

TYSON FOODS INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Lovette William W

(Last) (First) (Middle)
697 LAURAL RIDGE
(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72764

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 or Price | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/28/2006 | | M | | 30,000 A \$ 11.5 | 177,763 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/28/2006 | | S | | 5,100 D \$ 16.3 | 172,663 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/28/2006 | | S | | 14,000 D \$ 16.32 | 158,663 | D |
| Class A Common | 09/28/2006 | | S | | 4,900 D \$ 16.33 | 153,763 | D |

Stock

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--|---|-------|--------------------|-------------|---------|-------|---|---------|
| Class A Common Stock | 09/28/2006 | | S | 4,700 | D | \$ 16.36 | 149,063 | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/28/2006 | | S | 1,300 | D | \$ 16.37 | 147,763 | D | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/30/2006 | | J | V | 488 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$ 0 | 1,967 | I | By ESPP |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 11.5 | 09/28/2006 | | M | 30,000 | 03/29/2003 ⁽²⁾ | 03/29/2011 | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lovette William W 697 LAURAL RIDGE SPRINGDALE, AR 72764 | | | Sr Group VP Pltry & Prep Fds | |

Signatures

/s/ Lovette,
William W

10/02/2006

__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).
- (1) Represents 488 shares purchased from 04-01-06 thru 09-30-06 for the reporting person's account under the Tyson Foods, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16b-3.
- (2) The Stock Options become exercisable in four equal annual installments, commencing two years after the date of grant, 03-29-01.

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