

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form 8-K  
October 22, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**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**  
**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 21, 2013**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**1-4455**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**  
**One Dole Drive**

**99-0035300**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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**Westlake Village, California 91362**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (818) 879-6600**

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):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☒ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Dole Food Company, Inc. (the Company) is disclosing under Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K the information attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1, which information is incorporated herein by reference. This information, some of which has not been previously reported, is excerpted from a Confidential Preliminary Offering Memorandum that is being disseminated in connection with the proposed notes offering described in Item 8.01 below.

As provided in General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information included under this Item, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 21, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the offering of its senior secured notes due 2019 in connection with the proposed merger with DFC Merger Corp., a Delaware corporation, and the refinancing of the Company's existing amended and restated credit agreement, dated as of May 2, 2013, among the Company, Solvest, Ltd., Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, as administrative agent, and the other parties thereto. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The notes will be offered and sold to qualified institutional buyers in the United States pursuant to Rule 144A and outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act. The information contained in this report does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy notes in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or sale would be unlawful.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements relate to a variety of matters, including, but not limited to, the timing and anticipated completion of the proposed merger and other statements that are not purely statements of historical fact. These forward-looking statements are made on the basis of the current beliefs, expectations and assumptions of the management of the Company and are subject to significant risks and uncertainty. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Regulation FD Disclosure
99.2	Press Release issued October 21, 2013

**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.

Dated: October 21, 2013

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
REGISTRANT

By: /s Jeffrey Conner  
Jeffrey Conner  
Vice President

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