

DEAN FOODS CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 \*  
**HARDIN JOSEPH S JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
820 PICACHO LANE  
  
(Street)

SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DEAN FOODS CO [DF]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2007

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)

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)
Common Stock	12/31/2007		A	2,231 A	\$ 0 (1) 66,433 (2)	D	
Common Stock					3,550	I	by Trusts. (3)

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)**

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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	Am or Nur of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI000775)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	22
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001539)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000724)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001551)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2008	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000564)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2009	Common Stock	9,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001548)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2009	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000733)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2009	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001552)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2009	Common Stock	8
	\$ 9.3614					06/30/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2010		22

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI001802)				Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001542)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2010	Common Stock	10,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000637)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2010	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001544)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2010	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SF002504)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/29/2011	Common Stock	22,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001541)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/29/2011	Common Stock	10,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000642)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/29/2011	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001553)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/29/2010	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002167)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2012	Common Stock	22,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001545)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2012	Common Stock	10,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000649)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2012	Common Stock	4,
	\$ 14.2341	07/01/2002 <sup>(4)</sup>	07/01/2012		1,

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001543)				Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002877)	\$ 18.1003		06/30/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2013	Common Stock 7,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001546)	\$ 18.1003		06/30/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2013	Common Stock 3,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000778)	\$ 18.1003		06/30/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2013	Common Stock 1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001550)	\$ 18.1003		06/30/2003 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2013	Common Stock 6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF003665)	\$ 21.4389		06/30/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2014	Common Stock 7,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001538)	\$ 21.4389		06/30/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2014	Common Stock 3,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000788)	\$ 21.4389		06/30/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2014	Common Stock 1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001549)	\$ 21.4389		06/30/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2014	Common Stock 6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF905919)	\$ 23.9808		06/30/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2015	Common Stock 7,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001540)	\$ 23.9808		06/30/2005 <sup>(4)</sup>	06/30/2015	Common Stock 3,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDIN JOSEPH S JR 820 PICACHO LANE SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108		X		

## Signatures

Joseph S.  
Hardin, Jr. 01/03/2008

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) These are restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan in payment of fees owed for services as an independent director. All such shares are subject to vesting in three increments, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued.
- (2) Includes 8,876 shares of common stock from DSUs that have vested, and the reporting person has elected to defer receipt until he is no longer a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- (3) The reporting person is the trustee and disclaims all beneficial interest except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in the trusts, if any. The reporting person's sister and the reporting person's children are the beneficiaries of the trusts.
- (4) The options were granted automatically under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.

### Remarks:

FIRST OF TWO (2) FORM 4s FILED ON SAME DATE.

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