

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 13, 2003

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): August 13, 2003**

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Virginia  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15321  
(Commission  
File Number)

52-0845861  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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200 Commerce Street

Smithfield, Virginia 23430

(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

**Number**

**Description**

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99.1	Press release, dated as of August 13, 2003, announcing that the Registrant has agreed to acquire a 90% interest in Cumberland Gap Provision Company.
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ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURES

Smithfield Foods, Inc. (the Registrant ) hereby furnishes this report pursuant to Item 9 of Form 8-K:

On August 13, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that the Registrant has agreed to acquire a 90% interest in Cumberland Gap Provision Company. The information contained in the press release, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

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)

By:                   /s/ Daniel G. Stevens                  

(Signature)

Daniel G. Stevens

Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Dated: August 13, 2003