

Kemps Steven J
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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 *
Kemps Steven J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

2711 NORTH HASKELL AVE, SUITE 3400

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

EVP, General Counsel and

DALLAS, TX 75204

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	01/15/2012		M		1,700 (1)	A	\$ 0 22,835 D
Common Stock	01/15/2012		F		522 (1)	D	\$ 10.9 22,313 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 (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)
Restricted Stock Units (DU004313)	\$ 0	01/15/2012		M	1,700 (1)	01/15/2009(2) 01/15/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kemp Steven J 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVE SUITE 3400 DALLAS, TX 75204			EVP, General Counsel and	

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney
In Fact
Date: 01/18/2012

**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) The reporting person received a total of 1,700 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units. A total of 522 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 1,178 net shares of Common Stock.

(2) The reporting person has received an award of restricted stock units, which is the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the award agreement. The units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a five year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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