

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 07, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 7, 2009**

**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

**Virginia**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-15321**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-0845861**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 Commerce Street**  
**Smithfield, Virginia**

**23430**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 7, 2009, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it has priced an offering of senior secured notes due July 2014. The notes will have an interest rate of 10% per annum and will be issued at a price equal to 104% of their face value, plus accrued interest from July 2, 2009 to the closing date. The notes will have identical terms and conditions, other than issue date and issue price, as the \$625 million of 10% senior secured notes due 2014 issued by the Company on July 2, 2009. The Company intends to use the proceeds from the notes offering, together with other available cash, to repay other outstanding indebtedness.

The foregoing is qualified by reference to the press release that is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated August 7, 2009, announcing the pricing of the senior secured notes offering.

**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.

Date: August 7, 2009

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Michael H. Cole  
Michael H. Cole  
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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