

TYSON BARBARA
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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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 *

TYSON BARBARA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 2020, 2200 DON
TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72765

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/05/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Interim President and CEO

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Class A Common Stock	1,796,653	D	By IRA
Class A Common Stock	39,995	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock	120,567	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	16,704	I	Tollett Farms
Class A Common Stock	108,000	I	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date			
		Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TYSON BARBARA PO BOX 2020 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72765	^	^	^ Interim President and CEO	^

Signatures

/s/ Tollett,
Leland E. 01/12/2009

**Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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