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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Schroeder James R

1 HORMEL PLACE

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

[HRL]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2010

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

below)

Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Code (Instr. 8)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date or Number of Shares Stock **Options** Common (1) 12/07/2020 \$49.92 12/07/2010 A 10,000 10,000 Stock (Right to Buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Schroeder James R

1 HORMEL PLACE Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

Signatures

James R. Schroeder, by Power of Attorney 12/09/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2011.

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