Carter C. Michael Form 4 October 30, 2012

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Carter C. Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

below)

DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/28/2012

10% Owner Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE

> 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

> > Code V

EVP, GC & Corp. Sec. 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

below)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

or

(D)

5. Amount of 7. Nature of Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Price

Common 10/28/2012 Stock

12,966 F D (1)

Amount

12.28 $72,679 \frac{(3)}{}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(2)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carter C. Michael C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC. ONE DOLE DRIVE WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

EVP, GC & Corp. Sec.

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Conner, attorney-in-fact

10/30/2012

**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) 27,778 shares of restricted stock vested in full on 10/28/2012; 12,966 of these were returned to the Company to cover withholding tax.
- (2) The closing price of the Company's common stock on Friday, 10/26/2012, \$12.28 per share, was used to calculate the number of shares to be returned to the Company to cover withholding tax.
- (3) Of these shares: (a) 16,667 are restricted and vest in full on 11/21/2014; and (b) 16,667 are restricted and vest in full on 11/29/2013.

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