

Sliva Christopher D
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sliva Christopher D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DEAN FOODS CO [DF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2010

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

Senior Vice President and

DALLAS, TX 75201
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	03/07/2010		M		3,233 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 18,919 D
Common Stock	03/07/2010		F		856 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 16 18,063 D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (DU003811)	\$ 0	03/07/2010		M	2,200 ₍₁₎	03/07/2007 ⁽²⁾ 03/07/2016	Common Stock	2,200
Restricted Stock Units (DV005423)	\$ 0	03/07/2010		M	1,033 ₍₁₎	03/07/2007 ⁽²⁾ 03/07/2016	Common Stock	1,033

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sliva Christopher D 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201			Senior Vice President and	

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney
In Fact 03/09/2010

__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 received a total of 3,233 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units. A total of 856 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 2,377 net shares of Common Stock.

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 the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The restricted stock units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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