

LUTER JOSEPH W IV
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FORM 4

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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 IV

(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)
 07/06/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Executive Vice President

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

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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common stock, par value \$.50	06/11/2009		G	V 3,000 D \$ 0	1,843,000	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	07/07/2009		S	29,866 D \$ 13.29 (1)	154,434	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50	07/07/2009		S	7,000 D \$ 13.29 (2)	7,908	I	By custodial trust for son
	07/07/2009		S	7,434 D 0	0	I	

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Common stock, par value \$.50					\$ 13.29 <u>(3)</u>			By wife of reporting person
Common stock, par value \$.50	07/07/2009	S	5,700	D	\$ 13.29 <u>(4)</u>	5,776	I	By custodial trust for daughter
Common stock, par value \$.50	07/08/2009	S	30,000	D	\$ 13.15 <u>(5)</u>	124,434	D	
Common stock, par value \$.50						500,000	I	By LLC <u>(6)</u>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Employee stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.3	07/06/2009		A	33,000	<u>(7)</u> 07/06/2016	common stock	33,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUTER JOSEPH W IV C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as Attorney-
in-Fact

07/08/2009

__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 \$13.25 to \$13.38, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Smithfield Foods, Inc., any security holder of Smithfield Foods, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnotes (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) to this Form 4.
 - (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.25 to \$13.38, inclusive.
 - (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.25 to \$13.38, inclusive.
 - (4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.25 to \$13.38, inclusive.
 - (5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$13.04 to \$13.25, inclusive.
 - (6) The reporting person and his two minor children each own a one-third interest in ROSF LLC.
 - (7) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 6, 2010.

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