

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
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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): August 26, 2004

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction

1-15321
(Commission File Number)

52-0845861
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

200 Commerce Street

Smithfield, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

23430
(Zip Code)

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

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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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Section 2 Financial Information**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On August 26, 2004, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its earnings for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, which ended August 1, 2004. The information contained in the press release and the appendix thereto, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

During the Registrant's quarterly conference call on August 26, 2004 to discuss the Registrant's financial performance during the first quarter of fiscal 2005, the Registrant announced its EBITDA for the first quarter of fiscal 2005 compared to its EBITDA for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. Below is a reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA for these two periods.

| (in millions) | 13 weeks ended | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| | August 1, | July 27, |
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| EBITDA | \$ 158.3 | \$ 93.4 |
| Add/(Subtract) | | |
| Provision for Income Tax | (28.3) | (8.8) |
| Interest Expense, Net | (27.6) | (27.5) |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (47.5) | (39.5) |
| Income from Continuing Operations | \$ 54.9 | \$ 17.6 |
| Discontinued Operations | 0 | 4.5 |
| Net Income | \$ 54.9 | \$ 22.1 |

Note: EBITDA represents income before interest expense, income taxes depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is not intended to be a substitute for measurements under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such as net income, and the items excluded in determining EBITDA are significant components in understanding and assessing financial performance. The Registrant announced EBITDA because it uses, and believes it is common for others to use, EBITDA as a method for determining fair value of a business.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (c) Press release, dated as of August 26, 2004, announcing the Registrant's earnings for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, which ended August 1, 2004.

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.

Date: September 1, 2004

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ Daniel G. Stevens

Daniel G. Stevens

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press release, dated as of August 26, 2004, announcing the Registrant's earnings for the first quarter of fiscal 2005, which ended August 1, 2004.