

HARTZOG DANIEL A
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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 *
 HARTZOG DANIEL A

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)
 02/23/2010

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/23/2010		M	5,000 A \$ 26.09	16,285.097	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2010		M	5,000 A \$ 26.93	21,285.097	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2010		S	8,737 D \$ 41.3951	12,548.097	D	
Common Stock	02/23/2010		F	1,263 D \$ 41.61	11,285.097 <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	02/23/2010		M ⁽²⁾	5,000	⁽³⁾ 01/17/2012	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.93	02/23/2010		M ⁽²⁾	5,000	⁽⁴⁾ 12/02/2013	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTZOG DANIEL A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President	

Signatures

Daniel A. Hartzog, 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 also holds indirectly 157.45 shares in the 401(k), and 7,043.7 shares in the JEPST Trust.

(2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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- (3) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group being vested on January 17, 2003.
- (4) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2004.

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