

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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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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