ALLEN JOHN W Form 4 February 03, 2005

## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ALLEN JOHN W  |   |               | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]         |  |                                      |              |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable)  |  |   |
|---|---|---------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|---|
| (Last)  1 HORMEI  | · · · · · ·   | Middle)       | 3. Date of (Month/D) 02/01/20  |  |                                      |              | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |  |  |   |
| AUSTIN, M   | (Street)  4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  USTIN, MN 55912  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |               |  |  |                                      | erson        |   |  |  |   |
| (City)  | (State)   | (Zip)         | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |                                      |              |   |  |  | lly Owned   |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2. Transaction Dat<br>(Month/Day/Year)  | Execution any | emed<br>on Date, if<br>'Day/Year)  | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3, | 4 and (A) or | d of  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock   | 02/01/2005  |               |  | A                                      | 1,500                                | A            | \$<br>31.5  | 4,145  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock   | 02/01/2005  |               |  | G                                      | 247                                  | D            | \$0   | 3,898 (1)  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock   | 02/01/2005  |               |  | G                                      | 247                                  | A            | \$0   | 11,189   | I  | Wife's<br>Living<br>Trust   |
| Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. |   |               |  |  |                                      |              |   |  |  |   |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative                | 2. Conversion          | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if |            |                       | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------|--|------------------------------|
| Security                              | or Exercise            |                                      | any                           | Code       | Securities            | Securities (Month/Day/Year)             |                 | (Instr. 3 and 4)                             |                              |
| (Instr. 3)                            | Price of               |                                      | (Month/Day/Year)              | (Instr. 8) | Acquired              |   |                 |  |                              |
|                                       | Derivative<br>Security |                                      |                               |            | (A) or<br>Disposed of |   |                 |  |                              |
|                                       | Security               |                                      |                               |            | (D)                   | 4 01                                    |                 |  |                              |
|                                       |                        |                                      |                               |            | (Instr. 3, 4,         |   |                 |  |                              |
|                                       |                        |                                      |                               |            | and 5)                |   |                 |  |                              |
|                                       |                        |                                      |                               |            |                       | Date<br>Exercisable                     | Expiration Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of |
|                                       |                        |                                      |                               | Code V     | (A) (D)               |   |                 |  | Shares                       |
| Stock<br>Options<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$ 31.5                | 02/01/2005                           |                               | A          | 4,000                 | 08/01/2005                              | 02/01/2015      | Common<br>Stock                              | 4,000                        |

#### **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                     | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| ALLEN JOHN W<br>1 HORMEL PLACE<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

John W. Allen, by Power of Attorney 02/02/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The 3,898 shares being reported are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements.

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