

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
June 18, 2012

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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): June 12, 2012

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)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements Of Certain Officers.

On June 12, 2012, the Compensation Committee of Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the "Company") awarded performance share units to certain of its executive officers under the Company's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan. A summary of the performance share unit awards granted to certain of the Company's executive officers is set forth on Exhibit 99.1, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Summary of Performance Share Unit Awards to Certain Named Executive Officers granted on June 12, 99.1 2012.

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: June 18, 2012

/s/ Michael H. Cole

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

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