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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> Marco Lori J	2. Date of Event RequiringStatement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]			
(Last) (First) (Middle)	01/24/2011	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
1 HORMEL PLACE (Street)					6. Individual or Joint/Group
AUSTIN, MN 55912-3338		Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) VP & General Counsel		ow)	Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - N	lon-Derivati	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nati Owner (Instr.	*
Common Stock	280.305		D	Â	
Common Stock	278.069		Ι	401(1	x) Trust
Common Stock	151.289		Ι	JEPS	T 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	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(D) irect
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(1)	12/05/2016	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 38.71	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(2)	12/04/2017	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 40.14	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(<u>3)</u>	12/02/2018	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 25.26	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(4)	12/01/2019	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 38.25	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	(5)	12/07/2020	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 49.92	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Marco Lori J 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3338	Â	Â	VP & General Counsel	Â		
Signatures						
Lori J. Marco, by Power of Attorney	01/1	9/2011				

<u>**Signature of Reporting Person</u>

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) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 5, 2007.

(2) The option is vesting in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 4, 2008.

Date

(3) The option is vesting in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 2, 2009.

(4) The option is vesting in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 1, 2010.

(5) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group to vest on December 7, 2011.

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