

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
King Donnie

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr Grp VP Poultry & Prepared F

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2010		J <sup>(1)</sup>	V	57	A	\$ 0	51,323	D	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2010		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	91	A	\$ 0	8,389	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2010		J <sup>(3)</sup>	V	1	A	\$ 0	242	I	Retirement Savings Plan
	12/20/2010		S <sup>(4)</sup>	V	242	D		0	I	



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(1) Represents 57 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan 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.

(2) Represents 91 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.

(3) Represents 1 share of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Retirement Savings Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc. 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.

(4) These shares were sold pursuant to a requirement of the Retirement Savings Plan of Tyson Foods, Inc. that all participants in the plan, which included the Reporting Person, divest any shares of the Issuer held by the plan on their behalf. The Reporting Person has voluntarily sold the shares in advance of January 3, 2011, the date on which the plan will begin selling, on behalf of the plan participants, any previously unsold shares of the Issuer.

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