PREMIUM STANDARD FARMS, INC. Form 3 September 27, 2006 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FORM 3 Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Addre Person <u>*</u> SMITHFIEL | • | U | Statement (Month/Day/Year) | | ^{ng} 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PREMIUM STANDARD FARMS, INC. [PORK] | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (F | First) | (Middle) | 09/17/2006 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | |
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| (Street) | | | | (Ch | | Check all applicable) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group | | | |
| SMITHFIELD, | 23430 | | | | Director X_10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) See Note 1 below | | Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) (S | state) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | 2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nat Owne (Instr. | • | | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | | | | 0 (1) | | I <u>(1)</u> | See footnote (1) | | | | |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | | 3. Title and Amount of | | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect | |
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| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Da | ate | Securities Underlying | | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership | |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative S | ecurity | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | Derivative | | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative | Security: | | |
| | | | | | Security | Direct (D) |) | |
| | | | | | | or Indirect | | |

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Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Relationships **Reporting Owner Name / Address** Director 10% Owner Officer Other SMITHFIELD FOODS INC Â ÂX Â 200 COMMERCE STREET See Note 1 below SMITHFIELD, VAÂ 23430

Signatures

/s/Michael H. Cole, Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and 09/27/2006 Secretary

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

By virtue of the Voting Agreement dated as of September 17, 2006, by and among Smithfield Foods, Inc. ("Parent"), ContiGroup Companies, Inc. and the Issuer (the "Voting Agreement"), Parent may be deemed a beneficial owner purusant to Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), of 12,428,592 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Issuer

(1) ("Common Stock") which are subject to the Voting Agreement. Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(4) under the Act, Parent hereby states that this Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 3 shall not be deemed an admission that Parent is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Act or otherwise, the beneficial owner of such shares of Common Stock. Parent does not have any pecuniary interest in such shares of Common Stock.

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