

Johnson Brian Dean
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Johnson Brian Dean

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/28/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP & Corporate Secretary

AUSTIN, MN 55912
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/28/2011		M		2,000	A	\$ 13.465	9,993.619	D
Common Stock	03/28/2011		M		5,000	A	\$ 12.63	14,993.619	D
Common Stock	03/28/2011		F		3,211	D	\$ 28.05	11,782.619	D
Common Stock	03/28/2011		F		1,333	D	\$ 28.05	10,449.619	D
Common Stock	03/29/2011		G		20	D	\$ 0	10,429.619	D

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Common Stock 03/30/2011 S 1,000 D \$ 27.9017 (2) 9,429.619 (1) D

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.465	03/28/2011		M ⁽³⁾	2,000	⁽⁴⁾ 12/02/2013	Common Stock	2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.63	03/28/2011		M ⁽³⁾	5,000	⁽⁵⁾ 12/02/2018	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Johnson Brian Dean 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	Director 10% Owner Officer VP & Corporate Secretary Other

Signatures

Brian Dean
Johnson 03/30/2011

**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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.
- (2) Reporting Person holds indirectly 2,042 shares in the 401(k), and 1,570 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2004.
- (5) The option is vesting in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 2, 2009.

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