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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).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person McPeak Blaine E (Last) (First) (Middle) 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE, SUITE 3400			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/17/2012					S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) President - WhiteWave			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	02/18/2012			Code V M	Amount 12,078 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	41,389	D		
Common Stock	02/18/2012			F	3,754 (1)	D	\$ 12.07	37,635	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)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative			6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date	le and	7. Title a Underlyi
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code Securities Acquired (Instr. 8) (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 a	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.07	02/17/2012		A	78,920		02/17/2013(2)	02/17/2022	Comm
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/17/2012		A	55,402		02/17/2013(3)	02/17/2022	Comm
Restricted Stock Units (DU005627)	\$ 0	02/18/2012		M		12,078 (1)	02/18/2011(3)	02/18/2020	Comm

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

McPeak Blaine E

2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE

SUITE 3400

DALLAS, TX 75204

President - WhiteWave

Signatures

Richard Stephens, Attorney-In-Fact

02/22/2012

**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).
- The reporting person received a total of 12,078 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (1) restricted stock units. A total of 3,754 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 8,324 net shares of Common Stock.
- (2) The shares of common stock subject to the option vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement.
- 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 (3) the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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