

Tesoriero Joseph S.  
Form 4  
December 27, 2012

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Tesoriero Joseph S.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

12/24/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/24/2012                              |                                                             | S                                    | Amount<br>(1)<br>10,597                                                 | Price<br>(2)<br>\$ 11.499                                                                                          | 39,334 (3)                                                              | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 750                                                                                                                | I                                                                       | See<br>Footnote<br>(4)                                            |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 750                                                                                                                | I                                                                       | See<br>Footnote<br>(5)                                            |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 750                                                                                                                | I                                                                       | See<br>Footnote                                                   |

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

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following the<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tesoriero Joseph S.  
C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.  
ONE DOLE DRIVE  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

EVP & CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Conner,  
attorney-in-fact

12/27/2012

\_\_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) Sold in reliance on Rule 10b5-1

(2) 10597 shares sold at an average price of \$11.499 per share; each of the following was a single transaction at the indicated price per share:  
200 shares at \$11.42; 100 shares at \$11.43; 100 shares at \$11.44; 200 shares at \$11.45; 500 shares at \$11.46; 1400 shares at \$11.47; 291  
shares at \$11.470309; 1397 shares at \$11.48; 200 shares at \$11.485; 1000 shares at \$11.49; 200 shares at \$11.495; 1209 shares at \$11.50;  
200 shares at \$11.505; 100 shares at \$11.51; 300 shares at \$11.513333; 100 shares at \$11.52; 300 shares at \$11.523333; 400 shares at

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\$11.53; 200 shares at \$11.535; 200 shares at \$11.54; 147 shares at \$1.544014; 1853 shares at \$11.55.

- (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.
- (4) As UGMA Custodian for eldest son's custodial account.
- (5) As UGMA Custodian for middle son's custodial account.
- (6) As UGMA Custodian for youngest son's custodial account.

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