

DEAN FOODS CO/  
Form 8-K  
February 12, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):  
February 12, 2004 (February 12, 2004)

**Dean Foods Company**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-12755

75-2559681

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(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2515 McKinney Avenue, LB 30, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75201

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(214) 303-3400

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**Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Earnings Release issued February 12, 2004

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the registrant's earnings release for the fourth quarter of 2003 and for the full year, issued February 12, 2004. This release shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 12, 2004

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Lisa N. Tyson

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Lisa N. Tyson  
*Senior Vice President and  
Deputy General Counsel*

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