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SECURITIE	ES AND EXCHANGE COM	MISSION
	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
	Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)	
	of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934	
Date of	f Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 4, 200	04
SM	ITHFIELD FOODS, INC	C.
Virginia (State or other jurisdiction	1-15321 (Commission File Number)	52-0845861 (IRS Employer
of incorporation)		Identification No.)

200 Commerce Street

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Smithfield, Virginia 23430

 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices)(Zip\ Code)$

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

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ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Registrant) hereby furnishes this report pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K:

On August 4, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release commenting on its earnings for the first quarter of fiscal year ending May 1, 2005. The press release is furnished with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

Exhibit 99 Smithfield Foods, Inc. press release dated August 4, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC. (Registrant)

By: /s/ DANIEL G. STEVENS

(Signature)
Daniel G. Stevens
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 4, 2004