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| subject Section Form 4 Form 5 obligati may col <i>See</i> Inst 1(b). | 16. or Filed pursu ons stinue. | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES Estimated average burden hours per response 2005 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 0.5 | | | | | | | | |
| (Print or Type | Responses) | | | | | | | | | |
| GILLETTE E PETER JR S | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) 1 HORME | (Month | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/30/2007 | | | | X_Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below) | | | | |
| ALICTINI | f Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| AUSTIN, 1 (City) | | Cip) Te | hla I. Nam | Danimatin | - C | | Person | an Danafiaial | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2 (Month/Day/Year) E | 14 | 3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | | ities A osed of 4 and (A) or | cquired (A) | hired, Disposed of, 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2007 | | M | 4,000 | A (D) | \$ 17.5937 | 15,445 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2007 | | М | 4,000 | А | \$ 20.3125 | 19,445 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2007 | | М | 4,000 | А | \$ 19.29 | 23,445 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2007 | | S | 6,275 | D | \$ 36.91 | 1 17,170 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2007 | | F | 1,832 | D | \$ 37.24 | 15,338 <u>(2)</u> | D | | |

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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 Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | onof D Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D) | rities uired or osed of r. 3, 4, | (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.5937 | 05/30/2007 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 4,000 | 08/01/1999 | 02/01/2009 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 20.3125 | 05/30/2007 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 4,000 | 08/01/2000 | 02/01/2010 | Common Stock | 4,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 19.29 | 05/30/2007 | | M <u>(1)</u> | | 4,000 | 08/01/2001 | 02/01/2011 | Common Stock | 4,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| GILLETTE E PETER JR 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | Х | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| E. Peter Gillette, Jr., by Power Attorney | of | 06/01/2007 | | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | | I | Date | | | | |

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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) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (2) Of the shares being reported, 8,445 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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