#### **BROSS RICHARD A**

Form 4

December 07, 2012

# FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BROSS RICHARD A			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 HORMEL F	(First) PLACE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/04/2012	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Group Vice President			
	(Street)		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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1001111, 1411 (33)12				Person						
(City)	(State) (Z	I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				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	12/04/2012		M	27,500	A	\$ 12.63	205,680	D		
COMMON STOCK	12/04/2012		F	11,200	D	\$ 31.01	194,480	D		
COMMON STOCK	12/04/2012		F	6,960	D	\$ 31.01	187,520	D		
COMMON STOCK							19,729.0897	I	401K	
COMMON STOCK							23,443.3387	I	JEPST PLAN	

COMMON STOCK 37,732 I SPOUSE

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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)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ve Expiration Date s (Month/Day/Year) I (A) sed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.63	12/04/2012		M	27,500	<u>(1)</u>	12/02/2018	COMMON STOCK	27,50

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROSS RICHARD A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912

Group Vice President

#### **Signatures**

Richard A. Bross, by Power of Attorney

12/07/2012

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

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