DEAN FOODS CO/ Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HARDIN JOSEPH S JR Issuer Symbol DEAN FOODS CO/[DF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 820 PICACHO LANE 06/16/2005 (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 SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquii	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` /	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)
Common Stock	06/16/2005		M	13,000	A	\$ 13.9583	40,790	D	
Common Stock							2,100	I	by Trust

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)	Code	5. Number of ionDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (I	D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.5433						06/30/1998(1)	06/30/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.9583	06/16/2005		M	13,	000	06/30/1999(1)	06/30/2009	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.2917						06/30/2000(1)	06/30/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.7						06/29/2001(1)	06/29/2011	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.7733						07/01/2002(1)	07/01/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.5						06/30/2003(1)	06/30/2013	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.31						06/30/2004(1)	06/30/2014	Common Stock
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0						06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0						06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	•	Other				
HARDIN JOSEPH S JR							
820 PICACHO LANE	X						
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108							

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Joseph S. 04/04/2005 Hardin, Jr.

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

Date

- ** 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 options were granted automatically under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (2) 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 three year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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