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(Print or Type	Responses)								
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WRIGHT MELVIN O			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Lost)	(First)	SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFE				NC [SFD]	(Che	ck all applicabl	e)
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/05/2007			X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
SMITHEI	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting</li> </ul>					
	ELD, VA 23430						Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	Securities Elementicially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(D) Price	( , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or		

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	Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	04/05/2007	А		460.8104		(2)	(2)	common stock	460.8104

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WRIGHT MELVIN O C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430	Х						
Signatures							
\s\Michael H. Cole, as attorney-in-fact	(	)4/09/2007					
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date					

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
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The phantom stock becomes payable in shares of Company common stock upon termination of service as a director either in a lump sum or in annual installments over a period of at least two years and not more than ten years as per the director's deferral election.

(2) Of infamiliar installinents over a period of at least two years and not more than ten years as per the director's deternal election.
 Notwithstanding the foregoing, after termination of service, the phantom stock may, at the election of the director, be converted into one or more "deemed investments" approved by the Company's Nominating and Governance Committee.

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