

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report **November 7, 2006**
Date of earliest event reported **November 6, 2006**

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-15321
(Commission File Number)

52-0845861
(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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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 6, 2006, Smithfield Foods, Inc. (Smithfield) and Premium Standard Farms, Inc. (PSF) issued a press release announcing that each has received a request for additional information under the U.S. Hart-Scott-Rodino Act in connection with Smithfield's pending acquisition of PSF.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Additional Information About this Transaction

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed merger transaction involving Smithfield, PSF and KC2 Merger Sub, Inc. In connection with the proposed transaction, Smithfield filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus for the stockholders of PSF, and each of Smithfield and PSF will be filing other documents regarding the proposed transaction with the SEC as well. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, AS WELL AS THE OTHER DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to PSF's stockholders. Stockholders will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about Smithfield and PSF, without charge, at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and the filings with the SEC that will be incorporated by reference in the proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, by directing a request to Smithfield Foods, Inc., 200 Commerce Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23430, Attention: Investor Relations (212) 758-2100, or to PSF, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 Attention: Investor Relations (816) 472-7675.

Smithfield, PSF and their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Smithfield's directors and executive officers is available in Smithfield's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders and Smithfield's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which were filed with the SEC on July 31, 2006 and June 30, 2006, respectively, and information regarding PSF's directors and executive officers is available in PSF's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders and PSF's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K, which were filed with the SEC on July 21, 2006 and May 31, 2006, respectively. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the preliminary proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC.

This filing contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to anticipated financial and operating results, the companies' plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements including words such as anticipate, believe, plan, estimate, expect, intend, will, should, may, similar expressions. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of Smithfield's and PSF's management and involve a number of significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from the results anticipated in these forward-looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause or contribute to such material differences: the risk that governmental approvals of the transaction will not be obtained on the proposed terms and schedule or at all or will only be obtained following the imposition of adverse conditions; the failure to obtain stockholder approval; the risks that Smithfield's and PSF's businesses will not be integrated successfully; the risk that Smithfield and PSF will not realize estimated cost savings and synergies; costs relating to the proposed transaction; disruption from the transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; the availability and pricing of hogs, feed and other products necessary to our business; fluctuations in pricing of our products, the competitive environment and related market conditions; legal risks, including litigation and legislative and regulatory developments; possible effects on products and productivity of disease outbreaks; access to capital; and actions of domestic and foreign governments. Additional factors that could cause Smithfield's and PSF's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in the 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Smithfield and the 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K of PSF filed with the SEC and available at the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Neither Smithfield nor PSF undertakes any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date on which such statements were made.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Smithfield Foods, Inc. and Premium Standard Farms, Inc., dated November 6, 2006.

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.

(Registrant)

Date: November 7, 2006

By: /s/ Michael H. Cole
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

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