

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC
Form 8-K
July 10, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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): July 9, 2002

Dole Food Company, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-4455
(Commission
File Number)

99-0035300
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Dole Drive, Westlake Village, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

91362
(Zip Code)

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

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. *Other Events.*

This report is being filed by the Registrant to announce that it has extended the expiration of its exchange offer (the "Exchange Offer") to exchange up to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 7 1/4% Senior Notes due 2009, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), for up to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding ~~7~~4% Senior Notes due 2009 (the "Old Senior Notes"), to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, in order to allow additional time for untendered Old Senior Notes to be tendered. The previous expiration date of the Exchange Offer was 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Tuesday, July 9, 2002. The press release issued by the Registrant relating to the announcement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 7. *Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information Exhibits.*

(c) *Exhibits:*

99.1 Press Release of the Registrant issued on July 9, 2002.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this current report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

/s/ RICHARD J. DAHL

By:

Richard J. Dahl
Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

Date: July 9, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued July 9, 2002.