

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**ETTINGER JEFFREY M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1 HORMEL PLACE  
(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/26/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman of the Board and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/26/2015		G <sup>(1)</sup>		3,736	D	Trust
Common Stock	08/26/2015		G <sup>(1)</sup>		1,868	A	
Common Stock	12/01/2015		M		500,000	A	
Common Stock	12/01/2015		F		109,249	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2015		F		188,342	D	

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Common Stock	10,805.982	I	401(K) Plan
Common Stock	10,507.387	I	JEPST Plan
Common Stock	1,034.802	I	Spouse

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)	\$ 16.37	12/01/2015		M	500,000	(2) 12/06/2015	Common Stock	500,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ETTINGER JEFFREY M 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X		Chairman of the Board and CEO	

## Signatures

Jeffrey M. Ettinger, by Power of Attorney  
12/03/2015

\*\*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).

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- (1) Reflects a voluntary distribution of shares held in trust established by the Reporting Person's father for benefit of the Reporting Person and the Reporting Person's siblings in which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2006.

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