

Duffin-Maxwell Kelly
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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 *
Duffin-Maxwell Kelly

(Last) (First) (Middle)
12002 AIRPORT WAY
(Street)

BROOMFIELD, CO 80021

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/12/2012

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)
EVP, Research and Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/12/2012		M	2,728 (1) A \$ 0	22,571	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2012		F	963 (1) D \$ 10.69	21,608	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		M	4,400 (2) A \$ 0	26,008	D	
Common Stock	02/13/2012		F	1,452 (2) D \$ 10.93	24,556	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (DU004971)	\$ 0	02/12/2012		M	2,728 (1)	02/12/2011(3) 02/12/2020	Common Stock	2,728
Restricted Stock Units (DU004401)	\$ 0	02/13/2012		M	4,400 (2)	02/13/2010(4) 02/13/2019	Common Stock	4,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Duffin-Maxwell Kelly 12002 AIRPORT WAY BROOMFIELD, CO 80021			EVP, Research and Development	

Signatures

Richard Stephens,
Attorney-In-Fact
Date: 02/14/2012

**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).

The reporting person received a total of 2,728 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (1) restricted stock units. A total of 963 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 1,765 net shares of Common Stock.

(2)

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The reporting person received a total of 4,400 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units. A total of 1,452 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 2,948 net shares of Common Stock.

- (3) 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 restricted stock units vest annually, on a pro rata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

- (4) 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 three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date, subject to certain accelerated vesting provisions.

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