

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
Form 8-K
November 02, 2010

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): November 2, 2010

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-15321
(Commission File
Number)

52-0845861
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

200 Commerce Street
Smithfield, Virginia
(Address of principal executive
offices)

23430
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

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 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))

Item 8.01.

Other Events.

On November 2, 2010, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it has commenced an offer to purchase for cash up to an aggregate of \$337.0 million principal amount of its outstanding 7.00% senior unsecured notes due 2011.

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

99.1

Press Release, dated November 2, 2010

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.

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

Date: November 2, 2010

/s/ Michael H. Cole
Michael H. Cole
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

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Exhibit 99.1

Press Release, dated November 2, 2010.

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