

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC  
Form 8-K  
July 17, 2002

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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): July 16, 2002

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**Dole Food Company, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**1-4455**  
(Commission File Number)

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

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

**91362**  
(Zip Code)

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

**N/A**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 5. *Other Events.***

This report is being filed by the Registrant to announce that it has extended the expiration of its exchange offer (the Exchange Offer ) to exchange up to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 7 1/4% Senior Notes due 2009, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), for up to \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its outstanding 7 1/4% Senior Notes due 2009 (the Old Senior Notes ), to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, in order to allow additional time for untendered Old Senior Notes to be tendered. The previous expiration date of the Exchange Offer was 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Tuesday, July 16, 2002. The press release issued by the Registrant relating to the announcement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 7. *Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information Exhibits.***

(c) *Exhibits:*

99.1 Press Release of the Registrant issued on July 16, 2002.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has caused this current report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

By:           /s/ RICHARD J. DAHL          

**Richard J. Dahl**  
**Vice President and Chief**  
**Financial Officer**

Date: July 17, 2002

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release issued July 16, 2002.