

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
November 28, 2017

**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 27, 2017**

**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)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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## **Section 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets**

On November 27, 2017, Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) completed the previously announced acquisition of Columbus Manufacturing, Inc., an authentic, premium deli meat and salami company, from Chicago-based Arbor Investments.

The purchase price is approximately \$850 million.

## **Section 7 REGULATION FD**

### **Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On November 27, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the acquisition of Columbus Manufacturing, Inc., an authentic, premium deli meat and salami company. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

## **Section 8 OTHER EVENTS**

### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On November 27, 2017, in connection with the closing of the acquisition, the Company issued a press release to also provide updated guidance for fiscal year 2018. A copy of the press 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 Items 7.01 and 8.01

99 Press release issued November 27, 2017

**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 27, 2017

By

/s/ JAMES P. SNEE

JAMES P. SNEE

Chairman of the Board, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 27, 2017

By

/s/ JAMES N. SHEEHAN

JAMES N. SHEEHAN

Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer