

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form 8-A12B  
October 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-A  
FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR 12(g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(Jurisdiction of Incorporation  
or Organization)

**99-0035300**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Dole Drive**  
**Westlake Village, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**91362**  
(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of  
the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered

**Common Stock,**  
**Par Value \$0.001 Per Share**

**New York Stock Exchange**

If this form relates to the registration of a class of  
securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act  
and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c),  
check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of  
securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange  
Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction  
A.(d), check the following  
box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: **333-161345**  
Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

**None**  
(Title of Class)



**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.**

The description of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), required by this Item is contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-161345) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2009, as amended and as may be subsequently amended from time to time (the "Registration Statement"), under the caption "Description of Capital Stock," and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the Common Stock included in any form of prospectus subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including with respect to the Registration Statement, shall also be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits.**

Not applicable.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

Date: October 20, 2009

By: /s/ C. Michael Carter  
C. Michael Carter  
Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary