

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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**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.

(Registrant)

By:            /s/ DANIEL G.  
                  STEVENSON

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(Signature)

Daniel G. Stevens

Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: May 12, 2003