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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SCHENKEL PETE Issuer Symbol DEAN FOODS CO/[DF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, LB 01/07/2005 below) below) 30. SUITE 1200 President, Dean Dairy Group (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DALLAS, TX 75201 Person

(City) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common 01/07/2005 $M_{\underline{-}}^{(1)}$ 18,000 Α \$0 145,333.07 D Stock

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)

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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 (A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	Acquired posed of	Expiration Date		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.4792						01/04/2001	01/04/2010	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.375						01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.375						01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.35						01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.35						01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.35						01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.7933						01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.7933						01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock
Deferred Stock Units (3)	\$ 0	01/07/2005		M		18,000	01/07/2004	01/07/2013	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.17						01/13/2005	01/13/2004	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.17				01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Deferred Stock Units (3)	\$ 0				01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock
Stock Units (4)	\$ 0	01/10/2005	A	26,000	01/10/2006	01/10/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.85	01/10/2005	A	71,000	01/10/2006	01/10/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SCHENKEL PETE 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, LB 30, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201	X		President, Dean Dairy Group			

Signatures

Pete Schenkel 01/11/2005

**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).
- (1) The reporting person received 18,000 shares of common stock of the Issuer on the second annual vesting date of an award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs").
- (2) The shares of common stock subject to the Options shall vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- The reporting person has received an award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (3) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the DSU Award Agreement. The DSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period.
- The reporting person has received an exempt award of Stock Units ("SUs") under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan. Each SU is a right to receive one share of common stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the SU Award Agreement. The SUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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