SMITHFIELD FOODS INC

Form 4

February 12, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or Form 5

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GOLDBERG RAY A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Check all applicable)

02/08/2008

(Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

below)

Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number of 4 TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Exercisable Number of Date Shares Phantom common (2) (2) (1) 02/08/2008 164.4127 164.4127 Α Stock stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOLDBERG RAY A

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET X

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

Signatures

\s\Michael H. Cole, as attorney-in-fact

02/12/2008

**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).
- **(1)** 1 for 1

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.

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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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