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December 19, 2012 **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Tesoriero Joseph S. Issuer Symbol DOLE FOOD CO INC [DOLE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, 12/17/2012 below) INC., ONE DOLE DRIVE EVP & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/17/2012		S	13,000 (1)	D	\$ 11.7896 (2)	49,931 (3)	D	
Common Stock							750	I	See Footnote
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(6)

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. Transa Code (Instr.		5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amor Unde Secur	le and ant of rlying ities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tesoriero Joseph S.

C/O DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC. ONE DOLE DRIVE WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91362

EVP & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey Conner,

attorney-in-fact 12/19/2012

**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

13,000 shares sold at an average price of \$11.7896 per share in the following transactions, each a single transaction at the indicated price per share: 400 shares at \$11.74; 700 shares at \$11.75; 700 shares at \$11.758571; 2000 shares at \$11.76; 400 shares at \$11.76085; 200

shares at \$11.7625; 1600 shares at \$11.77; 200 shares at \$11.775; 900 shares at \$11.78; 700 shares at \$11.79; 1300 shares at \$11.80; 800 shares at \$11.81; 100 shares at \$11.815; 800 shares at \$11.82; 600 shares at \$11.83; 500 shares at \$11.85; 1100 shares at \$11.86.

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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) As UGMA Custodian for eldest son's custodial account.
- (5) As UGMA Custodian for middle son's custodial account.
- (6) As UGMA Custodian for youngest son's custodial account.

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