

King Donnie  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |   |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  |  |
| Â King Donnie                             |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
|   |         |                                      |   |  |
| 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY                    |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)  |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below)<br>Sr. Group VP of Poultry & Prep |  |
| SPRINGDALE,Â ARÂ 72762                    |         |                                      | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  |  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Class A Common Stock            | 45,807  | D  | Â   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 239   | I  | Retirement Savings Plan                               |
| Class A Common Stock            | 950   | I  | Joint IRA Account                                     |
| Class A Common Stock            | 8,067   | I  | Employee Stock Purchase Plan                          |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying | 4. Conversion | 5. Ownership | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
|--|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
|--|---|--|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|

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|  | (Month/Day/Year)          |                 | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |                            | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
|  | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title                          | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |                      |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 10/10/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> | 10/10/2012      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 1,392                      | \$ 9.64                                  | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 09/19/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/19/2013      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 6,960                      | \$ 13.33                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 09/29/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> | 09/29/2014      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 10,000                     | \$ 15.96                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/16/2007 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/16/2015      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 10,000                     | \$ 16.35                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/17/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/17/2016      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 10,000                     | \$ 15.37                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/16/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/16/2017      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 40,000                     | \$ 15.06                                 | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/14/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> | 11/14/2018      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 40,000                     | \$ 4.9                                   | D  | Â                    |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | 11/30/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 11/30/2019      | Class A<br>Common Stock        | 40,000                     | \$ 12.02                                 | D  | Â                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                | Other |
| King Donnie<br>2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY<br>SPRINGDALE, AR 72762 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. Group<br>VP of Poultry<br>& Prep | Â     |

## Signatures

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Donnie King                        | 12/08/2009 |
| **Signature of<br>Reporting Person | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 Stock Options vest at 40% on the second anniversary date of the grant and 20% each year thereafter for the following three years.

(2) The Stock Options vest at 33 1/3% on the first anniversary date of the grant and 33 1/3% for the following two years.

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