ALLEN JOHN W

Form 4

January 30, 2003

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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					6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
					(Check all applicable)
					X Director
1. Name and a	Address of Re	porting			10% Owner
Allen,	John	w	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		_ Officer (give title below)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	Hormel Foods Corporation	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	_ Other (specify below)
1	Hormel Plac	e	HRL	January 28, 2003	(,/
	(Street)				-
Austin, (City)	MN (State)	55912 (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	1-28-03	M		2,000	A	\$11.9375			
Common Stock	1-28-03	F		1,095	D	\$21.80			
Common Stock	1-28-03	G	V	905	D		1,288(1)	D	
Common Stock	1-28-03	G	V	905	A		8,921	I	Wife's Living Trust

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Transaction Date (Month/Day/	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		or Number	8. Price of Derivative Security	Following Reported	Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. No of Ind Benef Owne (Instr.
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11.9375	1-28-03		М			2,000	8-1-93	2-1-03	Common Stock	2,000	\$11.9375	-0-	D	

Exp	lanation	of Re	sponses:

(1) The 1,288 shares being reported are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the Nonemployee Director Stock Option and Award Plan.

James W. Cavanaugh, Power of Attorney for John W. Allen

1-28-03

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, <i>see</i> Instruction 4(b)(v).
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