White Noel W Form 4 November 29, 2011

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Class A

Stock

Common

11/23/2011

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading White Noel W Issuer Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY 11/28/2011 below) below) Sr. Group VP, Fresh Meats (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 8) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) V Amount (D) Price Class A **J**(1) Common \$0 D 09/15/2011 V 201 Α 61,391 Stock

V 2,854

A

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Employee

Purchase

Stock

Plan

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of biDerivative Expiration Date Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |                  |                    | 7. Title and A<br>Underlying S<br>(Instr. 3 and 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|------------------|--------------------|---|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Options<br>(right to buy)    | \$ 19.63  | 11/28/2011                              |   | A                                       | 117,680  | 11/28/2012(3)    | 11/28/2021         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock                        |

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

White Noel W

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Sr. Group VP, Fresh Meats

## **Signatures**

Noel W. White 11/29/2011

\*\*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).
- Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2011, June 15, 2011 and
  September 15, 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under Issuer's stock plan since the last statement of changes in Beneficial
  Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule
  16a-11.
- Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock

  (2) Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (3) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3 % on each of the first, second and third anniversary dates of the Grant.

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