

POPE C LARRY  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**POPE C LARRY**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET**

(Street)

**SMITHFIELD, VA 23430**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/16/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President and C.E.O.**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common stock, par value \$.50	06/16/2011		A		300,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 537,000 D
Common stock, par value \$.50	06/16/2011		F		42,200	D	\$ 21.7 494,800 D
Common stock, par value \$.50	06/16/2011		A		200,000 (2)	A	\$ 0 694,800 D
Common stock, par	06/16/2011		F		42,200	D	\$ 21.7 652,600 D

value \$.50

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 21.94	06/20/2011		A	100,000	<sup>(3)</sup>	06/20/2018	common stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POPE C LARRY C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430	X		President and C.E.O.	

## Signatures

/s/Michael H. Cole, as attorney  
in fact

06/20/2011

\*\*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) On July 7, 2009, the reporting person was granted 300,000 performance share units (PSUs) under the Company's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan. Each PSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. On June 16, 2011, the PSUs converted into 300,000 shares of common stock based on the achievement of the pre-established performance goal during the 2011 fiscal year. Of these shares, 33% have vested and 33% will vest on July 6, 2011. The remainder will vest on July 6, 2012.
- (2) On June 15, 2010, the reporting person was granted 200,000 PSUs under the Company's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan. Each PSU represented a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. On June 16, 2011, the PSUs converted into 200,000 shares of

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common stock based on the achievement of the pre-established performance goal during the 2011 fiscal year. Of these shares, 50% vested immediately. The remaining 50% will vest on June 15, 2012.

(3) The options vest ratably over three years beginning June 20, 2012.

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