

Hart Craig
Form 4
February 22, 2010

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hart Craig

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY

(Street)

SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

TYSON FOODS INC [TSN]

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

02/19/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)

Sr. VP, Controller & CAO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Class A Common Stock	01/31/2010		J ⁽¹⁾	V 476 A \$ 0	13,420	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Class A Common Stock	02/19/2010		M	1,759 A \$ 10.81	44,146	D	
Class A Common Stock	02/19/2010		S	1,759 D \$ 16.992	42,387	D	
	02/19/2010		M	2,051 A \$ 10.81	44,438	D	

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Class A
Common
Stock

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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 Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Options	\$ 10.81	02/19/2010		M	1,759	<u>(2)</u> 12/25/2010	Class A Common Stock 1,75
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 10.81	02/19/2010		M	2,051	<u>(2)</u> 12/25/2010	Class A Common Stock 2,05

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hart Craig
2200 DON TYSON PARKWAY
SPRINGDALE, AR 72762

Sr. VP, Controller & CAO

Signatures

Craig J. Hart 02/22/2010

**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).

Represents 476 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock purchased for the Reporting Person's account under the Issuer's Employee

- (1) Stock Purchase Plan since the last Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership was filed by the Reporting Person. Such acquisitions are exempt from Section 16 reporting requirements pursuant to Rule 16b-3.

Pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 1, 2001 by and among Issuer, Lasso Acquisition Corporation ("Lasso"), a

- (2) 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) vested and converted into options to buy Issuer's Class A Common Stock at a predetermined exchange rate.

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