

SNYDER WILLIAM F

Form 4

December 15, 2009

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 *
SNYDER WILLIAM F

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)
12/11/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/11/2009		M		10,000	A	\$ 17.6875	26,282.826	D
Common Stock	12/11/2009		M		10,000	A	\$ 26.09	36,282.826	D
Common Stock	12/11/2009		S		6,400	D	\$ 38.615	29,882.826	D
Common Stock	12/11/2009		S		5,000	D	\$ 38.51	24,882.826	D
Common Stock	12/11/2009		F		2,824	D	\$ 38.51	22,058.826 ⁽¹⁾	D

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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)		8. Fair Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.6875	12/11/2009		M ⁽²⁾		10,000		⁽³⁾	12/06/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.09	12/11/2009		M ⁽²⁾		10,000		⁽⁴⁾	01/17/2012	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SNYDER WILLIAM F 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Senior Vice President	

Signatures

William F. Snyder, by Power of Attorney

12/14/2009

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).

(1) Reporting Person holds indirectly 4,547.8 shares in the JEPST Trust.

(2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2001.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on January 17, 2003.

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