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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McKelvey Gregory A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

DEAN FOODS CO [DF]

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _X_ Other (specify

2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE,

SUITE 1200

02/12/2009 below)

below) EVP-Chief Strategy / and Transformation

Officer

(Street)

(State)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

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

Person

DALLAS, TX 75201

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3.

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

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

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

02/12/2009

882 M

2,282

(1)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	io ro f Derivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (DU003855)	\$ 0	02/12/2009		M		600 (1)	02/12/2008(2)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	600 9
Restricted Stock Units (DV005242)	\$ 0	02/12/2009		M		282 (1)	02/12/2008(2)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	282 9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McKelvey Gregory A 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201

EVP-Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer

Signatures

Marilyn M. Miville, Attorney-In-Fact 02/17/2009

**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) The reporting person received a total of 882 shares of common stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units.
- The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of common stock of the Issurer in (2) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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