

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 425  
February 15, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 15, 2007

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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

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## **Section 2 Financial Information**

### **Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 15, 2007, the Registrant issued a press release commenting on its earnings for the third quarter of fiscal 2007, which ended January 28, 2007. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

In connection with the proposed merger transaction involving Smithfield, Premium Standard Farms, Inc. ( PSF ) and KC2 Merger Sub, Inc., Smithfield has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a proxy statement/prospectus for the stockholders of PSF and each of Smithfield and PSF may be filing other documents regarding the proposed transaction with the SEC as well. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION, AS WELL AS THE OTHER DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus has been mailed to PSF's stockholders. Stockholders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Smithfield and PSF, without charge, at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference in the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to Smithfield Foods, Inc., 200 Commerce Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430, Attention: Investor Relations (212) 758-2100, or to PSF, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 Attention: Investor Relations (816) 472-7675.

Smithfield, PSF and their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Smithfield's directors and executive officers is available in Smithfield's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders and Smithfield's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which were filed with the SEC on July 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006, respectively, and information regarding PSF's directors and executive officers is available in PSF's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders and PSF's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which were filed with the SEC on July 21, 2006 and May 31, 2006, respectively. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC.

## **Section 8 Other Events**

### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

The information contained in Item 2.02 is hereby incorporated by reference.

## **Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (d) Press release, dated as of February 15, 2007, commenting on the Registrant's earnings for the third quarter of fiscal 2007, which ended January 28, 2007.

**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: February 15, 2007

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Michael H. Cole  
Michael H. Cole  
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

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