

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0405

December 21, 2007

Mr. Jack F. Callahan, Jr. Chief Financial Officer Dean Foods Company 2515 McKinney Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75201

**Re:** Dean Foods Company

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006

Filed March 1, 2007

Form 10-Q for Fiscal Quarter Ended September 30, 2007

Filed November 9, 2007

Response Letter Dated December 17, 2007

File No. 001-12755

Dear Mr. Callahan:

We have completed our review of your filings and response letter and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Karl Hiller Branch Chief