

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2014

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): January 16, 2014

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-15321 (Commission File Number)	52-0845861 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
200 Commerce Street Smithfield, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)		23430 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (757) 365-3000

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):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On January 16, 2014, in connection with the consummation of the previously announced merger between Smithfield Foods, Inc., (the “Company”), Shuanghui International Holdings Limited and Sun Merger Sub, Inc., the Company elected to change its fiscal year end from the 52 or 53 week period which ends on the Sunday nearest to April 30 to the 52 or 53 week period which ends on the Sunday nearest to December 31.

The Company will file a transition report on Form 10-K covering the transition period from April 29, 2013 to December 29, 2013, which is the period between the closing of the Company's most recently completed fiscal year and the opening date of the newly selected fiscal year.

**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: January 21, 2014

SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.

/s/ KENNETH M. SULLIVAN  
Kenneth M. Sullivan  
Chief Financial Officer