

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RAY GARY J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1 HORMEL PLACE**  
(Street)

**AUSTIN, MN 55912**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/24/2008**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President Protein Businesses**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	06/24/2008		M		40,000	A	\$ 17.6875
Common Stock	06/24/2008		F		20,036	D	\$ 35.31
Common Stock	06/24/2008		F		8,844	D	\$ 35.51
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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