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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 *
Fehr Richard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE,
SUITE 1200

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DEAN FOODS CO [DF]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Senior Vice President / Business Optimization, DSD Grp

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Underlying S
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(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF004923)	\$ 25.6821				01/13/2007 ⁽¹⁾	01/13/2016	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF004922)	\$ 25.6821				01/13/2007 ⁽¹⁾	01/13/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001061)	\$ 25.6821				01/13/2007 ⁽¹⁾	01/13/2016	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DV001060)	\$ 25.6821				01/13/2007 ⁽¹⁾	01/13/2016	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU003752)	\$ 0				01/13/2007 ⁽²⁾	01/13/2016	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DV005428)	\$ 0				01/13/2009 ⁽²⁾	01/13/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005942)	\$ 30.1121				02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DF005352)	\$ 30.1121				02/12/2010 ⁽¹⁾	02/10/2017	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV001077)	\$ 30.1121				02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy-DV001076)	\$ 30.1121				02/12/2008 ⁽¹⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0				02/12/2008 ⁽²⁾	02/12/2017	Common Stock

