DEAN FOODS CO/ Form 4 March 15, 2006

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KLEIN RONALD H			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO/ [DF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
2515 MCF SUITE 120	KINNEY AVE 00	ENUE,	(Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2006	Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable 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-Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1 Title of	2 Transaction	Date 24 Deep	med 3 4 Securities Acquired	(A) 5 Amount of 6 7 Natur			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)		(D) 5)	5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/31/2006		J V		A	\$ 36.0335	17,583.089	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		M	15,000	A	\$ 17.1835	32,583.089	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		S	7,000	D	\$ 37.09	25,583.089	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		S	300	D	\$ 37.1	25,283.089	D	
Common Stock	03/14/2006		S	1,700	D	\$ 37.11	23,583.089	D	

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Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	3,700	D	\$ 37.12	19,883.089	D
Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 37.13	17,883.089	D
Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	300	D	\$ 37.15	17,583.089	D
Common Stock	03/14/2006	S	6,195	D	\$ 36.95	11,388.089	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

buy)-T0000510

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Sec Acc or I (D) (Ins	rivat curiti quire Disp	ed (A) osed of	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	7 (A)	)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Deferred Stock Units-DU000097	\$ 0							01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Commor Stock
Deferred Stock Units-TU905844	\$ 0							01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Commor Stock
Restricted Stock Units-DF902030	\$ 0							01/07/2006	02/07/2015	Commor Stock
Restricted Stock Units-TU905739	\$ 0							01/07/2006	02/07/2015	Commor Stock
Restricted Stock Units-(DU) (1)	\$ 0							01/13/2007	01/13/2016	Commor Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to	\$ 12.1383							01/22/2002(2)	01/22/2011	Commor Stock

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Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000847	\$ 12.1383				01/22/2002(2)	01/22/2011	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF001606	\$ 17.1835				01/14/2003(2)	01/14/2012	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF001607	\$ 17.1835	03/14/2006	M	15,000	01/14/2003(2)	01/14/2012	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF001359	\$ 17.1835				01/14/2003(2)	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000942	\$ 17.1835				01/14/2003(2)	01/14/2012	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000598	\$ 17.1835				01/14/2003(2)	01/14/2012	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000669	\$ 17.1835				01/14/2003(2)	01/14/2012	Commor Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF002209	\$ 20.9355				01/06/2004(2)	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0001044	\$ 20.9355				01/06/2004(2)	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF002210	\$ 20.9355				01/06/2004(2)	01/06/2013	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000659	\$ 20.9355				01/06/2004(2)	01/06/2013	Commor Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF003314	\$ 26.3199				01/13/2005(2)	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$ 26.3199				01/13/2005(2)	01/13/2014	Commor Stock

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Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0001765	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(2)	01/13/2014	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-TU000269	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(2)	01/13/2014	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF003315	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(2)	01/13/2014	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000740	\$ 26.3199	01/13/2005(2)	01/13/2014	Commor Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-DF902122	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006(2)	01/07/2015	Commor Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)-T0001363	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006(2)	01/07/2015	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-TU000268	\$ 26.8941	01/07/2006(2)	01/07/2015	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-T0000798	\$ 26.8941	01/10/2006(2)	01/10/2015	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)-DF902123	\$ 26.8941	01/10/2006(2)	01/10/2015	Commor Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF)	\$ 37.74	01/13/2007(2)	01/13/2016	Commor Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relation	ships	
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLEIN RONALD H			Senior Vice	
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200			President	

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#### **Signatures**

Ronald H. Klein 03/15/2006

\*\*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).
- The reporting person has received an award of Stock Units ("SUs") under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the SU Award Agreement. The SUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
- (2) The shares of common stock subject to the Option shall vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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