

Whitmore Justin
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Whitmore Justin		(Month/Day/Year)	TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/15/2017	
2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			Chief Sustainability Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	2,244.453 ⁽¹⁾	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	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)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Class	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	^
Performance Shares	^ ⁽³⁾	^ ⁽³⁾	Class A Common Stock	8,977.812	\$ ⁽³⁾	D	^

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitmore Justin 2200 W DON TYSON PARKWAY SPRINGDALE, AR 72762	^	^	^ Chief Sustainability Officer	^

Signatures

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

11/21/2017

^{__}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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(1) 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.

(3) 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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