

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC

Form 8-K

March 18, 2003

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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

March 18, 2003

Date of Report

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-4455

(Commission File No.)

99-0035300

(IRS Employer Identification
Number)

One Dole Drive

Westlake Village, California 91362

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(818) 879-6600

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(c) Exhibits

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 18, 2003

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ RICHARD DAHL

Richard Dahl
Chief Financial Officer

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