HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

01/23/2017

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Murano Elsa 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) | ` , | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | X Director Officer (given below) | e title 10% below) | | |
| 1 HORMEL PLACE | | | 01/23/20 | J1 / | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| AUSTIN, MN 55912 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non-E | Perivative Securities Acq | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year | Execution any | med on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | |

Code V Amount

6,000

1,108

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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76,361

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

D

D

(A)

or

(D)

A

D

Price

\$ 9.48 77,469

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number tion 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) | \$ 9.48 (1) | 01/23/2017 | | M | | 6,000 (1) | 02/01/2008 | 02/01/2017 | Common Stock | 6,000 |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Murano Elsa A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Elsa A. Murano, By Power of Attorney 01/23/2017

**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.

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