DEAN FOODS CO Form 4 November 08, 2007

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Tanner Gregg A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle) (Last) (First)

DEAN FOODS CO [DF] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner Director

2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE,

(Month/Day/Year) 11/06/2007

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

SUITE 1200

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Exec VP, Supply Chain 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of 4. **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF)	\$ 26.67	11/06/2007		A	60,000	11/06/2008(1)	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF)	\$ 26.67	11/06/2007		A	156,028	11/06/2008(1)	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU)	\$ 0	11/06/2007		A	24,000	11/06/2008(2)	11/06/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU)	\$ 0	11/06/2007		A	22,556	11/06/2008(2)	11/06/2017	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Tanner Gregg A 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201

Exec VP, Supply Chain

Signatures

Gregg A.
Tanner

**Signature of Reporting Person

11/08/2007

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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 shares of common stock subject to the Option, which is issued under the Company's 1997 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- A Restricted Stock Unit, which is issued under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan, is a right to receive one share of common stock (2) of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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