BURRUS ROBERT L JR

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BURRUS ROBERT L JR

(First)

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

04/26/2007

Other (specify Officer (give title below)

(Check all applicable)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Code

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X 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

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Following

Code V Amount (D) Price

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4 Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

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Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Exercisable Number of Date Shares Phantom common (2) (2) 407.2988 (1) 04/26/2007 407.2988 Α Stock stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURRUS ROBERT L JR

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET X

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

Signatures

\s\Michael H. Cole, as attorney-in-fact

04/30/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- **(1)** 1 for 1

The phantom stock becomes payable in shares of Company common stock upon termination of service as a director either in a lump sum or in annual installments over a period of at least two years and not more than ten years as per the director's deferral election.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, after termination of service, the phantom stock may, at the election of the director, be converted into one or more "deemed investments" approved by the Company's Nominating and Governance Committee.

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