Juhlke David P Form 4 September 07, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Juhlke David P			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]				I	S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
1 HORMEL PLACE			09/07/2011				·	Vice President			
	(Street)	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 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting				
AUSTIN, M	IN 55912						Ī	erson	ore than One Re	porung	
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of ((D)	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)	
Common Stock	09/07/2011			M	8,000	A	\$ 15.035	30,431.67	D		
Common Stock	09/07/2011			M	20,000	A	\$ 16.37	50,431.67	D		
Common Stock	09/07/2011			F	16,723	D	\$ 26.77	33,708.67	D		
Common Stock	09/07/2011			F	3,688	D	\$ 26.77	30,020.67 (4)	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 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		cisable and ate Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 II S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.035	09/07/2011		M <u>(1)</u>	8,000	<u>(2)</u>	12/07/2014	Common Stock	8,000	•
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.37	09/07/2011		M <u>(1)</u>	20,000	(3)	12/06/2015	Common Stock	20,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Juhlke David P

1 HORMEL PLACE Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

Signatures

David P Juhlke, by Power of Attorney 09/07/2011

**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 has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (2) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.
- (3) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December December 6, 2006.

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(4) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.

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