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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement DEAN FOODS CO [DF] Yost Kevin C (Month/Day/Year) 04/15/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2711 NORTH HASKELL (Check all applicable) **AVENUE, Â SUITE 3400** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting President, Morningstar Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75204 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,150 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF007255)	04/01/2011(1)	04/01/2020	Common Stock	13,699	\$ 15.99	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF007321)	02/18/2012(1)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	23,900	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU005558)	04/01/2011(2)	04/01/2020	Common Stock	3,126	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU005644)	02/18/2012(2)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	18,116	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
coporting of the contract of	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Yost Kevin C 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE SUITE 3400 DALLAS Â TX Â 75204	Â	Â	President, Morningstar	Â	

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell,
Attorney-In-Fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 shares of Common Stock subject to the Option vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement.
- The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in (2) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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