

POPE C LARRY  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**POPE C LARRY**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET**

(Street)

**SMITHFIELD, VA 23430**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**06/13/2012**

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)  
**President and C.E.O.**

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 or Price		
common stock, par value \$.50	06/13/2012		A		50,357 (1)	A	\$ 0 720,101 D
common stock, par value \$.50	06/14/2012		A		250,000 (2)	A	\$ 0 970,101 D
common stock, par value \$.50	06/14/2012		F		52,750	D	\$ 18.46 917,351 D

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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POPE C LARRY C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET SMITHFIELD, VA 23430	X		President and C.E.O.	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael H. Cole, as attorney-in-fact 06/15/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 50357 shares of restricted stock units (RSUs) the reporting person elected to receive on a deferred basis in lieu of a portion of his 2012 annual cash incentive award pursuant to the Company's Executive Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) On June 14, 2011, the reporting person was granted 250000 performance share units (PSUs) under the Company's 2008 Incentive Compensation Plan. Each PSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. On June 14, 2012, the pre-established performance goal for this award was met and 50% of the PSUs vested immediately and were converted into common stock. The remaining PSUs will vest and convert on June 14, 2013.

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