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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Snee James P			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 PI	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2013	Director 10% Owner _X_ 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		
AUSTIN, MN	55912			Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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(City)	(State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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	04/01/2013		M	4,000	A	\$ 15.035	4,537.778	D			
Common Stock	04/01/2013		F	1,455	D	\$ 41.32	3,082.778	D			
Common Stock	04/01/2013		F	899	D	\$ 41.32	2,183.778	D			
Common Stock							16,468.9206	I	401(K) Plan		
Common Stock							6,476.7409	I	JEPST Plan		

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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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 II S (
				Code V		(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.035	04/01/2013		M		4,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2014	Common Stock	4,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Snee James P

1 HORMEL PLACE Group Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

Signatures

James P Snee, By Power of

Attorney 04/01/2013

**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 7, 2005.

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