

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

Form 8-K

January 31, 2005

**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) **January 31, 2005**

## 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, MN 55912**  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 7 REGULATION FD**

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On January 31, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing the acquisition of Arriba Foods Inc. A copy of the release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 7.01

99                      Press release issued January 31, 2005

**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: January 31, 2005

By                      /s/JOEL W. JOHNSON  
JOEL W. JOHNSON  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 31, 2005

By                      /s/JODY H. FERAGEN  
JODY H. FERAGEN  
Vice President and Treasurer

