#### ETTINGER JEFFREY M

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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See Instruction 1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

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	ddress of Reporting F	Symbol	MEL FOODS CORP /DE/	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		of Earliest Transaction /Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
1 HORMEL	PLACE	02/01/	-	below) below) Chairman, President and CEO			
	(Street)	4. If An	nendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
		Filed(M	onth/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
AUSTIN, M	IN 55912			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State) (	Zip) Ta	ble I - Non-Derivative Securities	Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3. 4. Securities	5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, i	f TransactionAcquired (A) or	Securities Form: Direct Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	Code Disposed of (D)	Beneficially (D) or Beneficial			
		(Month/Day/Year	r) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned Indirect (I) Ownership			
				Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
			(A)	Reported Transaction(s)			
			or	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V Amount (D) Pri	ce (mour 5 and 1)			

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)

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (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)	\$ 24.84 (3)	02/01/2011		A	700,000 (3)	<u>(2)</u>	02/01/2021	Common Stock	700,000	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ETTINGER JEFFREY M 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

# **Signatures**

Jeffrey M. Ettinger, by Power of Attorney 02/03/2011

\*\*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).
- Reporting Person also holds indirectly 5,090 shares in the 401(k), and 4,896.6 shares in the JEPST Trust; his spouse holds 473.8 shares (1) directly in her name. Reported shares do not reflect a two-for-one stock split effective February 1, 2011, as the distribution date of the split shares is February 14, 2011.
- (2) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on February 1, 2012.
- (3) Adjusted for the stock split effective February 1, 2011.

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