

DOLE FOOD CO INC  
Form DEFA14A  
September 11, 2013

**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 (Date of earliest event reported): September 11, 2013**

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

**1-4455**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**  
**One Dole Drive**

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

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**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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Information.**

On September 11, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the expiration of the go-shop period under its previously announced merger agreement and termination of the HSR antitrust waiting period. The press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release, dated September 11, 2013, announcing the expiration of the go-shop period under its previously announced merger agreement and termination of the HSR antitrust waiting period.

**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.

Dated: September 11, 2013

**DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.**  
REGISTRANT

By: */s/ C. Michael Carter*  
*C. Michael Carter*  
*President and Chief Operating Officer*

**Exhibit Index**

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
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