

TOLLETT LELAND E  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â TOLLETT LELAND E  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

PO BOX 2020,Â 2200 DON  
TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE,Â ARÂ 72765

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/05/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TYSON FOODS INC [(TSN)]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Interim President and CEO

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Class A Common Stock	1,796,653	D	Â
Class A Common Stock	39,995	I	By IRA
Class A Common Stock	120,567	I	By Spouse
Class A Common Stock	16,704	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	108,000	I	Tollett Farms

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date <small>(Month/Day/Year)</small>	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) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TOLLETT LELAND E PO BOX 2020 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72765	^	^	^ Interim President and CEO	^

## Signatures

/s/ Tollett,  
Leland E. 01/12/2009

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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