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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 26, 2018 (February 26, 2018)

Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-12755 75-2559681 (State or other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2711 North Haskell Avenue, Suite 3400

Dallas, Texas 75204

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (214) 303-3400

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- "Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- "Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the registrant's earnings release for the fourth quarter and full year of 2017, issued February 26, 2018. This release shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION NUMBER

99.1 Earnings Release issued February 26, 2018

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

Dated: February 26, 2018 By: /S/ SCOTT K. VOPNI

Scott K. Vopni

Senior Vice President - Finance,

Chief Accounting Officer and Interim Chief Financial Officer

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