STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Brady Deanna T			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) 1 HORMEL F	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2012	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) 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		
AUSTIN, MN 55912				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
COMMON STOCK	03/07/2012		Code V M	Amount 2,000		Price \$ 15.035	(Instr. 3 and 4) 6,943.53	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/07/2012		F	441	D	\$ 28.24	6,502.53 (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)

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 opportunity Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	of Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Yea Acquired A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Am Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)	urities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 15.035	03/07/2012		M(3)	2,000	(1)	12/07/2014	COMMON STOCK	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Brady Deanna T							
1 HORMEL PLACE			Vice President				

Signatures

AUSTIN, MN 55912

Deanna T. Brady, by Power of Attorney 03/08/2012

**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) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.
- (2) Reporting Person holds indirectly 2,686.5 shares in the 401(k), and 1,367.7 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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