

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14A

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Tyson Foods, Inc.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on February 9, 2017.**

TYSON FOODS, INC.



Tyson Foods, Inc.

2000 WEST DON TYSON PARKWAY
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762-6999

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual
For holders as of: December 12, 2016
Date: February 9, 2017 **Time:** 10:00 AM CT
Location: Holiday Inn
Northwest Arkansas Convention Center
1500 South 48th St.
Springdale, AR 72762

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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— **Before You Vote** —
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NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT FORM 10-K

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Vote In Person: If you plan to attend Tyson Foods' shareholders meeting, you will need a ticket. Please check the proxy materials for instructions on how to obtain a ticket. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR items 1, 2 and 3 and 3 years on item 4.

1. Election of Directors

Nominees:

- 1a) John Tyson
- 1b) Gaurdie E. Banister Jr.
- 1c) Mike Beebe
- 1d) Mike A. Durham
- 1e) Tom Hayes
- 1f) Kevin M. McNamara
- 1g) Cheryl S. Miller
- 1h) Brad T. Sauer
- 1i) Jeffrey K. Schomburger
- 1j) Robert Thurber
- 1k) Barbara A. Tyson

2. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

3. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

4. To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the frequency of the advisory vote regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote AGAINST items 5, 6, 7 and 8:

- 5. Shareholder proposal to request a report disclosing the Company's policy and procedures, expenditures, and other activities related to lobbying and grassroots lobbying communications.
- 6. Shareholder proposal to request a report on steps the Company is taking to foster greater diversity on the Board of Directors.
- 7. Shareholder proposal to amend the Company's bylaws to implement proxy access.
- 8. Shareholder proposal to adopt and implement a water stewardship policy at Company and supplier facilities.

NOTE: The undersigned also authorizes the named proxies to vote in their discretion upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting of Shareholders or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

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