#### SMITHFIELD FOODS INC

Form 4

August 28, 2008

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* ZIMMERMAN MICHAEL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last) 200 COMMERCE STREET 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner \_\_X\_\_ Other (specify Officer (give title

08/27/2008

below)

below) Advisory Director

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Following

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

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

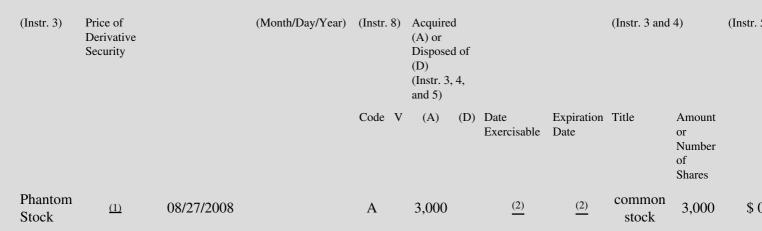
7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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8. Price

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### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ZIMMERMAN MICHAEL J 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

**Advisory Director** 

# **Signatures**

/s/Michael H. Cole, as Attorney-In-Fact

08/28/2008

\*\*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 an advisory 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after termination of service, the phantom stock may, at the election of Mr. Zimmerman, be converted into one or more "deemed investments" approved by the Company's Nominating and Governance Committee.

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