

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 \*  
**KLEIN RONALD H**

(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)  
**01/13/2005**

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 --

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/13/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,400 A \$ 0	24,339.411	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)**

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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)	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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					01/07/2004	01/07/2013	Common Stock	2,7
Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	01/13/2005		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,400	01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	2,4
Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0					01/10/2006	01/10/2015	Common Stock	10,
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 14.375					01/22/2002	01/22/2011	Common Stock	6,9
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 20.35					01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock	4,9
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 24.7933					01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	4,0
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 31.17					01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	3,2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 20.35					01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock	40,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 20.35					01/14/2003	01/14/2012	Common Stock	30,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 24.7933					01/06/2004	01/06/2013	Common Stock	33,

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 31.17	01/13/2005	01/13/2014	Common Stock	29,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 31.85	01/10/2006	01/10/2015	Common Stock	28,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KLEIN RONALD H 2515 MCKINNEY AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS, TX 75201			Senior Vice President --	

## Signatures

Ronald H. Klein                      01/18/2005  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 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) The reporting person received 2400 shares of common stock of the Issuer on the first annual vesting date of an award of Stock Units.  
 A Stock Unit, which is issued under the Company's 1989 Stock Awards Plan, is a right to receive one share of common stock of the
- (2) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a five-year period beginning on the first anniversary date of grant, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.
- (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.

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