

DEAN FOODS CO  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
HARDIN JOSEPH S JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
820 PICACHO LANE  
(Street)  
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/15/2013

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/17/2013		M	(A) or (D) 1,693 (1)	\$ 0 254,274	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2013		M	(A) or (D) 1,898 (2)	\$ 0 256,172	D	
Common Stock					3,150	I	by Trusts. (3)

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/15/2013		A	6,745	02/15/2014 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/15/2023	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU005704)	\$ 0	02/17/2013		M	1,693 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2013 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/17/2022	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units (DU005651)	\$ 0	02/18/2013		M	1,898 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/18/2012 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/18/2021	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDIN JOSEPH S JR 820 PICACHO LANE SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108		X		

## Signatures

Katherine K. Connell,  
Attorney-In-Fact

02/20/2013

\_\_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 1,693 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units.
- (2) The reporting person received a total of 1,898 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units.
- (3) The reporting person is the trustee and disclaims all beneficial interest except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in the trusts, if any. The reporting person's sister and the reporting person's children are the beneficiaries of the trusts.
- (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.

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