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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HARDIN JOSEPH S JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

(State)

03/31/2008

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

820 PICACHO LANE

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

03/31/2008

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Code V Amount

3,086 A \$0 69,519 ⁽²⁾ A (1)

Stock Common 3,550

by Trusts. I (3)

D

Stock

Common

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (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(4)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	22,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001539)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998(4)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	10.
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000724)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998(4)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001551)	\$ 11.2299					06/30/1998(4)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	1,!
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000564)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(4)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	9,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001548)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(4)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	4,4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TO000733)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(4)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001552)	\$ 8.0206					06/30/1999(4)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	8
	\$ 9.3614					06/30/2000(4)	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(4)	06/30/2010	Common Stock	10,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000637)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000(4)	06/30/2010	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001544)	\$ 9.3614	06/30/2000(4)	06/30/2010	Common Stock	1,9
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SF002504)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(4)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	22,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001541)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(4)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	10,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000642)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(4)	06/29/2011	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001553)	\$ 10.1707	06/29/2001(4)	06/29/2010	Common Stock	1,9
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002167)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002(4)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	22,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001545)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002(4)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	10,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000649)	\$ 14.2351	07/01/2002(4)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	4,
	\$ 14.2341	07/01/2002(4)	07/01/2012		1,9

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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(4)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001546)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(4)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	3,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000778)	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(4)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	1,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001550	\$ 18.1003	06/30/2003(4)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF003665)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(4)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001538)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(4)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	3,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000788)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(4)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001549)	\$ 21.4389	06/30/2004(4)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF905919)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(4)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001540)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(4)	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 X SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

Signatures

Angela Miro, attorney

in fact 04/02/2008

**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).
- These are restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan in payment of fees owed for services as an independent (1) director. All such shares are subject to vesting in three equal increments, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued and then annually thereafter.
- (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.
- 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:

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