

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 15, 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): July 15, 2003**

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Virginia**  
(State or other

jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-15321**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-0845861**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**200 Commerce Street**

**Smithfield, Virginia 23430**

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

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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 Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release, dated as of July 15, 2003, announcing that the Registrant has agreed to purchase the Farmland Foods business of Farmland Industries, Inc.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURES

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Registrant ) hereby furnishes this report pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K:

On July 15, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that the Registrant has agreed to purchase substantially all of the assets, and certain liabilities, of Farmland's pork production and processing business. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

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: July 15, 2003