

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
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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) **January 31, 2012**

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)

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

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Section 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

The Company conducted its annual stockholders meeting on January 31, 2012.

At the annual meeting, 229,076,354 shares were represented (86.8 percent of the 264,037,493 shares outstanding and entitled to vote). Two items were considered at the meeting and the results of the voting were as follows:

1. Election of Directors: The nominees in the proxy statement were: Terrell K. Crews, Jeffrey M. Ettinger, Jody H. Feragen, Glenn S. Forbes, M.D., Stephen M. Lacy, Susan I. Marvin, Michael J. Mendes, John L. Morrison, Elsa A. Murano, Ph.D., Robert C. Nakasone, Susan K. Nestegard, and Dakota A. Pippins. The results were as follows:

| <u>DIRECTOR:</u> | <u>FOR</u> | <u>WITHHELD</u> | <u>BROKER NON- VOTE (BNV)</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--|
| Terrell K. Crews | 205,929,462 | 281,670 | 22,865,222 |
| Jeffrey M. Ettinger | 203,783,492 | 2,427,640 | 22,865,222 |
| Jody H. Feragen | 202,311,401 | 3,899,731 | 22,865,222 |
| Glenn S. Forbes, M.D. | 201,218,581 | 4,992,551 | 22,865,222 |
| Stephen M. Lacy | 201,197,595 | 5,013,537 | 22,865,222 |
| Susan I. Marvin | 205,869,282 | 341,850 | 22,865,222 |
| Michael J. Mendes | 205,642,159 | 568,973 | 22,865,222 |
| John L. Morrison | 205,904,387 | 306,745 | 22,865,222 |
| Elsa A. Murano, Ph.D. | 205,809,082 | 402,050 | 22,865,222 |
| Robert C. Nakasone | 205,886,663 | 324,469 | 22,865,222 |
| Susan K. Nestegard | 201,321,130 | 4,890,002 | 22,865,222 |
| Dakota A. Pippins | 201,582,968 | 4,628,164 | 22,865,222 |

2. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending October 28, 2012:

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| For: | 227,014,673 |
| Against: | 1,969,083 |
| Abstain: | 92,598 |

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: February 2, 2012

By

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

Dated: February 2, 2012

By

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