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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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KIRK RONALD			2. Issue Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			DEAN	FOODS	CO [DF]	(Ch	neck all applicable	e)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date o	f Earliest	Transaction					
			(Month/I	Day/Year)		_X_ Director	109	6 Owner		
3700 TRA	MMELL CRO	OW	03/31/2	8008			ive titleOth	er (specify		
CENTER,	2001 ROSS A	VENUE				below)	below)			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check					
			Filed(Mo	nth/Day/Ye	ear)		y One Reporting Po			
DALLAS,	TX 75201					Form filed by Person	y More than One Ro	eporting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non	-Derivative Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owne		
1.Title of		n Date 2A. De		3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership			
Security	(Month/Day/	Vant) Evacu	tion Data if	Tranca	ction A cauired (A) or	Cacurities	Form: Direct	Indirect		

1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	•	any	Code	Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5))	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)		Reported		
				(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D) P	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/31/2008		A	· /	§ 0 1)	18,240	D	

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)	5. orNumber 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 Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nur of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002878)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002206)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	3,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000783)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	1,3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002203)	\$ 18.1003					06/30/2003(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF003667)	\$ 21.4389					06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002201)	\$ 21.4389					06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	3,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000793)	\$ 21.4389					06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	1,3
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002202	\$ 21.4389					06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	6

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF905921)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002204)	\$ 23.9808	06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	3,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005294)	\$ 25.3078	06/30/2006(2)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	7,:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002205)	\$ 25.3078	06/30/2006(2)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	3,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005999)	\$ 31.87	06/30/2007(2)	06/30/2017	Common Stock	7,:
Restricted Stock Units (DF905932)	\$ 0	06/30/2006(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	8
Restricted Stock Units (DV005402)	\$ 0	06/30/2006(3)	06/30/2015	Common Stock	3
Restricted Stock Units (DU003820)	\$ 0	06/30/2007(3)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	1,
Restricted Stock Units (DV005206)	\$ 0	06/30/2007(3)	06/30/2016	Common Stock	7
Restricted Stock Units (DU003931)	\$ 0	06/30/2008(3)	06/30/2017	Common Stock	2,5

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
KIRK RONALD 3700 TRAMMELL CROW CENTER 2001 ROSS AVENUE DALLAS, TX 75201	X					

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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) The options were automatically granted under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (3) 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 three-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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