

DOLE FOOD CO INC
Form 8-K
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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: **July 25, 2008**
DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-4455

99-0035300

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(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**

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):

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Section 5. Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective on July 25, 2008, Dole's Corporate Compensation and Benefits Committee determined the amount of the bonuses with respect to fiscal year 2007 to be paid to Dole's named executive officers. Such amounts are reflected in the appropriate columns of the following Summary Compensation Table.

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The table below summarizes total compensation paid, earned or awarded to each of the Named Executive Officers for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2007 and the fiscal year ended December 30, 2006.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary(1)	Bonus(2)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Non-Equity Deferred Incentive Plan Compensation			All Other Compensation	Total
				Compensation(3)	Earnings(4)	(5)(6)		
David H. Murdock Chairman Dole Food Company, Inc.	2007	\$ 950,000	\$ 489,250	\$ 247,950	\$ (85,159)	\$ 29,415	\$ 1,631,456	
	2006	\$ 950,000	\$	\$ 437,950	\$ (7,972)	\$ 26,795	\$ 1,406,773	
David A. DeLorenzo (7) President and Chief Executive Officer Dole Food Company, Inc.	2007	\$ 687,692	\$ 618,000	\$	\$ (122,773)	\$ 41,352	\$ 1,224,271	
Richard J. Dahl (8) Former President and Chief Operating Officer Dole Food Company, Inc.	2007	\$ 375,000	\$	\$ 163,125	\$ 69,292	\$ 777,948	\$ 1,385,365	
	2006	\$ 750,000	\$	\$ 195,925	\$ 54,402	\$ 360,939	\$ 1,361,266	
C. Michael Carter Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Dole Food Company, Inc.	2007	\$ 600,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 118,690	\$ 78,891	\$ 80,805	\$ 1,178,386	
	2006	\$ 562,500	\$ 450,000	\$ 195,925	\$ 63,095	\$ 305,893	\$ 1,577,413	
Joseph S. Tesoriero Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Dole Food Company, Inc.	2007	\$ 444,231	\$ 350,000	\$ 36,703	\$ 11,944	\$ 62,293	\$ 905,171	
	2006	\$ 425,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,134	\$ 7,665	\$ 112,248	\$ 695,047	

(1) 2007 salaries reflect Dole's fiscal year containing 52 weeks. Base salary adjustments are made based on performance, internal equity and market data.

(2)

Bonus amounts shown reflect cash payments made in 2008 with respect to performance for 2007 under Dole's One-Year Incentive Plan (the One-Year Plan). Amounts shown for Messrs. Murdock and DeLorenzo have been deferred and will be payable as determined by the Compensation Committee on or before December 31, 2010.

- (3) Amounts shown reflect awards earned for the 2005-2007 incentive period (paid in 2008) under the Sustained Profit Growth Plan (Growth Plan) disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year 2007 (2007 Form 10-K). Further explanation can be found on page 110 of the 2007 Form 10-K.
- (4) The amounts shown reflect the actuarial decrease or increase in the present value of

Mr. Murdock s,
Mr. DeLorenzo s
and Mr. Carter s
benefits under all
pension plans
established by the
Company using
interest rate and
mortality rate
assumptions
consistent with
those used in the
Company s
financial
statements and
includes amounts
which the Named
Executive Officer
may not currently
be entitled to
receive. In
general, the
present value of
the benefits under
the pension plans
increase until
attainment of age
65 and thereafter
decrease due to
the mortality
assumptions. Also
reflected in the
amounts shown is
the annual
earnings on each
Named Executive
Officer s deferred
compensation
balance.

- (5) The 2007
amounts shown
include the
following: (1) on
behalf of
Mr. Murdock an
amount of
\$24,415 for an
annual
subscription to
the Metropolitan

Opera; (2) Dole s
matching
contributions to
the 401(k) and
Excess Savings
Plans of Dole
Food Company,
Inc. (see Deferred
Compensation
Qualified and
Nonqualified on

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page 98 of the
2007 Form 10-K)
on behalf of
Mr. Murdock \$0,
Mr. Carter
\$63,043, Mr. Dahl
\$13,173,
Mr. DeLorenzo
\$41,262 and
Mr. Tesoriero
\$33,000; (3) the
value attributable
to personal use of
the
company-provided
automobiles for
Mr. Carter \$2,464,
and Mr. Tesoriero
\$20,693 (amounts
are included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive);
(4) an annual car
allowance to
Mr. Murdock
\$5,000, Mr. Carter
\$5,000 and
Mr. Dahl \$2,500
(pro-rated)
(amounts are
included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive);
(5) the cost of
financial planning
services
reimbursed
(amounts are
included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive)
by the Company
for Mr. Murdock
\$0, Mr. Carter
\$5,000, Mr. Dahl
\$5,000,

Mr. DeLorenzo \$0 and Mr. Tesoriero \$4,850; (6) the cost of an annual executive physical (amounts are included in the executive s W-2 and taxes are borne by the executive) for Mr. Murdock \$0, Mr. Carter \$5,298, Mr. Dahl \$5,805, Mr. DeLorenzo \$90 and Mr. Tesoriero \$3,750; (7) annual dues of \$1,470 for club membership for Mr. Dahl and (8) Mr. Dahl received a lump-sum separation payment in the amount of \$750,000.

- (6) The 2006 amounts shown include the following (1) on behalf of Mr. Murdock an amount of \$21,795 for an annual subscription to the Metropolitan Opera; (2) Dole s matching contributions to the 401(k) and Excess Savings Plans of Dole Food Company, Inc, (see Deferred Compensation Qualified and Nonqualified on page 98 of the 2007 Form 10-K) on behalf of Mr.

Murdock \$0,
Mr. Carter
\$37,518, Mr. Dahl
\$73,620 and
Mr. Tesoriero
\$33,132; (3) the
value attributable
to personal use of
the
company-provided
automobiles for
Mr. Carter \$3,162,
Mr. Dahl \$16,469
and Mr. Tesoriero
\$19,691 (amounts
are included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive);
(4) the cost of
financial planning
services
reimbursed
(amounts are
included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive)
by the Company
for Mr. Murdock
\$0, Mr. Carter
\$5,000, Mr. Dahl
\$5,000 and
Mr. Tesoriero
\$1,300 (amounts
are included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive);
(5) an annual car
allowance to
Mr. Murdock
\$5,000, Mr. Carter
\$5,000 and
Mr. Dahl \$5,000;
(6) the cost of an
annual executive
physical (amounts
are included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne

by the executive)
for Mr. Murdock
\$0, Mr. Carter
\$3,213, Mr. Dahl
\$6,000 and
Mr. Tesoriero
\$5,925; (7) the
delayed payout of
35% under the
2003 executive
incentive plan paid
in January 2006 for
Mr. Murdock \$0,
Mr. Carter
\$252,000,
Mr. Dahl \$252,000
and Mr. Tesoriero
\$52,200 (amounts
are included in the
executive s W-2
and taxes are borne
by the executive);
and (8) annual dues
of \$2,850 for club
membership for
Mr. Dahl.

(7) Mr. DeLorenzo
became Dole s
President and Chief
Executive Officer
on June 4, 2007.

(8) Mr. Dahl s
employment with
Dole terminated on
June 29, 2007.

On July 25, 2008, the Corporate Compensation and Benefits Committee adopted a One-Year Management Incentive Plan for 2008 and a Sustained Profit Growth Plan for the 2008 – 2010 incentive period, both of which are applicable to the Company s Named Executive Officers (see grant table, below) and other selected employees. The 2008 One-Year Management Incentive Plan is substantially similar to the One-Year Management Incentive Plan disclosed in the 2007 Form 10-K, except that the 2008 target bonuses for the Named Executive Officers range from 75% to 110% of salary. The Sustained Profit Growth Plan for the 2008 – 2010 incentive period is substantially similar to the Sustained Profit Growth Plan disclosed in the 2007 Form 10-K, except that the financial performance measures used in the performance matrix have been changed to earnings before interest expense and income taxes, plus depreciation and amortization (OPBD) and the leverage ratio of OPBD to net debt. The target payout under the Sustained Profit Growth Plan for the Named Executive Officers continues to range from 115% to 150% of salary.

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Name	Plan	Estimated Future Payout Under Non-Equity Incentive Awards		
		Threshold	Target	Maximum
David H. Murdock	2008 One-Year Plan	\$ 313,500	\$ 1,045,000	\$ 3,135,000
	2008-2010 Growth Plan	\$ 498,750	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 4,275,000
David A. DeLorenzo.	2008 One-Year Plan	\$ 396,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 3,960,000
	2008-2010 Growth Plan	\$ 630,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 5,400,000
C. Michael Carter	2008 One-Year Plan	\$ 153,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 1,530,000
	2008-2010 Growth Plan	\$ 262,500	\$ 750,000	\$ 2,250,000
Joseph S. Tesoriero	2008 One-Year Plan	\$ 112,500	\$ 375,000	\$ 1,125,000
	2008-2010 Growth Plan	\$ 181,125	\$ 517,500	\$ 1,552,500

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dole Food Company, Inc.

July 30, 2008

Registrant

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