

Lochner James V  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Lochner James V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/15/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Chief Operating Officer

(Street)  
 SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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	
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2009		J <sup>(2)</sup>	V	37	A	\$ 0 94,324	D
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2009		D <sup>(3)</sup>		1,991	D	\$ 0 92,333	D
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2009		F <sup>(4)</sup>		3,562	D	\$ 0 88,771	D
Class A Common	12/16/2009		A <sup>(5)</sup>		77,136	A	\$ 0 165,907	D

Stock

Class A  
Common  
Stock

17,103 I

Employee  
Stock  
Purchase  
Plan

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 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		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					Acquired (A)	or Disposed of (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.64	12/15/2009		M		4,500	(1)	01/31/2010	Class A Common Stock	4,500
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.6	12/15/2009		M		4,265	(1)	01/31/2010	Class A Common Stock	4,265
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.58	12/15/2009		M		10,935	(1)	01/31/2010	Class A Common Stock	10,935
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 12.59	12/15/2009		M		300	(1)	01/31/2010	Class A Common Stock	300

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Lochner James V  
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY  
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Chief Operating Officer

## Signatures

/s/ R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for James V.  
Lochner

12/17/2009

\_\_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).
- Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan or Merger dated January 1, 2001 by and among Issuer, Lasso Acquisition Corporation ("Lasso"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Issuer, and IBP, inc. ("IBP"), all options granted by IBP and outstanding on September 28, 2001 (the date IBP merged with Lasso) converted into options to buy Isser Class A common stock at a predetermined exchange rate.
- (1) Represents 37 shares of the Issuer's restricted Class A Common Stock acquired by the Reporting Person pursuant to a dividend reinvestment feature under the Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan since the last statement of changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisition is exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
  - (2) On December 16, 2009, the Issuer entered into a new employment agreement (the "Agreement") with the Reporting Person. In connection with the Agreement, 9,771 previously reported shares of restricted Class A Common Stock vested on December 16, 2009 and 1,991 shares were cancelled.
  - (3) On December 16, 2009, pursuant to an election previously made by the Reporting Person, 3,562 shares were sold by the Reporting Person to the Issuer to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting described above in note 3.
  - (4) Award of restricted Class A Common Stock pursuant to Tyson Foods, Inc. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan to vest on December 16, 2012, pursuant to the Agreement.
  - (5)

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