DEAN FOODS CO Form 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Requiring Statement DEAN FOODS CO [DF] À Carosella Deborah B (Month/Day/Year) 01/22/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 12002 AIRPORT WAY (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person BROOMFIELD, Â COÂ 80021 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Sr Vice President-Innovation Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) 0 D Â Common Stock Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisab	le and	3. Title and A	Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date		Securities Underlying		Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security		ecurity	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount on	Derivative	Security:	
				Amount or Number of	Security Direct (D)		
						or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005988)	05/17/2008(1)	05/17/2017	Common Stock	44,085	\$ 31.9	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU003922)	05/17/2008(2)	05/17/2017	Common Stock	8,817	\$ 0	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006449)	01/15/2009(1)	01/15/2018	Common Stock	28,000	\$ 25.37	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004328)	01/15/2009(2)	01/15/2018	Common Stock	8,500	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Carosella Deborah B 12002 AIRPORT WAY BROOMFIELD, CO 80021	Â	Â	Sr Vice President-Innovation	Â		

Signatures

Reporting Person

Deborah B.
Carosella

**Signature of 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 shares of common stock subject to the Option vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- The reporting person has received an award of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (2) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the RSU Award Agreement. The RSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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