

King Donnie
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â King Donnie		(Month/Day/Year)	TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/04/2009		
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
SPRINGDALE,Â ARÂ 72762			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			Sr. Group VP of Poultry & Prep	
			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)
Class A Common Stock	45,807	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	239	I	Retirement Savings Plan
Class A Common Stock	950	I	Joint IRA Account
Class A Common Stock	8,067	I	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	10/10/2004 ⁽¹⁾	10/10/2012	Class A Common Stock	1,392	\$ 9.64	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/19/2005 ⁽¹⁾	09/19/2013	Class A Common Stock	6,960	\$ 13.33	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	09/29/2006 ⁽¹⁾	09/29/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 15.96	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2007 ⁽¹⁾	11/16/2015	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 16.35	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/17/2008 ⁽¹⁾	11/17/2016	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 15.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/16/2009 ⁽¹⁾	11/16/2017	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 15.06	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/14/2010 ⁽¹⁾	11/14/2018	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 4.9	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	11/30/2010 ⁽²⁾	11/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	40,000	\$ 12.02	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
King Donnie 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Â	Â	Â Sr. Group VP of Poultry & Prep	Â

Signatures

Donnie King	12/08/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The Stock Options vest at 40% on the second anniversary date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

(2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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