

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

|   |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |  |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol       |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)   |  |  |
| <b>Hayes Thomas P</b>                     |  |  | <b>TYSON FOODS INC [ TSN ]</b>                    |  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)<br><b>President and CEO</b> |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                   |  |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)      |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>2200 W. DON TYSON PARKWAY</b>          |  |  | <b>11/28/2017</b>                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street)                                  |  |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |  |  |
| <b>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b>               |  |  |   |  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                      |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |               |              | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>Following Reported Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|---------------|--------------|---|---|---|
|                                    |                |   | Code                         | V | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price        |   |   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 11/28/2017     |   | J (1)                        |   | 8581  | D             | \$0          | 103309.6523 (2)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/18/2017     |   | J (3)                        |   | 285.394   | A             | \$0          | 103595.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/19/2017     |   | M                            |   | 41745   | A             | \$42.26      | 145340.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/19/2017     |   | M                            |   | 12254   | A             | \$50         | 157594.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/19/2017     |   | M                            |   | 14749   | A             | \$58.34      | 172343.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/19/2017     |   | S                            |   | 31454   | D             | \$81.564 (5) | 140889.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/19/2017     |   | S                            |   | 9829  | D             | \$81.721     | 131060.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/19/2017     |   | S                            |   | 12591   | D             | \$81.714 (6) | 118469.0463 (4)   | D   |   |
| Class A Common Stock               | 12/20/2017     |   | J (1)                        |   | 14874   | D             | \$0          | 103595.0463 (4)   | D   |   |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Trans.<br>Date | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution<br>Date, if any | 4. Trans.<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Securities Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership<br>Form of<br>Derivative<br>Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr.<br>4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|--|--|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |                   |   | Code                            | V | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                        | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |   |  |   |  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Options<br>(Right to Buy) | \$42.26  | 12/19/2017        |   | M                               |   | 41745   |     | 11/21/2015                                 | 11/21/2024         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 41745.0                          | \$42.26   | 41745  | D   |  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Options<br>(Right to Buy) | \$50.0   | 12/19/2017        |   | M                               |   | 12254   |     | 11/30/2016                                 | 11/30/2025         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 12254.0                          | \$50  | 24505  | D   |  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Options<br>(Right to Buy) | \$58.34  | 12/19/2017        |   | M                               |   | 14749   |     | 11/28/2017                                 | 11/28/2026         | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock   | 14749.0                          | \$58.34   | 73739  | D   |  |

### Explanation of Responses:

- Represents a disposition of shares exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-12.
- Includes 47,814.9497 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on July 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 8,634.783 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 20,644.945 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 18, 2019 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 17,634.988 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 13, 2020 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.
- Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- Includes 47,991.9537 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on July 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive

Agreement are achieved; 8,666.748 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on December 1, 2018 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; 20,721.37 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 18, 2019 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved; and 17,634.988 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 13, 2020 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved.

- (5) This is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions on December 19, 2017 at prices ranging from \$81.50 to \$81.71, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.
- (6) This is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions on December 19, 2017 at prices ranging from \$81.69 to \$81.78, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within this range.

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| <b>Hayes Thomas P<br/>2200 W. DON TYSON PARKWAY<br/>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762</b> | <b>X</b>      |           | <b>President and CEO</b> |       |

**Signatures**

/s/ R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Thomas P. Hayes

12/20/2017

\*\*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 4(b)(v).

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