Aakre D Scott Form 4 December 08, 2011

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Aakre D Scott

(Last)

(City)

1(b).

(Zip)

(First) (Middle)

1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

(State)

AUSTIN, MN 55912

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) below) Vice President

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

7. Nature of

Ownership

(9-02)

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Person

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 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)	\$ 29.6	12/06/2011		A		24,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/06/2021	Common Stock	24,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Aakre D Scott

1 HORMEL PLACE Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

Signatures

D Scott Aakre, by Power of

Attorney 12/08/2011

**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) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2012.

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