RICHTER GEORGE H

Form 4 March 22, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading RICHTER GEORGE H Issuer Symbol SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title) _ Other (specify 200 COMMERCE STREET 03/18/2010 below) below) Pres. & COO, Pork Group (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting SMITHFIELD, VA 23430 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative Secu	ırities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities An(A) or Dispose (Instr. 3, 4 and (A) OH Amount (D)	ed of (D) 15)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock; par value \$.50	03/18/2010		S	19,000 D	\$ 19.13 (1)	0	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title a	nd	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RICHTER GEORGE H 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

Pres. & COO, Pork Group

Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as Attorneyin- Fact 03/22/2010

**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).

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$19.07 to \$19.19, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Smithfield Foods, Inc., any security holder of Smithfield Foods, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

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