HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K October 07, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 30, 2003

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2402

(Commission File Number)

1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (507) 437-5611

41-0319970 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

> **55912** (Zip Code)

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Item 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

Union workers from five of the Company s production facilities voted to ratify a new four-year labor contract on September 30, 2003.

The United Food and Commercial Workers union represented approximately 3,000 workers from the following five Hormel production facilities: Algona, Iowa; Austin, Minnesota; Beloit, Wisconsin; Fremont, Nebraska; and Tucker, Georgia. The previous labor contracts expired in early September of the current year.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

		HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION (Registrant)	
Dated:	October 7, 2003	Ву	/s/ M. J. McCOY M. J. McCOY Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Dated:	October 7, 2003	Ву	/s/ J. N. SHEEHAN J. N. SHEEHAN Vice President and Controller

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