

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 16, 2003

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**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): October 12, 2003**

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**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**



**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 13, 2003, Smithfield Foods, Inc. announced it was the successful bidder at an auction to acquire substantially all of the assets of Farmland Foods. Copies of the related press releases are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this report, and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release, dated as of October 13, 2003.
99.2	Press release, dated as of October 13, 2003.

**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.

Date: October 16, 2003

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Michael H. Cole

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Michael H. Cole

Vice President, Secretary and

Deputy General Counsel

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit 99.1	Press Release issued October 13, 2003.
Exhibit 99.2	Press Release issued October 13, 2003.