Mitchell Keith C. Form 4 March 04, 2013

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mitchell Keith C. | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                     | DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable)   |  |  |  |
| C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY,<br>INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE              | (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/21/2013                           | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specification) below)  VP and Chief Financial Officer                                       |  |  |  |
| (Street) WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362                         | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)     | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Che Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | Zip) Table  | e I - Non-D                             | erivative Securiti  | ies Acc     | quired, Disposed   | of, or Beneficial  | lly 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.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 | )           | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|                                      |   |   | Code V                                  | (A) or Amount (D)   | Price       | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                   |  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/21/2013                              |   | A                                       | ΄ Δ   | \$ 0<br>(2) | 21,375 (3)   | D  |   |

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)

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>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.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Derivative Expiration Date (Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4, |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     | 8<br>1<br>3<br>( |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V                                 | (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                         | \$ 11.32  | 02/21/2013                              |   | A                                      | 56,250  | <u>(4)</u>   | 02/21/2023         | Common<br>Stock   | 56,250                              |                  |

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mitchell Keith C. C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC. ONE DOLE DRIVE WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

VP and Chief Financial Officer

#### **Signatures**

/s/ Jeffrey Conner, attorney-in-fact

03/04/2013

\*\*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) These shares of restricted stock vest in full on 02/21/2016.
- (2) Granted as compensation for services.

Of these shares: (a) 9,375 are restricted and vest in full on 02/21/2016, (b) 6,000 are restricted and vest on November 29, 2013 and (c)

- (3) 6,000 are restricted and vest on November 21, 2014; provided that the shares identified in (b) and (c) will vest upon the closing of the sale of the Issuer's worldwide packaged foods business and Asia fresh business to ITOCHU Corporation, now scheduled to occur on April 1, 2013.
- (4) The stock options vest in three equal annual installments commencing on 02/21/2014.

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