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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549							OMB Number:	3235-0287			
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(Print or Type R	Responses)										
Devine Martin J Sy			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE, SUITE 3400			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2012					(Check all applicable) <u></u> Director <u></u> 10% Owner <u></u> Officer (give title <u></u> 0ther (specify below) Chief Operating Officer			
(Street) 4. If Amena Filed(Month DALLAS, TX 75204				ndment, Date Original th/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Data (Month/Day/Year)		ned n Date, if	e, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities F Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially ((ear) (Instr. 8) Owned F Following ((A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of				
Common	12/01/2012			M	Amount 600 (1)		Price \$ 0	18,634	D		
Stock Common Stock	12/01/2012			F	159 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 17.14	18,475	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)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (DU004386)	\$ 0	12/01/2012	М		600	12/01/2009 <u>(2)</u>	12/01/2018	Common Stock	600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Devine Martin J 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE SUITE 3400 DALLAS, TX 75204			Chief Operating Officer				
Signatures							
Katherine K. Connell, Attorney-In-Fact	12	/04/2012					
**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 600 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (1) restricted stock units. A total of 159 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 441 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(2) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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