

Kemps Steven J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Kemps Steven J		(Month/Day/Year)	DEAN FOODS CO [DF]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/01/2008	
2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DALLAS, TX 75201			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			EVP- General Counsel and	

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)
Common Stock	3,205	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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

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	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005283)	03/07/2007 ⁽¹⁾	03/07/2016	Common Stock 20,000	\$ 25.3895	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002130)	03/07/2007 ⁽¹⁾	03/07/2016	Common Stock 9,390	\$ 25.3895	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005949)	02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock 16,723	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002131)	02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock 7,851	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF006434)	01/15/2009 ⁽¹⁾	01/15/2018	Common Stock 28,000	\$ 25.37	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF005359)	02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock 6,777	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DV002132)	02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock 3,182	\$ 30.1121	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU003809)	03/07/2007 ⁽²⁾	03/07/2016	Common Stock 4,500	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DV005421)	03/07/2007 ⁽²⁾	03/07/2016	Common Stock 2,112	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU003844)	02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock 5,600	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DV005231)	02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock 2,629	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (DU004313)	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
Kemps Steven J 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201	Â	Â	Â EVP- General Counsel and	Â

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/01/2008

__Signature of 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 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 of the date of grant.

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