

DEAN FOODS CO/
Form 4
September 23, 2002

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Dean Foods Company (DF)				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Reyes, J. Christopher (Last) (First) (Middle)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 09/20/2002		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —			
9500 West Bryn Mawr Avenue Suite 700							<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner —			
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		7. 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					
Rosemont, IL 60018										
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/20/02		M		4,512	A	21.11	4,694	D	
Common Stock	09/20/02		M		15,000	A	37.16	19,694	D	
Common Stock	09/20/02		S		4,512	D	39.00	15,182	D	
Common Stock	09/20/02		S		15,000	D	39.00	182	D	

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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FORM 4 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. N of In Bene Own (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$21.11	09/20/02		M			4,512	12/21/01	08/15/03	Common Stock	4,512		0	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.16	09/20/02		M			15,000	07/01/02	10/14/02	Common Stock	15,000		0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ **J. Christopher Reyes**

September 23, 2002

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

**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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