

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2005

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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 14, 2005**

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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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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 2 Financial Information**

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

On February 14, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release commenting on its earnings for the third quarter of the fiscal year ending on May 1, 2005. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (c) Press release, dated as of February 14, 2005, commenting on the Registrant's earnings for the third quarter of the fiscal year ending on May 1, 2005.

**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 18, 2005

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Michael H. Cole

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Michael H. Cole  
Vice President, Secretary and Deputy General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated as of February 14, 2005, commenting on the Registrant's earnings for the third quarter of the fiscal year ending on May 1, 2005.