NAKASONE ROBERT

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Rep NAKASONE ROBERT | _ | 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) 1 HORMEL PLACE | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/30/2018 | _X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) AUSTIN, MN 55912-30 | 680 | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | |

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--|---|---|
| 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. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) | | Reported | (I) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2018 | | M | 6,000 | A | \$ 7.5975 | 116,792.396 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2018 | | S | 6,000 | D | \$ 36.57 | 110,792.396 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 11,265 | I | Trust |

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on 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) | \$ 7.5975 | 05/30/2018 | | M | 6,000 | 08/02/2009 | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Transfer de la companya de la compan | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| NAKASONE ROBERT 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

Robert C. Nakasone, by Power of Attorney 05/31/2018

**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).

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