
**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):

August 22, 2017 (August 21, 2017)



Dean Foods Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-12755
(Commission
File Number)

75-2559681
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2711 North Haskell Ave., Suite 3400
Dallas, TX 75204
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(214) 303-3400**

Not Applicable.
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Department of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On August 22, 2017, Dean Foods Company (the "Company") announced that Chris Bellairs, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has stepped down. The Company has appointed Scott K. Vopni to serve as the Company's interim Chief Financial Officer, effective immediately. Mr. Vopni, 49, has served as the Company's Chief Accounting Officer since December 2010 and also as Senior Vice President - Finance since January 2016. He also served as Senior Vice President - Investor Relations from October 2014 until January 2016. Mr. Vopni began his service with the Company as Vice President - Controller in May 2008.

Mr. Bellairs has agreed to assist Mr. Vopni with the transition. Mr. Bellairs' departure is not related to any issues regarding the integrity of the Company's financial statements or accounting policies and practices.

Mr. Bellairs will receive compensation and benefits pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Executive Severance Pay Plan following his termination of employment with the Company on September 1, 2017.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Dean Foods Company press release dated August 22, 2017.

SIGNATURES

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.

Date: August 22, 2017

DEAN FOODS COMPANY

By: /s/ Russell F. Coleman
Russell F. Coleman
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary &
Government Affairs*

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Dean Foods Company Announces CFO Departure, Appoints Interim CFO

DALLAS, August 22, 2017 - Dean Foods Company (NYSE:DF) today announced that Chris Bellairs, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will depart the company effective September 1. Bellairs will assist in transitioning to Scott Vopni, Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, who will assume the responsibilities in the interim while the company conducts its search for a new CFO. Bellairs' departure is not related to any issues regarding the integrity of the company's financial statements or accounting policies and practices.

"Chris helped guide the company to where we are today as a standalone company and worked hard to improve our balance sheet. We appreciate the years of service Chris dedicated to Dean Foods, and we wish him well as he pursues his next opportunity," said Ralph Scozzafava, Chief Executive Officer. "Scott Vopni is well qualified to serve as interim CFO while we conduct a search for a financial executive who will further build our leadership team's experience taking a company through the kind of strategic transformation we're executing here at Dean Foods. I speak on behalf of our leadership team in saying we remain focused and committed to executing our plan and delivering results for the remainder of 2017 and beyond."

Vopni joined Dean Foods in May 2008 and has served multiple senior roles in the company's finance organization. During his tenure, Vopni was integrally involved in debt, equity and M&A transactions and led the company's investor relations activities. Vopni currently leads the accounting team and oversees the finance function for both the supply chain and commercial organizations.

About Dean Foods

Dean Foods® is a leading food and beverage company and the largest processor and direct-to-store distributor of fluid milk and other dairy and dairy case products in the United States. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, the Dean Foods portfolio includes DairyPure®, the country's first and largest fresh, white milk national brand, and TruMoo®, the leading national flavored milk brand, along with well-known regional dairy brands such as Alta Dena®, Berkeley Farms®, Country Fresh®, Dean's®, Garelick Farms®, Friendly's®, LAND O LAKES® milk and cultured products*, Lehigh Valley Dairy Farms®, Mayfield®, McArthur®, Meadow Gold®, Oak Farms®, PET®**, T.G. Lee®, Tuscan® and more. In all, Dean Foods has more than 50 local and regional dairy brands and private labels. Dean Foods also makes and distributes ice cream, cultured products, juices, teas, and bottled water. More than 16,000 employees across the country work every day to make Dean Foods the most admired and trusted provider of wholesome, great-tasting dairy products at every occasion. For more information about Dean Foods and its brands, visit www.deanfoods.com.

*The LAND O LAKES brand is owned by Land O'Lakes, Inc. and is used by license.

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