DOLE FOOD CO INC Form 8-K February 04, 2009

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

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report: February 2, 2009 DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-4455

99-0035300

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Dole Drive

Westlake Village, California 91362

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (818) 879-6600

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 8. Other Events Item 8.01. Other Events On February 2, 2009, Dole Food Company, Inc. issued a press release concerning its results for fiscal year 2008. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Section 9. Financial Statement and Exhibits Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits (d) Exhibits: 99.1 Press release concerning results for fiscal year 2008. 2

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dole Food Company, Inc. Registrant

By: /s/ JOSEPH S. TESORIERO

Joseph S. Tesoriero Vice President and Chief Financial Officer 3

February 3, 2009

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

NumberDescription99.1*Press release concerning results for fiscal year 2008.

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