

Thamodaran Dhamu R.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Thamodaran Dhamu R.

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)  
200 COMMERCE STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/15/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

SMITHFIELD, VA 23460  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock, par value \$.50	06/15/2012		F	(A) or (D) Amount 2,110 (1)	\$ 19.22	D	
common stock, par value \$.50					6,648.94	I	shares held in 401k of reporting person
common stock, par value \$.50					391.72	I	shares held in 401k of reporting persons's spouse



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stock. The remainder vested on June 15, 2012. This filing is being made to report the shares of common stock surrendered back to the Company to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the shares that vested on June 15, 2012.

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