

Tegt Robert A
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Tegt Robert A

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)
03/12/2010

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

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

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	03/12/2010		M		5,000	A	\$ 26.93	5,098.858 D
Common Stock	03/12/2010		M		4,500	A	\$ 30.07	9,598.858 D
Common Stock	03/12/2010		S		8,484	D	\$ 41.5229	1,114.858 D
Common Stock	03/12/2010		F		1,016	D	\$ 41.56	98.858 ⁽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)

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.93	03/12/2010		M ⁽²⁾	5,000	⁽³⁾ 12/02/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.07	03/12/2010		M ⁽²⁾	4,500	⁽⁴⁾ 12/07/2014	Common Stock	4,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tegt Robert A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680			Group Vice President	

Signatures

Robert A Tegt, by Power of Attorney
03/16/2010

 **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 4,805 shares in the 401(k), and 28,523.6 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 2, 2004.

(4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.

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