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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C.

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report: May 13, 2010 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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Section 7. Regulation FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

David A. DeLorenzo, Dole s President and Chief Executive Officer, will present at the Goldman Sachs Consumer Products Symposium in New York City on May 13, 2010. His presentation is scheduled to begin at 1:05 p.m. Eastern Time. The slides attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 will be discussed by Mr. DeLorenzo during his presentation.

Section 9. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Slide presentation to be discussed during May 13, 2010 Goldman Sachs Consumer Products Symposium.

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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.

May 13, 2010

Dole Food Company, Inc.

Registrant

By: /s/ C. MICHAEL CARTER

C. Michael Carter

Executive Vice President, General Counsel

and

Corporate Secretary

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