

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 4

September 29, 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 *
Leitch Glenn 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)

AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/28/2016

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

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

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

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)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/28/2016		M		16,000	A	\$ 9.6775	32,000 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	09/28/2016		M		400	A	\$ 9.3525	32,400	D
Common Stock	09/28/2016		S		400	D	\$ 38.37	32,000	D
Common Stock								12,118.941	I
									JEPST 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.6775 <u>(1)</u>	09/28/2016		M			16,000 <u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	12/05/2016	Common Stock	16,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.3525	09/28/2016		M <u>(3)</u>			400	12/16/2010	01/08/2017	Common Stock	400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Leitch Glenn R 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680	Group Vice President

Signatures

Glenn R. Leitch, By Power of Attorney 09/29/2016

__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 5, 2007.

(3) Exercise of Universal Stock Options. The shares were sold in a block and the net after tax was issued to the Reporting Person in cash.

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