

MUELLER KURT F
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FORM 4

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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 *
MUELLER KURT F

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)
02/23/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2010		M	10,000 A \$ 26.09	30,018.002	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2010		M	10,000 A \$ 22.35	40,018.002	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2010		F	11,641 D \$ 41.61	28,377.002	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2010		F	2,819 D \$ 41.61	25,558.002 <u>(1)</u>	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)	\$ 26.09	02/23/2009		M ⁽²⁾	10,000	⁽³⁾ 01/17/2012	Common Stock	10,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.35	02/23/2010		M ⁽²⁾	10,000	⁽⁴⁾ 12/02/2012	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MUELLER KURT F 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President	

Signatures

Kurt F. Mueller, by Power of Attorney
02/25/2010

__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 has a custodial account holding 320.081 for each of his three children; 426.778 shares are held by his spouse.
- (2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on January 17, 2003.

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(4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2003.

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