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# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A King Donn	Address of Repo	rting Person *		d Ticker or Trading	5. Relationship of Issuer	of Reportin	g Person(s) to
King Donn	ic		Symbol	2 73 7 C FM 23 73			
			TYSON FOOD	S INC [TSN]	(Cho	eck all app	licable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest 7	Transaction		• •	
			(Month/Day/Year)		Director		10% Owner
2200 DON	TYSON PAR	RKWAY	10/04/2011		_X_ Officer (gi	ve title belo	\.
					Sr.Grp. V	P, Poultry	& Prepared
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, D	ate Original	6. Individual or	Joint/Grou	p Filing(Check
			Filed(Month/Day/Yea	ar)	Applicable Line)		
					_X_ Form filed by	-	_
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed	of, or Ben	eficially Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction	Date 2A. Deer	ned 3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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)
Class A Common Stock	09/29/2011		J <u>(1)</u>	V	671	A	\$ 0	5,915	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock								950	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock	09/15/2011		J <u>(2)</u>	V	111	A	\$ 0	51,486	D	
	10/04/2011		$M^{(4)}$		29,551	A	\$0	81,037	D	

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Class A Common Stock

Class A

Common 10/04/2011  $S_{\underline{(4)}}$  9,885 D  ${}^{\$}$  71,152 D

Stock

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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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Sha
Performance	<u>(3)</u>	09/28/2008	10/04/2011	M(3)	29,551	(3)	10/04/2011	Class A Common	29,55

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

King Donnie

Shares

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY Sr.Grp. VP, Poultry & Prepared SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

## **Signatures**

/s/ R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Donnie
King
10/06/2011

\*\*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).

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- Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock

  (1) 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.
- Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on December 15, 2010, March 15, 2011, June 15, 2011 and September 15, 2011 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the 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.
- On September 29, 2008, the Reporting Person received a grant of performance shares which vested on October 4, 2011. The performance (3) shares were previously reported as derivative securities at the 150% level. On October 2, 2011, 29,551 shares vested (150% level) and are reported herein as acquired non-derivative securities.
- On October 4, 2011, 29,551 shares of performance Class A Common Stock vested. The award of those performance shares to the Reporting Person has previously been reported (See Footnote #3). Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 9,885 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on October 4, 2011, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting.

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