

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC  
 Form DEFA14A  
 August 09, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities**

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**SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

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