

King Donnie  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
King Donnie

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)  
12/09/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Sr. Group VP, Poultry and Prep

(Street)

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

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(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            | 12/09/2009                           |  | D <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 11,185  | D  | \$ 0 34,622   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/09/2009                           |  | F <sup>(2)</sup>               |   | 4,276   | D  | \$ 0 30,346   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 12/09/2009                           |  | A <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 24,096  | A  | \$ 0 54,442   |
| Class A Common                  | 12/09/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 2,500   | D  | \$ 5,567 12.54  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | Employee Stock  |

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|                      |     |   |  |                         |
|----------------------|-----|---|--|-------------------------|
| Stock                |     |   |  | Purchase Plan           |
| Class A Common Stock | 239 | I |  | Retirement Savings Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 950 | I |  | Joint IRA Account       |

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 Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                                |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        |
| King Donnie<br>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 |               |           | Sr. Group VP, Poultry and Prep |

## Signatures

Donnie King                      12/10/2009  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).

- On December 9, 2009, the Issuer entered into a new employment agreement (the "Agreement") with the Reporting Person. In connection with the Agreement 12,782 previously reported shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested on December 9, 2009 and 11,185 shares were cancelled.
- (1) On December 9, 2009, pursuant to an election previously made by the Reporting Person, 4,276 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described above in note 1.
- (2) Award of restricted Class A Common Stock pursuant to Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan to vest on December 9, 2012, pursuant to the Agreement.
- (3)

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