

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 21, 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): August 21, 2003

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| Virginia                       | 1-15321      | 52-0845861          |
| (State or other                | (Commission  | (IRS Employer       |
| jurisdiction of incorporation) | File Number) | Identification No.) |

200 Commerce Street

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 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| 99.1                      | Press release, dated as of August 21, 2003, announcing the Registrant's earnings for the first quarter of fiscal 2004, which ended July 27, 2003. |

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Registrant) hereby furnishes this report pursuant to Item 12 of Form 8-K:

On August 21, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its earnings for the first quarter of fiscal 2004, which ended July 27, 2003. 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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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. STEVENS

(Signature)

Daniel G. Stevens  
Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: August 21, 2003