

DOLE FOOD COMPANY INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

**Tender Offer Statement Under
Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.

(Name of Subject Company (issuer))

DAVID H. MURDOCK Offeror

(Name of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person))

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

256605106

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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Transaction valuation*

N/A

Amount of filing fee

None required.

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third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

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issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

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going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

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amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer: o

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 256605106

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

DAVID H. MURDOCK

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) o
(b) ý

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF, BK, WC, AF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) o

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	7	SOLE VOTING POWER	13,580,995*
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	None
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	13,580,995*
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	None

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

13,580,995*

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

24.02%*

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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* As of the close of business on December 4, 2002, Mr. Murdock has beneficial ownership of 13,580,995 (approximately 24.02%) of the outstanding shares of Dole Food Company, Inc. Common Stock. Of such shares, 13,086,847 shares (approximately 23.35%) are held by Mr. Murdock, 494,148 shares (less than 1%) may be acquired by Mr. Murdock through the exercise of stock options which are exercisable within sixty (60) days of December 4, 2002, and 81,000 shares (less than 1%) are owned by Mr. Murdock's sons. As permitted by Rule 13d-4, Mr. Murdock disclaims beneficial ownership within the meaning of Sections 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("1934 Act") of the 81,000 shares of Dole Food Company, Inc. Common Stock owned by his sons.

This Schedule 13D, as previously amended, relating to the Common Stock of Dole Food Company, Inc., is hereby further amended with respect to the items set forth below.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relations With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Following discussions with the Special Committee on December 4, 2002, David H. Murdock extended up to December 18, 2002 the time period for further discussion with the Special Committee about a possible transaction by which he would acquire the approximately 76% of the shares of Dole Food Company, Inc. that he and his family do not own.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

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Dated: December 4, 2002

/s/ DAVID H. MURDOCK

David H. Murdock

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SCHEDULE 13D

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