

Smith Donald
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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 *
Smith Donald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/12/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Group VP, Consumer Products

(Street)
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	11/12/2008		P		2,000	A	\$ 5.017 56,385	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/31/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V	325	A	\$ 0 32,622	I	By Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock							904	I	By Custodian For Child

Class A Common Stock	4,527	I	By Spouse Trust
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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Donald 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Group VP, Consumer Products	

Signatures

/s/ Smith,
Donald 11/18/2008

**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).
- Represents 325 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the reporting person's account under the Issuer's Employee (1) 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.

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