

LUTER JOSEPH W IV  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
LUTER JOSEPH W IV

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET

(Street)

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |  |
| common stock, par value \$.50   | 05/17/2013                           |  | M                              | 3,000 A \$ 0  | 248,246   | D  |  |
| common stock, par value \$.50   |                                      |  |                                |   | 355,400   | I  | By LLC                                     |
| common stock, par value \$.50   |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,908   | I  | By custodial trust for son                 |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,776   | I  |  |

|                               |  |  |       |  |   |                                 |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| common stock, par value \$.50 |  |  |       |  |   | By custodial trust for daughter |
| common stock, par value \$.50 |  |  | 1,724 |  | I | By custodial trust for son      |
| common stock, par value \$.50 |  |  | 1,724 |  | I | By custodial trust for daughter |

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Performance share Units                    | \$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 05/17/2013                           |  | M                              | 3,000   | <sup>(1)</sup> 06/16/2013                                | common stock 3,000  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| LUTER JOSEPH W IV<br>C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET<br>SMITHFIELD, VA 23430 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as  
attorney-in-fact

05/21/2013

\_\_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).

Each performance share unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Smithfield common stock. The performance share units (1) vest in 20% increments once the volume-weighted average of the closing price of Smithfield's common stock for 15 consecutive trading days equals or exceeds \$26, \$32, \$38, \$44 and \$50.

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