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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] Calaway Curt (Month/Day/Year) 08/24/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) SPRINGDALE, ARÂ 72762 Form filed by More than One Sr.VP-Controller & CAO Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Class A Common Stock D Â 21,390 (1) Class A Common Stock 6,090 I Employee Stock Purchase Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/17/2008(2)	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	2,000	\$ 15.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2009(3)	11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock	2,000	\$ 15.06	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/14/2010(4)	11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock	6,000	\$ 4.9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/30/2010(5)	11/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	6,000	\$ 12.02	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/29/2011(5)	11/29/2020	Class A Common Stock	6,000	\$ 16.19	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/28/2012(5)	11/28/2021	Class A Common	6,000	\$ 19.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting 6 wher Funde / Funde 655	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Calaway Curt 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Â	Â	Sr.VP-Controller & CAO	Â	

Signatures

Curt Calaway 08/28/2012

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- (1) Includes 10,905 shares of restricted stock scheduled to vest on 8-27-2015.
- (2) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-17-2008 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (3) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-17-2009 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (4) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-17-2010 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.
- (5) 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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