DOLE FOOD CO INC

Form 4

October 26, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DeLorenzo David A.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

10/22/2009

__X__ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below)

C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE

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

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

(State)

(7:n)

(Street)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	10/23/2009		Code V P	Amount 100,000 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 12.5	100,000	D	
Common Stock	10/23/2009		P	100	A	\$ 12.45	100,100	D	

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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 or 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)	\$ 12.5	10/22/2009		A	350,000	(2)	10/22/2019	Common Stock	350,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DeLorenzo David A. C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC. ONE DOLE DRIVE WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362	X		President & CEO			

Signatures

/s/ C. Michael Carter, attorney-in-fact

**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 were acquired pursuant to the reserved share program established in connection with Dole Food Company, Inc.'s initial public offering.
- (2) The stock option vests in three equal annual installments commencing on October 22, 2010.
- (3) Granted as compensation for services.

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