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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading GREEN STEPHEN L Issuer Symbol DEAN FOODS CO [DF] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 285 RIVERSIDE AVENUE, SUITE 09/30/2012 below) 250 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WESTPORT, CT 06880 (City) (State) (Zin)

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
				or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount (D) Price	,		
Common Stock	09/30/2012		A	$\frac{3,021}{(1)}$ A \$0	232,659 (2)	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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
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						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				~	<i>(</i> 1) (5)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
GREEN STEPHEN L						
285 RIVERSIDE AVENUE	X					
SUITE 250	Λ					
WESTPORT, CT 06880						

Signatures

Katherine K. Connell, Attorney-In-Fact

**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).
- These are shares of restricted stock issued in payment of fees owed for services as an independent director. All such shares are subject to vesting in three equal increments, with the first vesting occurring as of the date the shares were issued and then annually thereafter, however, voting and dividend rights attach immediately on the entire number of shares issued.
- (2) Includes 2,220 shares of Common Stock from deferred stock units that have vested, and the reporting person has elected to defer receipt until he is no longer a member of the Issuer's Board of Directors.

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