

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form 8-K  
October 27, 2006

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**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: **October 26, 2006**  
**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**

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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**Item 5.02. Departure of Director**

On October 26, 2006, Dole Food Company, Inc. received a letter dated October 23, 2006 from Richard M. Ferry, which stated that Mr. Ferry, 69, is resigning as a director of Dole Food Company, Inc., such resignation to be immediately effective.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

October 27, 2006

**Dole Food Company, Inc.**  
Registrant

By:        /s/ JOSEPH S. TESORIERO  
              Joseph S. Tesoriero  
              *Vice President and Chief Financial  
              Officer*

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