

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 09, 2008

**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): April 3, 2008**

**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.)

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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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 3, 2008, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing senior management changes, including naming George H. Richter president and chief operating officer of its pork group, a new position, effective April 28, 2008. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

Jason Richter, son of Mr. Richter, is employed by the Company as a Director of International Sales for Farmland Foods. In fiscal 2007, Jason Richter's salary and bonus totaled \$130,101.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release, issued by Smithfield Foods, Inc. on April 3, 2008, announcing senior management changes.

**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: April 9, 2008

/s/ Michael H. Cole  
Michael H. Cole  
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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