u>(5)</u>                                               | <u>(5)</u>      | Class A Common Stock                              |
| Performance Shares                         | <u>(6)</u>                                             | 09/28/2008                           | 10/04/2011                                         | <u>M</u> <sup>(6)</sup>        | 17,730                                                                                  | <u>(6)</u>                                               | 10/14/2011      | Class A Common Stock                              |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other  
Executive VP & Gen Counsel

VAN BEBBER DAVID L  
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY  
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

## Signatures

David L. Van  
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10/05/2011

\*\*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 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.
  - (2) The Reporting Person transferred shares from the Employee Stock Purchase Plan account into the Reporting Person's personal stock account thereby changing the ownership of the stock from Indirect to Direct.
  - (3) Shares given as a Charitable Donation.
    - (4) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2011, June 15, 2011, September 15, 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under Issuer's stock 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 16a-11.
    - (5) The award will vest on or expire two business days following the Issuers 2014 fiscal year based upon a comparison of the market price of the Issuers 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 target level, and the number of derivative securities reported herein is at the maximum vesting level of 150%.
      - (6) On September 29, 2008, the Reporting Person received a grant of performance shares which vested on or expired on October 4, 2011. The performance shares were previously reported as derivative securities at the 150% level. On October 4, 2011, 17,730 share vested (150% level) and are reported herein as acquired non-derivative securities.
      - (7) On October 4, 2011, 17,730 shares of performance Class A Common Stock vested. The award of those performance shares to the Reporting Person has previously been reported (see Footnote #6). Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 5,931 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on October 4, 2011, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting.

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