

CROWDER RICHARD T  
Form 4  
December 12, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CROWDER RICHARD T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC., 200  
COMMERCE ST.

(Street)

SMITHFIELD, VA 23464

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

12/10/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                           |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   |
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                              |                                         |                                         |                        |                                                   |                                                                |                                                                     |

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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|------|---|------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Phantom<br>Stock | <u>(1)</u>                         | 12/10/2012       |            | A                                                 |      |   | 4,633.7158 |     | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>         | common<br>stock | 4,633.71                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                          | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                         | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CROWDER RICHARD T<br>SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.<br>200 COMMERCE ST.<br>SMITHFIELD, VA 23464 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

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

12/12/2012

\_\_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) 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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