

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
Form SC 13G
January 24, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Hormel Foods Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

440452-10-0

CUSIP Number

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the

Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 440452-10-0

1. Name of Reporting Person
S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person
The Hormel Foundation
41-0694716

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a)
(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Minnesota

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| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 5. | Sole Voting Power 64,062,722 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power None |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power 64,062,722 |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power None |

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
64,062,722

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9
46.46

12. Type of Reporting Person*
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Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer:
Hormel Foods Corporation
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota 55912-3680

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing:
The Hormel Foundation
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence:
301 North Main Street Austin, Minnesota 55912-3498
- (c) Citizenship:
Minnesota
- (d) Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number:
440452-10-0

Item 3.

If this statement is Filed Pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b)

Not applicable

Item 4.

Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

64,062,722
- (b) Percent of Class:

46.46%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

64,062,722
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

64,062,722
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

The Hormel Foundation is a charitable foundation incorporated in 1941; amended and restated July 28, 1980. Its assets include common stock of the issuer which it has sole power to vote and the sole power of disposition. Some of such common stock is held in the capacity as trustee of various trusts for which other persons have the right to receive dividends. Each other person having the right to receive dividends on such common stock constituting more than five percent of the outstanding common stock of the Issuer are the following:

George A. Hormel II
Jamie Renee Hormel
Thomas D. Hormel
Rampa Robinson Hormel
James C. Hormel

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification

Not applicable

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 24, 2005

THE HORMEL FOUNDATION

/s/ J. A. ANFINSON

Signature

J. A. ANFINSON, Treasurer

Name/Title