

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LUTER JOSEPH W III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/21/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
common stock, par value \$.50	12/21/2009		S	250,000	D	\$ 16.01 (1)	522,200	D	
common stock, par value \$.50	12/23/2009		S	50,000	D	\$ 16.31 (2)	472,200	D	
common stock, par value \$.50							500,000	I	By daughter
common stock, par value \$.50							950	I	By custodial trust for

daughter

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned...

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row: LUTER JOSEPH W III, C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET, SMITHFIELD, VA 23430, X.

Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as Attorney-in-Fact 12/23/2009
Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.00 to \$16.03, inclusive.
(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$16.24 to \$16.40, inclusive.

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