

DEAN FOODS CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BERNON ALAN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4301 BELCLAIRE AVENUE  
(Street)  
DALLAS, TX 75205  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/31/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/31/2008		A	1,342 (1)	D \$ 0	1,067,329.1354 (2)	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 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 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date 7. Title and Underlying Sec

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(Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative 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-DV000254)	\$ 11.6934						01/14/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000616)	\$ 11.6934						01/14/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000259)	\$ 11.6934						01/14/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000257)	\$ 11.6934						01/14/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000604)	\$ 11.6934						01/14/2003 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000264)	\$ 11.6934						01/14/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002200)	\$ 14.2466						01/06/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000256)	\$ 14.2466						01/06/2004 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000606)	\$ 14.2466						01/06/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000260)	\$ 14.2466	01/06/2004 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000143)	\$ 17.9107	01/13/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000261)	\$ 17.9107	01/13/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000144)	\$ 17.9107	01/13/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF004888)	\$ 25.6821	01/31/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000251)	\$ 25.6821	01/13/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-NQ004887)	\$ 25.6821	01/13/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-NQ004462)	\$ 25.6821	01/13/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005345)	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000250)	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-NQ005340)	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	Common Stock
	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008 <sup>(4)</sup>	09/02/2008	

Non-Qualified  
Stock Option  
(right to  
buy-NQ000263)

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERNON ALAN J 4301 BELCLAIRE AVENUE DALLAS, TX 75205		X		

## Signatures

Angela Miro, attorney  
in fact  
04/02/2008  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) These are restricted shares issued under the Issuer's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan in payment of fees owed for services as an independent director. All such shares are subject to vesting in three equal increments, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued and then annually thereafter.
  - (2) Includes 827 shares of common stock of Issuer, for which the reporting person has opted to defer receipt until a future date, under the Issuer's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan.
  - (3) The shares of common stock subject to the Option vest ratably in three equal increments commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date. Pursuant to a separation agreement between Mr. Bernon and the Issuer, the options will expire on September 2, 2008.
  - (4) The shares of common stock subject to the Option became fully vested on September 28, 2007, pursuant to a separation agreement between Mr. Bernon and the Issuer, and the options will expire on September 2, 2008.

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