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(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Minerich Phillip L	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
	[HRL]		0000	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(Check all applicable)				
	(Month/Day/Year)					Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
1 HORMEL PLACE	12/01/2009				Vice President				
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				1	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)				
AUSTIN, MN 55912						_X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	One Reporting P More than One R		
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-D	erivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution I any (Month/Day	Date, if The C	ransactior ode	4. Securiti Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D) and 5) (A)	Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
		С	ode V	Amount	or (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month	/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					(
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.25	12/01/2009		A		20,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/01/2019	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
F8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Minerich Phillip L 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President					
Signatures								
Phillip L Minerich, by Power o Attorney	f	12/03	/2009					

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

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

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Date

(1) The options will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 1, 2010.

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