ETTINGER JEFFREY M

Form 4

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longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP	
See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses)	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	OMB Number: 3235-0287 Expires: January 31, 2005 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5

			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
			(Check all applicable)
			_ Director
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			_ 10% Owner
Ettinger, Jeffrey M	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	<u>X</u> Officer (give title below)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Hormel Foods Corporation HRL	December, 2002	_ Other (specify below)
1 Hormel Place (Street)			Group Vice President
Austin, MN 55912 (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) /	 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	Execution		4 Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Common Stock							2,460	D	
Common Stock		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	409.969*	Ι	Owned by Spouse
Common Stock							2,967	Ι	JEPST Trust
Common Stock							468	Ι	Founders Fund

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

	2.			Transacti		(Instr. 3, 4		f 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			Securities Beneficially	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities:	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	of or Exercise Transaction Executi Price of Derivative (Month/Day/ (Month	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or		Following Reported Transaction(s)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (I)	11. N of Ine Bene Owne (Instr	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$22.35	12-2-02		А		35,000		(1)	12-2-12	Common Stock	35,000	\$22.35	35,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.25								1-25-04				2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.375								1-11-05				2,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$14.65625								12-18-07				6,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.9062								12-23-08				10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$19.25								1-26-10				24,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$17.6875								12-6-10				35,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$26.09								1-17-12				35,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The option vests 25% on 12-2-03 and 25% each year thereafter.

*Beneficial Ownership Disclaimed.

/s/ Jeffrey M. Ettinger

12/04/2002

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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