

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
Form 8-K
October 16, 2003

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): October 12, 2003

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

Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 13, 2003, Smithfield Foods, Inc. announced it was the successful bidder at an auction to acquire substantially all of the assets of Farmland Foods. Copies of the related press releases are attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this report, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release, dated as of October 13, 2003. |
| 99.2 | Press release, dated as of October 13, 2003. |

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.

Date: October 16, 2003

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Michael H. Cole

Michael H. Cole

Vice President, Secretary and

Deputy General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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| Exhibit 99.1 | Press Release issued October 13, 2003. |
| Exhibit 99.2 | Press Release issued October 13, 2003. |