NELSON DAVID C.

Form 4

August 28, 2009

# FORM 4

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

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

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1(b).

(Last)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

NELSON DAVID C.

(First) (Middle)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

200 COMMERCE STREET

(Street)

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 08/26/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(Instr. 4)

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Beneficially

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

below)

Issuer

X Director

Officer (give title

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

Owned

or (Instr. 3 and 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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7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

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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 Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

Price of

(Instr. 3)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

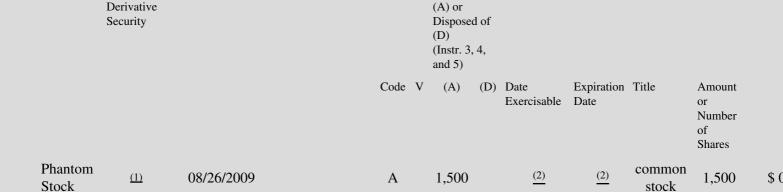
5. Number 4 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr. :

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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON DAVID C.				
200 COMMERCE STREET	X			
SMITHFIELD, VA 23430				

# **Signatures**

/s/Michael H. Cole, as Attorney-In-Fact 08/28/2009

\*\*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)** 1 for 1

The phantom stock becomes payable in shares of Company common stock upon termination of service as a director either in a lump sum or in annual installments over a period of at least two years and not more than ten years as per the director's deferral election.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, after termination of service, the phantom stock may, at the election of the director, be converted into one or more "deemed investments" approved by the Company's Nominating and Governance Committee.

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