

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC
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**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) **May 16, 2002**

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

1-4455

(Commission File Number)

99-0035300

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Dole Drive

Westlake Village, California 91362

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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

ITEM 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Dole Food Company, Inc. ("Dole") annually considers and recommends to the Board of Directors the selection of Dole's independent public accountants. As recommended by Dole's Audit Committee, Dole's Board of Directors on May 16, 2002 decided to no longer engage Arthur Andersen LLP ("Andersen") as Dole's independent public accountants and engaged Deloitte & Touche LLP to serve as Dole's independent public accountants for 2002.

Andersen's reports on Dole's consolidated financial statements for the past two fiscal years contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. Andersen's report on Dole's consolidated financial statements for 2001 was issued on an unqualified basis in conjunction with the publication of Dole's Annual Report to Stockholders and the filing of Dole's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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