

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2015

**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) **October 20, 2015**

**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)

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On October 20, 2015, Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) Board of Directors elected James P. Snee to the position of president and chief operating officer effective October 26, 2015. Snee was also appointed to the Board of Directors. Snee succeeds Jeffrey M. Ettinger, 57, who has served as president since 2004. Ettinger will continue to serve as the company's chairman and chief executive officer.

Snee joined Hormel Foods in 1989 in the foodservice division and served in various positions within the group before being named manager of inventory and distribution for the Refrigerated Foods segment in 1995. He was promoted to foodservice area manager and foodservice regional sales manager in 1996 and 1998, respectively. Snee was named director of purchasing in 2006 and vice president of affiliated business units in 2008. In 2011, he advanced to senior vice president of Hormel Foods International and assumed his current position in 2012.

Snee has no family relationships with any member of the Board or any other executive officer of the Company, and is not a party to any transaction with the Company or any subsidiary of the Company. Snee and the Company have not entered into any employment agreement in connection with his election as president and chief operating officer.

A copy of the 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 5.02

99 Press release issued October 21, 2015

**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: October 21, 2015

By

/s/ JODY H. FERAGEN  
JODY H. FERAGEN  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 21, 2015

By

/s/ JAMES N. SHEEHAN  
JAMES N. SHEEHAN  
Vice President and Controller