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): November 10, 2002

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)		(Zip Code)	
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (818) 879-6600			
	N/A		
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)			

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

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release of the Registrant issued on November 10, 2002.

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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.

Date: November 11, 2002 By: /s/ Richard J. Dahl

Name: Richard J. Dahl

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit No.		Description
99.1	Press Release issued November 10, 2002.	