

DOLE FOOD CO INC
Form 8-K
October 14, 2009

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

**FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: October 13, 2009

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-4455

99-0035300

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Dole Drive

Westlake Village, California 91362

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(818) 879-6600**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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Item 8.01. Other Events

On October 13, 2009, Dole issued a press release announcing the launch of its initial public offering. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Section 9. Financial Statement and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release issued October 13, 2009.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dole Food Company, Inc.

Registrant

October 13, 2009

By: /s/ C. MICHAEL CARTER

C. Michael Carter

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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