

Tegt Robert A  
Form 3  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Tegt Robert A  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

1 HORMEL PLACE  
(Street)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912-3680  
(City) (State) (Zip)

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

91.232

D

Â

Common Stock

3,105

I

401(k) Trust

Common Stock

2,870

I

JEPST 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security

4. Conversion  
or Exercise

5. Ownership  
Form of

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/18/2007	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 14.656	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/23/2008	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 15.906	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/26/2010	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 19.25	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/06/2010	Common Stock	3,000	\$ 17.6875	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	01/17/2012	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 26.09	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/02/2012	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 22.35	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/02/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 26.93	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	12/07/2014	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 30.07	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	12/06/2015	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 32.74	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Tegt Robert A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Robert A Tegt, by Power of Attorney

01/04/2006

                     \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

                     Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Subject to four-year vesting schedule.

(2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on December 6, 2006.

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