

Thamodaran Dhamu R.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Thamodaran Dhamu R.</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>200 COMMERCE STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>SMITHFIELD, VA 23460</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>09/21/2011</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Executive Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
common stock, par value \$.50	20,284 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
common stock, par value \$.50	5,616.23	I	shares held in 401k of reporting person
common stock, par value \$.50	391.72	I	shares held in 401k of reporting persons's spouse
common stock, par value \$.50	1,000	I	shares in cusdotial 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (2)	06/14/2018	common stock	20,000	\$ 20.57	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	06/21/2017	common stock	20,000	\$ 15.43	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	07/06/2016	common stock	15,000	\$ 13.3	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	06/16/2013	06/16/2018	common stock	10,000	\$ 23.75	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	06/11/2012	06/11/2017	common stock	25,000	\$ 32.4	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	06/02/2010	06/02/2015	common stock	3,000	\$ 31.86	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	05/24/2009	05/24/2014	common stock	15,000	\$ 30	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thamodaran Dhamu R. 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23460	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

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

09/30/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Of these shares, 5,000 will vest on June 15, 2012, pursuant to the terms of a grant of performance share units granted by the Company under the Company's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan.

(2) The options vest ratably over three years beginning June 14, 2012.

(3) The options vest ratably over three years beginning June 21, 2011.

(4) The options vest ratably over three years beginning July 6, 2010.

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