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	UNITED	STATES		RITIES A			E COMMISSIO	N OMB Number:	3235-0287	
Check this boxif no longer subject toSection 16.Form 4 orForm 5 obligations may continue.See Instruction 1(b). Statement of Changes in Beneficial OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								Estimated burden hou response	urs per	
(Print or Type Respo	onses)									
1. Name and Addres Tolbert Michael	Person <u>*</u>	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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2010			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Group Vice President				
I				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 			
AUSTIN, MN 55912										
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivativ	e Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
	ansaction Date nth/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or d of (D) 4 and 5) (A) or	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)	
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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/D	ay/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	sed of				(
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.92	12/07/2010		A	27,500		<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2020	Common Stock	27,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Tolbert Michael D 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Group Vice President					
Signatures								
Michael D. Tolbert, by Power of Attorney	of	12/09	9/2010					

**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) The options will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2011.

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