

Hart Craig
Form 4
May 15, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hart Craig

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

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

05/11/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

S.V.P. Controller & CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 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)
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2012		J ⁽¹⁾	V 903 A \$ 0	18,488	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	03/15/2012		J ⁽²⁾	V 55 A \$ 0	42,699	D	
Class A Common Stock	05/11/2012		M	4,080 A \$ 9.64	46,799	D	
	05/11/2012		S	3,580 D	43,199	D	

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Class A
Common
Stock \$
19.66

Class A
Common 05/11/2012 S 500 D \$
19.67 42,699 D
Stock

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 Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 9.64	05/11/2012		M	4,080	10/10/2004	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	4,080

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Hart Craig 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	S.V.P. Controller & CAO

Signatures

Craig Hart 05/15/2012

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 purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock 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.
 - (1)
 - Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on December 15, 2011 and March 15, 2012,
 - (2) 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.

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