

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <b>Whitmore Justin</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> <b>2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY</b> <small>(Street)</small> <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>11/21/2017</b>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]</b>
4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chief Sustainability Officer /</b>		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) <b>11/21/2017</b>	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

**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)
<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>6591.396 (1)</b>	<b>D</b>	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		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			
<b>Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)</b>	<b>11/17/2018</b>	<b>11/17/2027</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>9600.0 (2)</b>	<b>\$77.97</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>Performance Shares</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>Class A Common Stock</b>	<b>8977.812</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>D</b>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- (1) Includes an award of 2,244,453 Class A Common Stock shares which vest on November 13, 2020 if the performance metric described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the Incentive Agreement) are achieved and the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on the vesting date. The performance metrics are achievement of a three year (fiscal 2018-2020) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement. If the performance metric is not achieved, the award expires. Also includes 4,338,634 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on May 12, 2020 if the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on the vesting date.
- (2) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on each of the first, second, and third anniversary dates of the grant.
- (3) Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on November 13, 2020 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved. The performance criteria set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement are (1) achievement of a three year (fiscal 2018-2020) cumulative EBIT target and (2) a favorable comparison of the relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock compared to a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over a three year (fiscal 2018-2020) period. Subject to the achievement of the performance criteria, the performance shares could vest at a level of 50 percent to 200 percent and are reported as derivative securities at the 200 percent level. If neither of the performance criteria is achieved, the award expires.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>Whitmore Justin 2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>			<b>Chief Sustainability Officer</b>	

**Signatures**

/s/ **R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Justin Whitmore** **2/2/2018**  
Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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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Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, D.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Justin Whitmore, the undersigned, of 2200 W. Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, AR 72762 hereby appoints David L. Van Bebber, R. Read Hudson and Brett Worlow as my true and lawful attorneys in fact, giving to each individually the full power and authority to execute and file on my behalf all forms necessary for reporting my transactions in Tyson Foods, Inc. securities to the Securities and Exchange Commission, including without limitation Forms 3, 4 or 5.

This power of attorney will continue until terminated by me in writing, or until I am no longer required to report my trading activity in Tyson Foods, Inc. securities to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Justin Whitmore

STATE OF ARKANSAS )  
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COUNTY OF WASHINGTON )

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day appeared Justin Whitmore, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the instrument for the purposes and consideration expressed in the instrument, as the act and deed of Justin Whitmore.

Given under my hand and seal of office on the 1st day of November, 2017.

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_