REETZ DOUGLAS R

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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5 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

3235-0287

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1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

if no longer subject to Section 16. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

REETZ DOUGLAS R Sy		2. Issuer Name and Symbol HORMEL FOOD [HRL]		Issuer	Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (F	First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Tra (Month/Day/Year) 10/08/2010	nsaction	below)	X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
AUSTIN, MN 559	treet)	4. If Amendment, Date Filed(Month/Day/Year)	e Original	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by C	_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City) (S	tate) (Zip)	Table I - Non-De	erivative Securities	s Acquired, Disposed of	, or Beneficially Owned			
	nsaction Date 2A. Deer th/Day/Year) Executio any (Month/I	n Date, if Transaction	` ′ .	Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock 10/08	8/2010	S	10,000 D \$	28,171 <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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

REETZ DOUGLAS R 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912

Vice President

Signatures

Douglas R. Reetz, by Power of Attorney 10/08/2010

**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 385 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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