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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MARVIN SUSAN I | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
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| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | X Director 10% Ow Officer (give title Other (sp | | Owner er (specify |
| 1 HORMEL PLACE | | 06/30/2012 | | | below) | below) | | |
| | (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 | | |
| AUSTIN, MN 55912 | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I | - Non-Derivative S | ecurities Acc | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y | Year) Exec | Deemed eution Date, if onth/Day/Year) | | (A) or d of (D) , 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) | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | | 103,856.41 (1) (2) | 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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on 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) | |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | (3) | 06/30/2012 | A | 86.29 | (3) | (3) | COMMON STOCK | 36,027.72 (4) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| reporting o where there is a real constant of | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MARVIN SUSAN I 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Susan I. Marvin, by Power of Attorney 07/03/2012

**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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.
- Of the shares being reported, 19,500 shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements.
 - Each share of phantom stock is the equivalent of one share of common stock. The shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum, or in up to ten annual installments, at the election of the reporting person, on February 15 of the year following
- (3) termination of service as a director, or such later date as is elected by the reporting person. In addition, the shares of phantom stock become payable in common stock in one lump sum immediately upon a director's separation from service within six months following a change of control (as defined in the Plan).
- (4) Reflects additional phantom stock units received by the Reporting Person upon conversion of dividend equivalents from March 31, 2012 to the present.

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