

King Donnie  
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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 \*  
**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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**10/04/2011**

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

(Street)  
**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	09/29/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>	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 <sup>(2)</sup>	V 111 A \$ 0 51,486		D	
	10/04/2011		M <sup>(4)</sup>	29,551 A \$ 0 81,037		D	

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Class A  
Common  
Stock

Class A  
Common Stock    10/04/2011    S<sup>(4)</sup>    9,885    D    \$ 17.1    71,152    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)

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	(3)	09/28/2008	10/04/2011	M(3)	29,551	(3) 10/04/2011	Class A Common Stock	29,551	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

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2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY  
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Sr.Grp. VP, Poultry & Prepared

## 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 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, 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.
- (2)

- On September 29, 2008, the Reporting Person received a grant of performance shares which vested on October 4, 2011. The performance 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.
- (3)

- 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.
- (4)

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