

Tesoriero Joseph S.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Tesoriero Joseph S.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE

(Street)

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/11/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/11/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 1,600 (1) D \$ 12 (2) 74,331 (3)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/12/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 11,400 (1) D \$ 12.0002 (4) 62,931 (3)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | See Footnote (5)                                      |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | I  | See Footnote (6)                                      |

|                 |     |   |                        |
|-----------------|-----|---|------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock | 750 | I | See<br>Footnote<br>(7) |
|-----------------|-----|---|------------------------|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer   | Other |
| Tesoriero Joseph S.<br>C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.<br>ONE DOLE DRIVE<br>WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362 |               |           | EVP & CFO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Conner,  
attorney-in-fact  
12/11/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Sold in reliance on Rule 10b5-1
- (2) The shares were sold in a single transaction at \$12.00 per share

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- (3) Of these shares: (a) 16,667 are restricted and vest in full on 11/21/2014; and (b) 16,667 are restricted and vest in full on 11/29/2013.
- (4) The shares were sold in two transactions: 11,200 shares at \$12.00 per share and 200 shares at \$12.01 per share
- (5) As UGMA Custodian for eldest son's custodial account.
- (6) As UGMA Custodian for middle son's custodial account.
- (7) As UGMA Custodian for youngest son's custodial account.

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