

Lochner James V
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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 *
Lochner James V

(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)
11/14/2008

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 Grp VP Fresh Meats & Mar OP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock	09/30/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V 780 A \$ 0	110,876	D	
Class A Common Stock	10/31/2008		J ⁽²⁾	V 4,736 A \$ 0	9,733	I	By Employee Stock Purchase Plan

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)	\$ 4.9	11/14/2008		A	50,000	11/14/2010 ⁽³⁾ 11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lochner James V 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			Sr Grp VP Fresh Meats & Mar OP	

Signatures

By: Nathan A. Hodne, by Power of Attorney for
 Date: 11/19/2008
 **Signature of 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 780 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock received by the reporting person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan through September 30, 2008. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Represents 4,736 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 Stock Options vest at 40% on 11-14-2010 and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

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