DEAN FOODS CO Form 4 May 13, 2008

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MUSE JOHN R | | Sy | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|---|-------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) 3. | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| ` ' | CENT COURT, S | (N | (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2008 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | |
| | (Street) | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| DALLAS, TX 75201 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc | uired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Oate, if Transactior Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Beneficial Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2008 | | M 39,157 A \$ 11.229 | ₉ 293,964 D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 2,550 I by Spouse (1) | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

| 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI000779) | \$ 11.2299 | 05/09/2008 | | M | 22,500 | 06/30/1998(2) | 06/30/2008 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002931) | \$ 11.2299 | 05/09/2008 | | M | 10,564 | 06/30/1998(2) | 06/30/2008 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000726) | \$ 11.2299 | 05/09/2008 | | M | 4,146 | 06/30/1998(2) | 06/30/2008 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002936) | \$ 11.2299 | 05/09/2008 | | M | 1,947 | 06/30/1998(2) | 06/30/2008 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI001314) | \$ 8.0206 | | | | | 06/30/1999(2) | 06/30/2009 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002932) | \$ 8.0206 | | | | | 06/30/1999(2) | 06/30/2009 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000634) | \$ 8.0206 | | | | | 06/30/1999(2) | 06/30/2009 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002937) | \$ 8.0206 | | | | | 06/30/1999(2) | 06/30/2009 | Common Stock |
| | \$ 9.3614 | | | | | 06/30/2000(2) | 06/30/2010 | |

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| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SI001803) | | | | Common Stock |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002942) | \$ 9.3614 | 06/30/2000(2) | 06/30/2010 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000639) | \$ 9.3614 | 06/30/2000(2) | 06/30/2010 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002938) | \$ 9.3614 | 06/30/2000(2) | 06/30/2010 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-SF002505) | \$ 10.1707 | 06/29/2001(2) | 06/29/2011 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002944) | \$ 10.1707 | 06/29/2001(2) | 06/29/2011 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000645) | \$ 10.1707 | 06/27/2005(2) | 06/29/2011 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002939) | \$ 10.1707 | 06/29/2001(2) | 06/29/2011 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002170) | \$ 14.2351 | 07/01/2002(2) | 07/01/2012 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002945) | \$ 14.2351 | 07/01/2002(2) | 07/01/2012 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000654) | \$ 14.2351 | 07/01/2002(2) | 07/01/2012 | Common Stock |
| | \$ 14.2351 | 07/01/2002(2) | 07/01/2012 | |

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| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002940) | | | | Common Stock |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002880) | \$ 18.1003 | 06/30/2003(2) | 06/30/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002946) | \$ 18.1003 | 06/30/2003(2) | 06/30/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000784) | \$ 18.1003 | 06/30/2003(2) | 06/30/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002934) | \$ 18.1003 | 06/30/2003(2) | 06/30/2013 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF003669) | \$ 21.4389 | 06/30/2004(2) | 06/30/2014 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002943) | \$ 21.4389 | 06/30/2004(2) | 06/30/2014 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000794) | \$ 21.4389 | 06/30/2004(2) | 06/30/2014 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002935) | \$ 21.4389 | 06/30/2004(2) | 06/30/2014 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF905923) | \$ 23.9808 | 06/30/2005(2) | 06/30/2015 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV002941) | \$ 23.9808 | 06/30/2005(2) | 06/30/2014 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MUSE JOHN R 200 CRESCENT COURT, SUITE 1600 X DALLAS, TX 75201

Signatures

John R. Muse by Angela B. Miro as Attorney-In-Fact

05/13/2008

**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) Mr. Muse disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares not directly owned by him.
- (2) The options were automatically granted under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.

Remarks:

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