

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LUTER JOSEPH W III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/15/2008

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

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008		S		15,380	D	\$ 21
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008		S		3,600	D	\$ 21.005
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008		S		200	D	\$ 21.0075
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008		S		2,520	D	\$ 21.01
							4,282,620
							4,279,020
							4,278,820
							4,276,300

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Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	2,000	D	\$ 21.015	4,274,300	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	5,800	D	\$ 21.02	4,268,500	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	400	D	\$ 21.03	4,268,100	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 21.035	4,266,800	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	1,300	D	\$ 21.04	4,265,500	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	800	D	\$ 21.045	4,264,700	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	300	D	\$ 21.05	4,264,400	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	09/15/2008	S	700	D	\$ 21.055	4,263,700	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50						950	I	by custodial trust for daughter

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr.
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4, and 5)

								Amount or Number of Shares
					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Code	V	(A)	(D)					

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUTER JOSEPH W III C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as Attorney- in- Fact	09/17/2008
**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).

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