REETZ DOUGLAS R

Form 4/A

December 15, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

REETZ DOUGLAS R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]				I	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (Middle)		of Earliest T Day/Year)	ransaction		_	Director _X Officer (give t	itle Other	Owner r (specify
1 HORMEL PLACE			12/08/2009				D	below) below) Vice President		
	(Street)			endment, Donth/Day/Yea	_	ıl	Α	. Individual or Join applicable Line) X_ Form filed by Or	ne Reporting Per	son
AUSTIN, N	MN 55912						- P	Form filed by Mo erson	ore than One Rep	oorting
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-l	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (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)
Common Stock	12/08/2009			M	10,000	A	\$ 19.25	41,888	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2009			M	10,000	A	\$ 17.6875	51,888 <u>(5)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2009			F	9,475	D	\$ 38.98	42,413	D	
Common Stock	12/08/2009			F	4,242	D	\$ 38.98	38,171 (2)	D	

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.25	12/08/2009		M <u>(1)</u>	10,000	(3)	01/26/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy) (5)	\$ 17.6875	12/08/2009		M <u>(1)</u>	10,000	<u>(4)</u>	12/06/2010	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

REETZ DOUGLAS R 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912

Vice President

Signatures

Douglas R. Reetz, by Power of Attorney 12/09/2009

**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) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (2) Reporting Person also holds 380.5 Shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on January 26, 2001.

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- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2001.
- (5) This Amendment is being filed to report the second series of options exercised on the same date but inadvertently left off the original Form 4 filing.

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