

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C.

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: September 20, 2011

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**1-4455**  
(Commission File Number)

**99-0035300**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**One Dole Drive**

**Westlake Village, California 91362**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(818) 879-6600**

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).
- 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))

**Section 8. Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On September 20, 2011, Dole Food Company, Inc. issued a press release announcing that a Dole subsidiary had signed a definitive agreement pursuant to which it will sell all of the shares of Dole Food España, S.A.U., to a subsidiary of Compagnie Financière de Participations, a company in which Dole holds a non-controlling 40% stake, with closing expected to occur in November 2011, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions precedent. Dole Food Espana, S.A.U., with 2010 revenues of approximately \$150 million, conducts Dole's ripening and distribution business in Spain and Portugal. Dole will receive, on net, approximately 11.9 million euros, after payment of certain amounts.

**Section 9. Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits:

99.1\* Press Release, dated September 20, 2011 concerning the entry into a definitive agreement concerning the sale of Dole Food España, S.A.U.

\* Filed herewith

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

September 21, 2011

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

REGISTRANT

By: */s/* C. MICHAEL CARTER  
C. Michael Carter  
*Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary*

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit**

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