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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading White Steven Andrew Issuer Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ (Check all applicable) [HRL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1 HORMEL PLACE 12/31/2017 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting AUSTIN, MN 55912 Person (Zip) (City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of

Execution Date, if Security (Month/Day/Year) Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Beneficial (D) or any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Code Common 28.85 12/31/2017 26,668.36 (2) A (1) Stock 36.39

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
White Steven Andrew							
1 HORMEL PLACE	X						
AUSTIN, MN 55912							

Signatures

Steven Andrew White, by Power of 01/03/2018 Attorney **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- 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).

Each share of phantom stock is the equivalent of one share of common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum, or in up to ten annual installments, at the election of the reporting person, on February 15 of the year following

- (1) termination of service as a director, or such later date as is elected by the reporting person. In addition, the shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum immediately upon a director's separation from service within six months following a change of control (as defined in the Plan).
- Reflects additional phantom stock units received by the Reporting Person upon conversion of dividend equivalents from September 30, 2017 to the present.

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