

REETZ DOUGLAS R

Form 4/A

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 REETZ DOUGLAS R

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)
 12/07/2004

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

4. If Amendment, Date Original
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)
 12/09/2004

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	12/07/2004		S	4,506 D	\$ 30.02 0	I	401(k) Trust
Common Stock	12/07/2004		S	13,656 D	\$ 30.02 0 (2)	I	JEPST Trust

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)	\$ 30.07	12/07/2004		A	10,000	⁽¹⁾ 12/07/2014	Common Stock	10,000

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
12/14/2004

__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 vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 7, 2005.

(2) Reporting Person holds directly 15868 shares of common stock. Reporting Person also holds indirectly 350 shares in Founders Fund.

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