

Kimbro Ken  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Kimbro Ken

(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)  
05/15/2012

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)  
SVP & Chief HR Officer

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 (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            | 03/15/2012                           |  | J(1)                           | V   | 34  | A  | \$ 0 34,881   | D |                              |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/15/2012                           |  | J(2)                           | V   | 788   | A  | \$ 0 12,483   | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/16/2012                           |  | J(3)                           | V   | 11,994  | D  | \$ 0 489  | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |

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|                            |            |                    |        |   |             |        |   |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/15/2012 | M                  | 5,100  | A | \$<br>12.02 | 39,981 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/15/2012 | S                  | 2,800  | D | \$ 19.5     | 37,181 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/15/2012 | S                  | 1,700  | D | \$<br>19.51 | 35,481 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/15/2012 | S                  | 600    | D | \$<br>19.52 | 34,881 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | J <sup>(3)</sup> V | 11,994 | A | \$ 0        | 46,875 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | M                  | 11,700 | A | \$<br>12.02 | 58,575 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | S                  | 8,200  | D | \$ 19.5     | 50,375 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | S                  | 1,800  | D | \$<br>19.51 | 48,575 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | S                  | 700    | D | \$<br>19.52 | 47,875 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | S                  | 300    | D | \$<br>19.53 | 47,575 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | S                  | 400    | D | \$<br>19.54 | 47,175 | D |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 05/16/2012 | S                  | 300    | D | \$<br>19.55 | 46,875 | 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)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 12.02   | 05/15/2012                           |  | M                              | 5,100   | 11/30/2011 11/30/2019                                    | Class A Common Stock  |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 12.02   | 05/16/2012                           |  | M                              | 11,700  | 11/30/2011 11/30/2019                                    | Class A Common Stock  |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Kimbro Ken<br>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 |               |           | SVP & Chief HR Officer |       |

**Signatures**

Ken Kimbro                      05/17/2012  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

**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) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person on March 15, 2012, 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.
  - (2) 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.
  - (3) The Reporting Person transferred shares from the Employee Stock Purchase Plan account into the Reporting Person's personal stock account thereby changing the ownership of the stock from Indirect to Direct.

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