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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)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DEAN FOODS CO/ [DF]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3 Date o	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			(Month/Day/Year)					X Director 10% Owner			
2807 RANCH ROAD 2831			03/03/2005					Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
	Filed(Mo	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line)				
X Form filed by One Reporting Person MARBLE FALLS, TX 78654 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person											
(City)	(State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	ties l (A) o l of (D	or))	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	
Common Stock	03/03/2005			S	1,807	D	\$ 35	11,273	D		
Common Stock								950	I	By corporation controlled by Mr. Pender	
Common Stock								6,000	I	By Managed Account	
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)	4. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	' (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.5433				06/30/1998(1)	06/30/2008	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.9583				06/30/1999(1)	06/30/2009	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.2917				06/30/2000(1)	06/30/2010	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.7				06/29/2001(1)	07/29/2011	Common Stock	22,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.7733				07/01/2002(1)	07/01/2012	Common Stock	22,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.5				06/30/2003(1)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	7,50
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0				06/30/2004(2)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	1,70
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0				06/30/2005(2)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	2,55
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.31				06/30/2004(1)	06/30/2014	Common Stock	7,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.21				06/30/1997(1)	06/30/2007	Common Stock	22,50

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PENDER P EUGENE 2807 RANCH ROAD 2831 X MARBLE FALLS, TX 78654

Signatures

P. Eugene 01/03/2005 Pender

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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 options were automatically granted under the Issuer's 1997 Amended and Restated Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan, and are fully vested and immediately exercisable upon grant.
- The reporting person has received an award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs") which is a right to receive shares of common stock of the (2) Issuer in the future, subject to the terms and conditions of the DSU Award Agreement. The DSUs vest annually, on a prorata basis, over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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