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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 22, 2004 (November 18, 2004)

Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 18, 2004, our subsidiaries that are party to our receivables-backed facility entered into an amendment of the facility, pursuant to which the facility termination date was extended by one year to November 17, 2005. The amendment also modified a definition used in calculating the loss reserve, which we expect to slightly increase our borrowing capacity under the facility. The amendment is Amendment No. 4 to our Fourth Amended and Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement, and is by and among (1) Dairy Group Receivables, L.P., Specialty Group Receivables, L.P., and Dean National Brand Group, L.P., all of which are our subsidiaries, (2) the financial institutions that are party to our Receivables Purchase Agreement, (3) JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as agent, and (4) us, as provider of certain performance undertakings on behalf of our subsidiaries.

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(c) Exhibits

10.1 Amendment No. 4 to Fourth Amended and Restated Receivables Purchase Agreement

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 22, 2004 DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Lisa N. Tyson

Lisa N. Tyson Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

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