

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
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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 *
HARTZOG DANIEL A

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/05/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

1 HORMEL PLACE
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

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	12/06/2006		M		2,000	A	\$ 15.9062
Common Stock	12/06/2006		M		5,000	A	\$ 17.6875
Common Stock	12/06/2006		F		3,105	D	\$ 38.71
Common Stock	12/06/2006		F		1,725	D	\$ 38.71
							5,894.434 ⁽⁵⁾

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.71	12/05/2006		A	12,000	(1) 12/05/2016	Common Stock 12,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.9062	12/06/2006		M(2)	2,000	(3) 12/23/2008	Common Stock 2,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.6875	12/06/2006		M(2)	5,000	(4) 12/06/2010	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTZOG DANIEL A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President	

Signatures

Daniel A. Hartzog, by Power of Attorney
12/07/2006

**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 vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.

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- (2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (3) These options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group being vested on December 23, 1999.
- (4) These options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group being vested on December 6, 2001.
- (5) Reporting Person also holds indirectly 148.67 shares in the 401(k) Trust, and 4,728.344 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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