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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, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

Stock

Stock

Common

Common

02/18/2013

02/18/2013

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Tanner Gregg A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner			
2711 NOR' AVENUE,	02/15/2013					X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer					
				Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
DALLAS,											
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	02/17/2013			Code V M	Amount 18,468 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	157,518	D		
Common Stock	02/17/2013			F	5,051 (1)	D	\$ 16.34	152,467	D		

13,803

3,776

(2)

M

F

166,270

162,494

D

D

\$0

16.34

A

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	rcise any Code Acquired (A) or of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Securities A) or f (D)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	7. Title ar Underlyir (Instr. 3 a			
						(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/15/2013		Code V A	(A) 104,553	(D)	02/15/2014(3)	02/15/2023	Commo
Restricted Stock Units (DU005667)	\$ 0	02/17/2013		M		18,468 (1)	02/17/2013(3)	02/17/2022	Commo
Restricted Stock Units (DU005621)	\$ 0	02/18/2013		M		13,803 (2)	02/18/2012(3)	02/18/2021	Commo

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

X

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief Executive Officer

Tanner Gregg A

2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE

SUITE 3400

DALLAS, TX 75204

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).
- The reporting person received a total of 18,468 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (1) restricted stock units. A total of 5,051 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 13,417 net shares of Common Stock.
- The reporting person received a total of 13,803 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (2) restricted stock units. A total of 3,776 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the reporting person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 10,027 net shares of Common Stock.

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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 (3) 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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