

Tesoriero Joseph S.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Tesoriero Joseph S.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY,
INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE

(Street)

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/23/2009

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)
VP & CFO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2009 | | P | 2,000 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 12.5 | 2,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2009 | | P | 750 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 12.5 | 750 | I | See Footnote (2) <u>(2)</u> |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2009 | | P | 750 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 12.5 | 750 | I | See Footnote (3) <u>(3)</u> |
| Common Stock | 10/23/2009 | | P | 750 <u>(1)</u> A \$ 12.5 | 750 | I | See Footnote (4) <u>(4)</u> |

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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)

Table with columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired/Disposed, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tesoriero Joseph S. C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC. ONE DOLE DRIVE WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

VP & CFO

Signatures

/s/ C. Michael Carter, attorney-in-fact 10/27/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
**(1) Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
(1) These shares were acquired pursuant to the reserved share program established in connection with Dole Food Company, Inc.'s initial public offering.
(2) As UGMA Custodian for eldest son's custodial account.
(3) As UGMA Custodian for middle son's custodial account.
(4) As UGMA Custodian for youngest son's custodial account.

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