

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
March 12, 2009

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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): March 12, 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  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

23430  
(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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Section 2 – Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 12, 2009, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its earnings for the third quarter of fiscal 2009, which ended February 1, 2009. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Press release, dated as of March 12, 2009, announcing the Registrant's earnings for the third quarter of fiscal 2009, which ended February 1, 2009.

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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.

Date: March 12, 2009

/s/ Robert W. Manly, IV  
Robert W Manly, IV  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated as of March 12, 2009, announcing the Registrant's earnings for the third quarter of fiscal 2009, which ended February 1, 2009.

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