MCNAMARA KEVIN M

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(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 MCNAMARA KEVIN M Issuer Symbol TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY 02/05/2010 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

Person Table L. Non-Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed of or Reneficially Own

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code		4. Securities nAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009		J <u>(1)</u>	V	191	A	\$0	14,050	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/05/2010		A(2)		5,460	A	\$0	19,510	D	

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)

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Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> 10% Owner Officer Other Director

MCNAMARA KEVIN M 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY X SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Signatures

R. Read Hudson, by Power of Attorney for Kevin McNamara

02/08/2010 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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- 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 191 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature (1) under the Issuer's Stock Plans since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the reporting person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- Represents a deferred stock award for shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock having a value of \$80,000 granted on the date of (2) election as a director at the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (February 5, 2010), which award will not become payable until 180 days after termination of service as a director.

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