

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

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**SCHEDULE 13D**

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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

U.S.

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		
	IN		

\* As of the close of business on December 18, 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 18, 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. ("Dole"), 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.

On December 18, 2002, Mr. Murdock and Dole entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger allowing Mr. Murdock to acquire the approximately 76% of Dole's outstanding Common Stock which he and his family do not own for \$33.50 per share in cash through the merger of a company indirectly wholly-owned by Mr. Murdock with and into Dole. This Agreement and Plan of Merger is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Murdock and Dole have issued a joint press release announcing the transaction and such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Since the transaction is now structured as a merger, Mr. Murdock does not currently intend to file any additional materials on Schedule TO.

**SIGNATURE**

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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.

Dated: December 18, 2002

/s/ DAVID H. MURDOCK

David H. Murdock

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
99.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger among DHM Holding Company, Inc., DHM Acquisition Company, Inc., David H. Murdock and Dole Food Company, Inc. dated as of December 18, 2002
99.2	Joint Press Release issued by David H. Murdock and Dole Food Company, Inc. dated December 18, 2002

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