

White Noel W
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â White Noel W | | (Month/Day/Year) | TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| SPRINGDALE,Â ARÂ 72762 | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| | | | Sr. Group VP Tyson Fresh Meats | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock | 55,178 | D | Â |
| Class A Common Stock | 27,031 | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |

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

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

| 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 (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 10/10/2004 ⁽¹⁾ | 10/10/2012 | Class A Common Stock | 1,008 | \$ 9.64 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 09/19/2005 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/19/2013 | Class A Common Stock | 2,400 | \$ 13.33 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 09/29/2006 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/29/2014 | Class A Common Stock | 6,000 | \$ 15.96 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/16/2015 | Class A Common Stock | 40,000 | \$ 16.35 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/17/2008 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/17/2016 | Class A Common Stock | 40,000 | \$ 15.37 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/16/2009 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/16/2017 | Class A Common Stock | 40,000 | \$ 15.06 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/14/2010 ⁽¹⁾ | 11/14/2018 | Class A Common Stock | 40,000 | \$ 4.9 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/30/2010 ⁽²⁾ | 11/30/2019 | Class A Common Stock | 40,000 | \$ 12.02 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| White Noel W 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | Â | Â | Â Sr. Group VP Tyson Fresh Meats | Â |

Signatures

Noel White 12/07/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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- (1) The Stock Options vest at 40% on the second anniversary date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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