

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
February 19, 2004

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **February 19, 2004**

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-2402

(Commission File Number)

41-0319970

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota

(Address of principal executive offices)

55912

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(507) 437-5611**

Item 7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits being furnished pursuant to Item 12

99 Earnings release issued February 19, 2004

Item 12. **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On February 19, 2004, the Company issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended January 24, 2004. A copy of the earnings release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Dated: February 19, 2004

By /s/M. J. McCOY
M. J. McCOY
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 19, 2004

By /s/J. N. SHEEHAN

J. N. SHEEHAN
Vice President and Controller