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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 Add Murphy Brian | • | ng Person * | 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 | | | |
| 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE, SUITE 3400 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2016 | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Chief Information Officer | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| DALLAS, TX | 75204 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (61.) | (0) | (71.) | | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---|------------------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Ionth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2016 | | M | 3,360 (1) | A | \$0 | 11,120.7 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2016 | | F | 1,098 (1) | D | \$ 20.67 | 10,022.7 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2016 | | M | 5,069 (2) | A | \$ 0 | 15,091.7 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/16/2016 | | F | 1,373 (2) | D | \$ 20.96 | 13,718.7 | 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) | Securities | | of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------|--------------|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Nun of Shar |
| Restricted Stock Units (DU005767) | \$ 0 | 02/13/2016 | | M | | 3,360 (1) | 02/13/2015(4) | 02/13/2024 | Common Stock | 3,3 <u>(</u> |
| Restricted Stock Units (DU005822) | \$ 0 | 02/16/2016 | | M | | 5,069 (2) | 02/16/2016(4) | 02/16/2025 | Common Stock | 5,0 <u>0</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Murphy Brian 2711 NORTH HASKELL AVENUE SUITE 3400 DALLAS, TX 75204 | | | SVP, Chief Information Officer | | | | | |

Signatures

Kay F. Stockler Attorney-in-Fact 02/17/2016

**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).

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The Reporting Person received a total of 3,360 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of restricted stock units (RSUs). A total of 1,098 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the Reporting Person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 2,262 net shares of Common Stock.

- The Reporting Person received a total of 5,069 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer pursuant to the vesting provisions in the award of (2) RSUs. A total of 1,373 shares were surrendered to satisfy tax obligations of the Reporting Person, resulting in the issuance of a total of 3,696 net shares of Common Stock.
- (3) The Reporting Person previously received an award of RSUs, which represents the right to receive shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the related award agreement.
- (4) This RSU award vests annually, on a pro rata basis, over a 3-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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