

Tesoriero Joseph S.  
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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 \*  
Tesoriero Joseph S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY,  
INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/21/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

(Street)  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)    |   |                             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price (A) or (D)  |  |   |   |                             |
| Common Stock                    | 11/21/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 16,667 <sup>(1)</sup>   | A  | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup> 85,297                    | D |                             |
| Common Stock                    | 11/23/2011                           |  | A                              |   | 2,000   | A  | \$ 8.205 <sup>(3)</sup> 87,297 <sup>(4)</sup> | D |                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 750   | I | See Footnote <sup>(5)</sup> |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 750   | I | See Footnote <sup>(6)</sup> |

|                 |     |   |                        |
|-----------------|-----|---|------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 750 | I | See<br>Footnote<br>(7) |
|-----------------|-----|---|------------------------|

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) |                  |                 |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock option (right to buy)                | \$ 9.04  | 11/21/2011                           |  | A                              | V   | 100,000  |   | (8)              | 11/21/2021      | Common Stock | 100,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tesoriero Joseph S.  
C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.  
ONE DOLE DRIVE  
WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

EVP & CFO

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Conner,  
attorney-in-fact

11/23/2011

\*\*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) These shares of restricted stock vest in full on 11/21/2014.

(2) Granted as compensation for services.

(3)

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These 2,000 shares were purchased on 11/23/2011 at an average price of \$8.205 per share in the following transactions: 100 shares in one transaction at \$8.16 per share; 600 shares in four transactions at \$8.17 per share; 134 shares in two transactions at \$8.21 per share; 434 shares in four transactions at \$8.22 per share; and 732 shares in six transactions at \$8.23 per share.

- (4) Of these shares: (a) 16,667 are restricted and vest in full on 11/21/2014; (b) 16,667 are restricted and vest in full on 11/29/2013; and (c) 27,778 are restricted and vest in full on 10/28/2012.
- (5) As UGMA Custodian for eldest son's custodial account.
- (6) As UGMA Custodian for middle son's custodial account.
- (7) As UGMA Custodian for youngest son's custodial account.
- (8) The stock options vest in three equal annual installments commencing on 11/21/2014.

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