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00001004481 R1.0.0.11699 \*\*\* **Exercise Your Right to Vote** \*\*\* **Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 19, 2011 DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC. Meeting Information Meeting Type:** Annual<mtgtype>Meeting **For holders as of:** March<recdate>25,2011 **B Date:** May 19, 2011 **Time:** 1:00<mtgtime>PMPDT **A Location:** Dole Food Company, Inc. R One Dole Drive **BROKER C** Westlake Village, CA **LOGO O** 91362 **HERE D E** You are receiving this communication because you hold *Return Address Line 1* shares in the above named company. *Return Address Line 2* *Return Address Line 3* This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote *51 MERCEDES WAY EDGEWOOD NY 11717* these shares. This communication presents only an Investor Address Line 1 **1** overview of the more complete proxy materials that are Investor Address Line 2 available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy Investor Address Line 3 **15 12OF** materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a Investor Address Line 4 paper copy (see reverse side). Investor Address Line 5 **2** We encourage you to access and review all of the important John Sample 1234 ANYWHERE STREET information contained in the proxy materials before voting. 1234567 123456 7 ANY CITY, ON A1A 1A1 123456 7 123456 7 **See the reverse side of this notice to obtain** 123456 7 1234567<sup>123456 7</sup> **proxy materials and voting instructions.** Broadridge Internal Use Only Job # Envelope # Sequence # # of # Sequence #

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**Voting items The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:** 1. Election of Directors **Nominees** 01 Elaine L. Chao 02 Sherry Lansing **The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s):** 2. Ratification of the Appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLC as Dole's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011 3. Advisory Resolution on Executive Compensation **The Board of Directors recommends you vote 3 YEARS on the following proposal:** 4. Advisory Resolution on the Frequency of the Future Advisory Votes on Executive Compensation **NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof. R1.0.0.11699 00001004483 #' **0000 0000 0000** B A R C O D E  
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