**DEAN FOODS CO** Form 4 March 13, 2008

# FORM 4

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

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BERNON ALAN J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
4301 BELCLAIRE AVENUE		NUE	(Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2008	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
DALLAS, TX 75205			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

							Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	ırities Acqı	uired, Disposed of, or	Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acc Execution Date, if Transactior Disposed of ( any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)		(D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	15,300 (1)	D	\$ 20.55	1,074,842.1354	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	6,700 (1)	D	\$ 20.56	1,068,142.1354	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	1,700 (1)	D	\$ 20.57	1,066,442.1354	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	200 (1)	D	\$ 20.58	1,066,242.1354	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2008		S	2,200 (1)	D	\$ 20.59	1,064,042.1354	D	
Common	03/11/2008		S	900 (1)	D	\$ 20.61	1,063,142.1354	D	

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Stock							
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	6,400 (1)	D	\$ 21	1,056,742.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	900 (1)	D	\$ 21.01	1,055,842.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	600 (1)	D	\$ 21.02	1,055,242.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	1,000 (1)	D	\$ 21.07	1,054,242.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	5,400 (1)	D	\$ 21.08	1,048,842.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	1,400 (1)	D	\$ 21.09	1,047,442.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	4,300 (1)	D	\$ 21.1	1,043,142.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	3,100 (1)	D	\$ 21.11	1,040,042.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	200 (1)	D	\$ 21.115	1,039,842.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	3,000 (1)	D	\$ 21.12	1,036,842.1354	D
Common Stock	03/11/2008	S	8,500 (1)	D	\$ 21.13	1,028,342.1354	D
Common	03/11/2008	S	1,100	D	\$	1,027,242.1354	D

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

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03/11/2008

Stock

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amou
Security	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Date	Underlying Secur
(Instr. 3)	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e	
	Derivative				Securities		
	Security				Acquired		
					(A) or		
					Disposed		
					of (D)		
					(Instr. 3.		

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		Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000354)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	75
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000254)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	35
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000616)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	13
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000259)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	6.
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000355)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000257)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	23
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-T0000604)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	9,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000264)	\$ 11.6934					01/14/2003(3)	01/14/2012	Common Stock	4,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF002200)	\$ 14.2466					01/06/2004(3)	01/06/2013	Common Stock	78
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000256)	\$ 14.2466					01/06/2004(3)	01/06/2013	Common Stock	36
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to	\$ 14.2466					01/06/2004(3)	01/06/2013	Common Stock	14

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buy-T0000606)					
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000260)	\$ 14.2466	01/06/2004(3)	01/06/2013	Common Stock	6,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000143	\$ 17.9107	01/13/2005(3)	01/13/2014	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000261)	\$ 17.9107	01/13/2005(3)	01/13/2014	Common Stock	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-TU000144)	\$ 17.9107	01/13/2005(3)	01/13/2014	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF004888)	\$ 25.6821	01/31/2007(3)	01/13/2016	Common Stock	27:
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000251)	\$ 25.6821	01/13/2007(3)	01/13/2016	Common Stock	12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-NQ004887)	\$ 25.6821	01/13/2007(3)	01/13/2016	Common Stock	2,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-NQ004462)	\$ 25.6821	01/13/2007(3)	01/13/2016	Common Stock	1,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DF005345)	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	47
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-DV000250)	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	22
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy-NQ005340)	\$ 30.1121	02/12/2008(3)	02/12/2017	Common Stock	2,

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to

buy-NQ000263)

\$ 30.1121

02/12/2008(3) 02/12/2017

Common Stock

#### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BERNON ALAN J 4301 BELCLAIRE AVENUE X DALLAS, TX 75205

# **Signatures**

Alan J. Bernon 03/13/2008

\*\*Signature of Person 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).
- Transaction is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Plan, dated February 21, 2008, between the reporting person and Bear Stearns & Co., Inc., acting as (1) agent, to permit the orderly disposition of a portion of the reporting person's holdings of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.
- (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 became fully vested on September 28, 2007, pursuant to a separation agreement between Mr. Bernon and the Issuer.

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