

Craven Julie H
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Craven Julie H

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) (First) (Middle)
1 HORMEL PLACE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2007

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	12/07/2007		M		500	A	\$ 22.35	645.634 D
Common Stock	12/07/2007		M		1,000	A	\$ 26.93	1,645.634 D
Common Stock	12/07/2007		S		960	D	\$ 40.06	685.634 D
Common Stock	12/07/2007		F		181	D	\$ 40.08	504.634 ⁽⁴⁾ D

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	9. Debit or Credit to Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.35	12/07/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	500	⁽²⁾ 12/02/2012	Common Stock	500	\$
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.93	12/07/2007		M ⁽¹⁾	1,000	⁽³⁾ 12/02/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Craven Julie H 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President	

Signatures

Julie H Craven, by Power of Attorney
12/11/2007

__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) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

(2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2003.

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- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2004.
- (4) Reporting Person also holds indirectly 34.269 shares in the 401(k), and 712 shares in the JEPST Trust; Reporting Person's spouse holds indirectly 1,017 shares in the 401(k), and 939.468 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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