

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 4

March 18, 2016

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Farnsworth Bryan D

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)  
03/16/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2016                              |                                                             | M                                    | 40,000 A                                                                | \$ 14.8 58,012 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                      | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2016                              |                                                             | F                                    | 13,430 D                                                                | \$ 44.08 44,582                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/16/2016                              |                                                             | F                                    | 12,374 D                                                                | \$ 44.08 32,208                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 03/18/2016                              |                                                             | S                                    | 14,196 D                                                                | \$ 43.69 18,012                                                                                                    | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         | 13,503.322 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                          | I                                                                    | JEPST<br>Plan                                                     |

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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)               | \$ 14.8 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | 03/16/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 40,000 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                   | <sup>(2)</sup> 12/06/2021                                | Common Stock                                                  | 40,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                           | Relationships                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                          | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Farnsworth Bryan D<br>1 HORMEL PLACE<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912 | Senior Vice President            |

## Signatures

Bryan D Farnsworth, by Power of Attorney  
03/18/2016  
 \*\*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) Reflects the two-for-one stock split effective January 27, 2016.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2012.

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