

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 4

December 03, 2015

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ETTINGER JEFFREY M

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)
08/26/2015

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)
Chairman of the Board and CEO

AUSTIN, MN 55912

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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)	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	08/26/2015		G ⁽¹⁾		3,736	D	\$ 0	0	I Trust
Common Stock	08/26/2015		G ⁽¹⁾		1,868	A	\$ 0	363,652.368	D
Common Stock	12/01/2015		M		500,000	A	\$ 16.37	865,006.441	D
Common Stock	12/01/2015		F		109,249	D	\$ 74.92	755,757.441	D
Common Stock	12/01/2015		F		188,342	D	\$ 74.92	567,415.441	D

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Common Stock	10,805.982	I	401(K) Plan
Common Stock	10,507.387	I	JEPST Plan
Common Stock	1,034.802	I	Spouse

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities 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)	\$ 16.37	12/01/2015		M	500,000	(2) 12/06/2015	Common Stock 500,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ETTINGER JEFFREY M 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X Chairman of the Board and CEO

Signatures

Jeffrey M. Ettinger, by Power of Attorney 12/03/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Reflects a voluntary distribution of shares held in trust established by the Reporting Person's father for benefit of the Reporting Person and the Reporting Person's siblings in which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2006.

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