

Smith Hugh C
Form 4
February 03, 2011

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Smith Hugh C

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)
02/01/2011

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

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 55912-3680

(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	02/01/2011		A		4,500 (2)	24.84 (2)	15,560 (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)**

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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.
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.84 (2)	02/01/2011		A	6,600 (2)	08/01/2011	02/01/2021	Common Stock 6,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Hugh C 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680		X		

Signatures

Hugh C. Smith, by Power of Attorney

02/03/2011

__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).

- Except for the 4,500 Restricted Shares being reported on this form, reported shares do not reflect a two-for-one stock split effective February 1, 2011, as the distribution date of the split shares is February 14, 2011. All shares being reported are subject to certain
- (1) restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements. Reporting Person also holds 4,939 phantom shares in his deferred stock plan account.
- (2) Adjusted for the stock split effective February 1, 2011.

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