

Lovette William W
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FORM 4

**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)
05/02/2006

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 | 05/02/2006 | | M | | 12,000 A \$ 9.32 | 159,763 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 05/02/2006 | | M | | 9,000 A \$ 9.64 | 168,763 | D |
| Class A Common Stock | 05/02/2006 | | S | | 21,000 D \$ 14.78 | 147,763 | D |
| Class A Common | 03/31/2006 | | J | V | 453 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0 | 1,479 | I By ESPP |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.32 | 05/02/2006 | | M | 12,000 | 10/15/2003 ⁽²⁾ 10/15/2011 | Class A Common Stock |
| Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 9.64 | 05/02/2006 | | M | 9,000 | 10/10/2004 ⁽³⁾ 10/10/2012 | 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 05/04/2006

**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) Includes 453 shares purchased from 11-01-05 through 03-31-06 for the reporting person's account in the Tyson Foods, Inc Employee Stock Purchase Plan which transactions are exempt under Section 16 (b)(3).

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- (2) The stock options vest at 40% on 10-15-03 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.
- (3) The Stock Options vest at 40% on 10-10-04 and 20% each year thereafter for 3 years.

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