SMITHFIELD FOODS INC Form 8-K December 10, 2009

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): December 10, 2009

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15321

52-0845861

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer 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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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 – Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On December 10, 2009, the Registrant issued a press release announcing its results for the second quarter of fiscal 2010, which ended November 1, 2009. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Press release, dated as of December 10, 2009, announcing the Registrant's results for the second quarter of fiscal 2010, which ended November 1, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

Date: December 10, 2009

/s/ Robert W. Manly, IV Robert W. Manly, IV Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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