

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 06, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 3, 2012

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Virginia<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                              | 1-15321<br>(Commission File<br>Number) | 52-0845861<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 200 Commerce Street<br>Smithfield, Virginia<br>(Address of principal executive<br>offices) |  | 23430<br>(Zip Code)                                |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 3, 2012, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the “Company”) announced the retirement of Jerry Godwin, 65, President of Murphy-Brown LLC, a subsidiary of the Company, effective July 31, 2012. Robert W. Manly, IV, current Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will assume the additional role as President of Murphy-Brown upon Mr. Godwin's retirement. Prior to being named Executive Vice President of the Company in August 2006, Mr. Manly, 58, served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Premium Standard Farms.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

Date: January 6, 2012

/s/ Michael H. Cole  
Michael H. Cole  
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and  
Secretary