DEAN FOODS CO Form 8-K February 11, 2009

UNITED STATES 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): February 11, 2009 (February 11, 2009) Dean Foods Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-12755

75-2559681

(State or other Jurisdiction of (Comm

Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75201

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

(214) 303-3400

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the registrant s earnings release for the fourth quarter and full year of 2008, issued February 11, 2009. This release shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Earnings Release issued February 11, 2009

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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: February 11, 2009

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Ronald L. McCrummen Ronald L. McCrummen Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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