

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
January 31, 2013

UNITED STATES
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) **January 31, 2013**

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-2402
(Commission File
Number)

41-0319970
(IRS Employer
Identification
Number)

1 Hormel Place

Austin, MN 55912

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On January 31, 2013, Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) completed the previously announced acquisition of the United States based *Skippy*® peanut butter business from Unilever United States Inc., of Englewood Cliffs, N.J. This closing includes the Little Rock, Arkansas manufacturing facility and all sales worldwide, except sales in China. The Company expects to close the acquisition of the China based *Skippy*® peanut butter business by the end of its fiscal year 2013.

The purchase price is approximately \$700 million.

Section 7 REGULATION FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 31, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the acquisition of the United States based *Skippy*® peanut butter business. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 7.01

99 Press release issued January 31, 2013

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 hereunto duly authorized.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: January 31, 2013

By /s/J. H. FERAGEN

J. H. FERAGEN

Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: January 31, 2013

By /s/J. N. SHEEHAN

J. N. SHEEHAN

Vice President and Controller