SMITHFIELD FOODS INC

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

POPE C LARRY

Symbol

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET

(Month/Day/Year) 06/16/2008

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below)

President and C.E.O.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

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

(Instr. 4)

SEC 1474

(9-02)

(A)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Mo	onth/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of			(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
see footnote below (1)	\$ 23.75	06/16/2008		A		20,000		06/16/2013	06/16/2018	common stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
POPE C LARRY C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430	X		President and C.E.O.				

Signatures

/s/Michael H. Cole, as Attorney-in-Fact 06/18/2008

**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) Employee Stock Option (right to buy)

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