

TYSON FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2009  
UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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 19, 2009

Tyson Foods, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of incorporation or other jurisdiction)

001-14704

(Commission File Number)

71-0225165

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2200 Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, AR 72762-6999

(479) 290-4000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of  
Registrant's principal executive offices)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 19, 2009, Tyson Foods, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release pursuant to Rule 135c under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), announcing that it intends to privately place \$500 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured, senior notes due 2014. The senior notes will be offered to qualified institutional investors under Rule 144A of the Securities Act and to certain non-U.S. persons in transactions outside the United States under Regulation S of the Securities Act. In addition, the Company also announced that it will be arranging a new \$1 billion senior, secured credit facility.

The Company intends to use the proceeds from the note offering to repay borrowings and terminate commitments under its existing accounts receivables facility, repay and/or refinance other indebtedness and for other general corporate purposes.

The foregoing is qualified by reference to the press release that is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number

99.1 Press release dated February 19, 2009

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**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

TYSON FOODS, INC.

Date: February 19, 2009

By: /s/ R. Read Hudson

Name: R. Read Hudson

Title: Vice President, Associate General  
Counsel and Secretary

**Tyson Foods, Inc.**

**Current Report on Form 8-K**

**Dated February 19, 2009**

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>                    |
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| 99.1          | Press release dated February 19, 2009 |