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REPORTING OWNER

Tanner Gregg A

CIK: **1370002**

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ISSUER

DEAN FOODS CO

CIK: **931336** | IRS No.: **752559681** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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. Name and Address of Reporting Person Tanner Gregg A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2011					
2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE, SUITE 3400			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) DALLAS, TX 75204								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/03/2011		M		4,422 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	60,934	D	
Common Stock	11/03/2011		E		1,170 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$10.06	59,764	D	

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

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)		5. Number 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 Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Restricted Stock Units (DU004954)	\$ 0	11/03/2011		M		4,422 ⁽¹⁾		11/03/2011 ⁽²⁾	11/03/2019	Common Stock	4,422	\$ 0	4,422	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The reporting person received a total of 4,422 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units. A total of 1,170 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 3,252 net shares of Common Stock.
- The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units have three year terms, vesting in two equal installments on each of the second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney-in-Fact

11/07/2011

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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