

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
May 12, 2003

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): May 12, 2003

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15321  
(Commission File Number)

52-0845861  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

200 Commerce Street

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**Smithfield, Virginia 23430**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000**

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE**

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Registrant ) hereby makes the following Other Events disclosure:

On May 12, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing an offering of Senior Notes. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

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**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits.

**Exhibit  
Number**

**Description**

99.1	Press release, dated as of May 12, 2003, announcing an offering of Senior Notes.
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