

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form 8-K  
February 18, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.**

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report: February 13, 2009  
DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**

**1-4455**

**99-0035300**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Dole Drive  
Westlake Village, California 91362**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(818) 879-6600**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 8. Other Events**

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On February 13, 2009, Dole Food Company, Inc. issued a press release concerning the commencement of a cash tender offer by Dole for all of its outstanding 8 5/8% Senior Notes due 2009. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Section 9. Financial Statement and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press release concerning the commencement of a cash tender offer by Dole for all of its outstanding 8 5/8% Senior Notes due 2009.

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**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, thereunto duly authorized.

February 17, 2009

**Dole Food Company, Inc.**  
Registrant

By: /s/ JOSEPH S. TESORIERO

Joseph S. Tesoriero  
*Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer*

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**Description**

99.1\* Press release concerning the commencement of a cash tender offer by Dole for all of its outstanding 8 5/8% Senior Notes due 2009.

\* Filed herewith

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