

DOLE FOOD CO INC
Form 8-K
March 02, 2009

**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: March 2, 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 March 2, 2009, Dole Food Company, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it intends to commence a private offering to eligible purchasers, subject to market and other conditions, of \$325 million principal amount of Senior Secured Notes due 2014. 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 announcing that Dole Food Company, Inc. intends to commence a private offering to eligible purchasers, subject to market and other conditions, of \$325 million principal amount of Senior Secured Notes due 2014.

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.

March 2, 2009

Dole Food Company, Inc.
Registrant

By: /s/ JOSEPH S. TESORIERO
Joseph S. Tesoriero
*Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer*

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EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

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* Filed herewith