

SNYDER WILLIAM F
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SNYDER WILLIAM F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/11/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	12/11/2009		M	10,000 A \$ 17.6875	26,282.826	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		M	10,000 A \$ 26.09	36,282.826	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		S	6,400 D \$ 38.615	29,882.826	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		S	5,000 D \$ 38.51	24,882.826	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2009		F	2,824 D \$ 38.51	22,058.826 (1)	D	

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- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2001.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on January 17, 2003.

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