

Craven Julie H
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Craven Julie H

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)
 12/16/2010

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

AUSTIN, MN 55912
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2010 | | M | 2,500 A \$ 25.26 | 5,603.07 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2010 | | S | 1,245 D \$ 51.0815 | 4,358.07 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2010 | | F | 418 D \$ 51.62 | 3,940.07 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2010 | | M | 500 A \$ 38.71 | 4,440 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/20/2010 | | F | 375 D \$ 51.55 | 4,065 | D | |

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Common Stock 12/20/2010 F 41 D \$ 51.55 4,024 ⁽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 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 25.26 | 12/16/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 2,500 | ⁽³⁾ 12/02/2018 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 38.71 | 12/20/2010 | | M ⁽²⁾ | 500 | ⁽⁴⁾ 12/05/2016 | Common Stock | 500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Craven Julie H 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Julie H Craven, by Power of Attorney 12/17/2010

__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 also holds indirectly 36.5 shares in the 401(k), and 755.4 shares in the JEPST Trust; Reporting Person's spouse holds indirectly 1,079 shares in the 401(k), and 996.7 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments; the options being exercised vested on December 2, 2010.
- (4) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.

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