DEAN FOODS CO/ Form 4 April 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

DEAN FOODS CO/[DF]

Symbol

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

MUSE JOHN R

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest	Fransactio:	n		(Check all applicable)			
200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1600		((Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(CheckApplicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DALLAS,	TX 75201						Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivativ	e Seci	urities .	Acquired, Dispo	sed of, or Ber	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2005	2A. Deemed Execution D any (Month/Day	Date, if Transaction Code	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or))	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)	
Common Stock						_	300	I	by Father-in-Law	
Common Stock							300	I	by Mother (2)	
Common Stock							300	I	by Mother-in-Law	
							2,550	I	by Spouse (2)	

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Common Stock

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. DiNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.5433					06/30/1998(3)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	22,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.9583					06/30/1999(3)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	22,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.2917					06/30/2000(3)	06/30/2010	Common Stock	22,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.7					06/29/2001(3)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	22,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.7733					07/01/2002(3)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	22,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.5					06/30/2003(3)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.31					06/30/2004(3)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	7,50

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Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	06/30/2004(4)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	1,70
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	06/30/2005(4)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	2,55

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MUSE JOHN R

200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1600 X

Signatures

DALLAS, TX 75201

John R. Muse 04/04/2005

**Signature of 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).
- These are restricted shares issued under Dean's 1997 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan in payment of fees owed for services as an (1) independent director. All such shares are subject to a 3-year vesting period, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued.
- (2) Mr. Muse disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by him.
- (3) The options were automatically granted under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (4) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the DSU Award Agreement. The DSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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