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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SMITHFIELD FOODS INC			2. Date of Ev Statement (Month/Day/		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PREMIUM STANDARD FARMS, INC. [PORK]				
(Last) (Fi	irst)	(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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(Str				(Check all applicable)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
SMITHFIELD,Â	23430		DirectorX 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) See Note 1 below						
(City) (St	te) (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 (1)	See f	Cootnote (1)	
Reminder: Report on owned directly or inc	directly.				ally SI	EC 1473 (7-02))		
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Table	II - Deriv	ative Secur	ities Beneficia	lly Owned (e.	g., puts, calls,	warrants, opt	ions, c	onvertible securities)	

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of

Expiration Title

Securities Underlying

Amount or

Number of

Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Date

Exercisable Date

(Month/Day/Year)

Date

4.

Conversion

or Exercise

Derivative

Price of

Security

5.

Ownership

Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

Form of

6. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VAÂ 23430

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See Note 1 below

Signatures

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

09/27/2006

**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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