

Ramsey Douglas Wayne
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Ramsey Douglas Wayne

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/19/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Group President Poultry

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/19/2017 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 109.476 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 15,747.5588 | D | ⁽²⁾ |
| Class A Common Stock | 09/30/2017 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 0.6675 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 96.0012 | I | |
| | | | | | | | Employee Stock Purchase Plan |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/17/2017 | | A ⁽³⁾ | | 5,450.814 | A | \$ 0 |
| | | | | | 21,198.3728 | D | ⁽²⁾ |

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 77.97 | 11/17/2017 | | A ⁽⁴⁾ | 23,314 | | 11/17/2018 | 11/17/2027 | Class A Common Stock |
| Performance Shares | <u>(5)</u> | 11/21/2017 | | A | 21,803.258 | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Class A Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ramsey Douglas Wayne 2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | | | Group President Poultry | |

Signatures

/s/ Douglas W. Ramsey
11/21/2017
**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) Represents shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock received by the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's dividend reinvestment plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 concurrent reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (2) Includes 2,187.5518 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 21, 2017; 1,534.374 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 30, 2018 and 1,305.504 shares of Class A Common Stock which vest on November 18, 2019.
- (3)

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Award of Class A Common Stock which vests on November 13, 2020 if the performance metric described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the Incentive Agreement) are achieved and the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on the vesting date. The performance metrics are achievement of a three year (fiscal 2018-2020) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement. If the performance metric is not achieved, the award expires.

- (4) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on each of the first, second, and third anniversary dates of the grant.

Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on November 13, 2020 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved. The performance criteria set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement are (1) achievement of a

- (5) three year (fiscal 2018-2020) cumulative EBIT target and (2) a favorable comparison of the relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock compared to a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over a three year (fiscal 2018-2020) period. Subject to the achievement of the performance criteria, the performance shares could vest at a level of 50 percent to 200 percent and are reported as derivative securities at the 200 percent level. If neither of the performance criteria is achieved, the award expires.

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