

SEBRING JOSEPH B

Form 4

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**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**SEBRING JOSEPH B**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET**

(Street)

**SMITHFIELD, VA 23430**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]**

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

**06/20/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

President of John Morrell & Co

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
 Applicable Line)  
☒ 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<br>Acquired (A) or<br>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: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (D)                                                                  | Price                                                             |

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 | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any | 4. Transaction<br>Code | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Underlying<br>Securities |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |        |     |                     |                    | (Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                  |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                | (A)    | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Employee<br>stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 21.94                           | 06/20/2011       | A          |                                                                  | 25,000 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 06/20/2018         | common<br>stock  | 25,000                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| SEBRING JOSEPH B<br>C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET<br>SMITHFIELD, VA 23430 |               |           | President of John Morrell & Co |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as  
Attorney-in Fact

06/20/2011

\_\_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) The options vest ratably over three years beginning June 20, 2012.

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