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Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). TATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940								Estimated burden ho response	Expires:January 31, 2005Estimated average burden hours per response0.5	
(Print or Type Respo	onses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> SPLINTER JAMES M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/02/2008			Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Vice President				
AUSTIN, MN 5	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>						
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	ansaction Date nth/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or of (D)	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 Indirect Benefici Ownersh (Instr. 4)	al 11p
Reminder: Report of	n a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities benet	ficially ow	ned 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) (Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed o (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	f			(
			Code V	(A) (D	) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.26	12/02/2008	А	12,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/02/2018	Common Stock	12,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
SPLINTER JAMES M 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President			
Signatures						

James M. Splinter, by Power of Attorney

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **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).

12/04/2008

Date

(1) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2009.

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