

Lochner James V
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Lochner James V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

11/26/2012

Chief Operating Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/14/2012 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V | 361 | A | \$ 0 | 173,404 | D | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/21/2012 | | J ⁽²⁾ | V | 3,053 | A | \$ 0 | 35,409 | I | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/26/2012 | | D ⁽³⁾ | | 1,442 | D | \$ 0 | 171,962 | D | |
| | 11/26/2012 | | F ⁽⁴⁾ | | 33,717 | D | | 138,245 | D | |

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Class A
Common
Stock \$
19.36

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 (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, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.36 | 11/26/2012 | | A ⁽⁵⁾ | 192,700 | 11/26/2013 11/26/2022 | Class A Common Stock |
| Performance Stock | ⁽⁶⁾ | 11/26/2012 | | A ⁽⁶⁾ | 123,966 | ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾ | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lochner James V 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | | | Chief Operating Officer | |

Signatures

James V. Lochner 11/28/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person 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)

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Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person September 14, 2012 pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Issuer's stock plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

- (2) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

- (3) On November 14, 2012, the Issuer entered into a new employment agreement (the "Employment Agreement") with the Reporting Person. In connection with the Employment Agreement, 77,598 previously reported shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested on November 26, 2012 and 1,442 shares were cancelled.

- (4) Pursuant to an election made by the Reporting Person, 33,717 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer on November 26, 2012, to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described above in footnote 3.

- (5) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for each of the following two years.

Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on the fourth business day following the filing of the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for its 2015 fiscal year if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the "Incentive Agreement") are achieved. The performance metrics are (1) achievement of a three year (fiscal 2013-2015) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement and (2) a comparison of the market price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock to a peer group of publicly traded companies selected by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Issuer over a three year (fiscal 2013-2015) period, as more particularly described in the Incentive Agreement. If neither of the performance metrics is achieved, the award expires.

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