

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2010

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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): November 17, 2010

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

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 8.01.

Other Events.

On November 17, 2010, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that (1) the Company has amended the terms of its offer to purchase for cash (the "Tender Offer") up to an aggregate of \$337.0 million principal amount of its outstanding 7.00% senior unsecured notes due 2011 (the "2011 Notes") as described in the press release, (2) as of the Early Tender Date (which was 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on November 16, 2010), approximately \$310.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 2011 Notes were validly tendered in the Tender Offer and not validly withdrawn and (3) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, the Company has accepted for purchase approximately \$263.8 million aggregate principal amount of the 2011 Notes tendered at or prior to the Early Tender Date.

The foregoing is qualified by reference to the press release that is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1

Press Release, dated November 17, 2010

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: November 17, 2010

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release, dated November 17, 2010.

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