

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC  
Form 8-K  
July 30, 2002

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 26, 2002

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**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

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

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**ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.**

This report is being filed by the Registrant to announce the expiration and successful completion of its exchange offer (the Exchange Offer ) to exchange up to \$400.0 million principal amount of newly issued 7-1/4% Senior Notes Due 2009 registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), for a like principal amount of its outstanding privately placed 7-1/4% Senior Notes Due 2009. All of the privately placed 7-1/4% Senior Notes Due 2009 were tendered in the Exchange Offer and accepted. 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 26, 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.

By: /s/ Richard J. Dahl

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Name: Richard J. Dahl  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

Date: July 29, 2002

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release issued July 26, 2002.