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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement TYSON FOODS INC [TSN] **Â** Whitmore Justin (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2200 W DON TYSON (Check all applicable) **PARKWAY** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Chief Sustainability Officer Person SPRINGDALE, ARÂ 72762 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Class A Common Stock 2,244.453 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year)	onth/Day/Year) Derivative Security		Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	11/17/2018	11/17/2027	Class A Common Stock	9,600 (2)	\$ 77.97	D	Â
Performance Shares	(3)	(3)	Class A Common Stock	8,977.812	\$ <u>(3)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Whitmore Justin 2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	Â	Â	Chief Sustainability Officer	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ P. Pand Hudson by Power of Attorne	ov for Justin					

/s/ R. Read Hudson by Power of Attorney for Justin 11/21/2017 Whitmore

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Award of Class A Common Stock which vests on November 13, 2020 if the performance metric described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement (the Incentive Agreement) are achieved and the Reporting Person is employed by the Issuer on the vesting date. The performance metrics are achievement of a two year (fiscal 2018-2020) cumulative EBIT target as set forth in the Incentive Agreement. If
- the performance metric is not achieved, the award expires.
- (2) The stock options vest at 33 1/3% on each of the first, second, and third anniversary dates of the grant.
 - Award of performance Class A Common Stock which vests on November 13, 2020 if the performance metrics described in the applicable Stock Incentive Agreement are achieved. The performance criteria set forth in the Stock Incentive Agreement are (1) achievement of a
- three year (fiscal 2018-2020) cumulative EBIT target and (2) a favorable comparison of the relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock compared to a predetermined peer group of publicly traded companies over a three year (fiscal 2018-2020) period. Subject to the achievement of the performance criteria, the performance shares could vest at a level of 50 percent to 200 percent and are reported as derivative securities at the 200 percent level. If neither of the performance criteria is achieved, the award expires.

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