

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
November 21, 2016

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) **November 21, 2016**

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:

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 7 REGULATION FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 21, 2016, Hormel Foods Corporation issued a press release announcing it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell Clougherty Packing, LLC, parent company of Farmer John and Saag's Specialty Meats, along with PFFJ, LLC farm operations in California, Arizona, and Wyoming to Smithfield 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

(d) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 7.01

99 Press release issued November 21, 2016

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: November 21, 2016

By

/s/J. N. SHEEHAN

J. N. SHEEHAN

Senior Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: November 21, 2016

By

/s/J. L. HAYNES

J. L. HAYNES

Vice President and

Controller