

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2004

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **February 19, 2004**

## HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-2402**

(Commission File Number)

**41-0319970**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**55912**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(507) 437-5611**



Item 7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits being furnished pursuant to Item 12

99 Earnings release issued February 19, 2004

Item 12. **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On February 19, 2004, the Company issued an earnings release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended January 24, 2004. A copy of the earnings release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION**  
(Registrant)

Dated: February 19, 2004

By /s/M. J. McCOY  
M. J. McCOY  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 19, 2004

By /s/J. N. SHEEHAN

J. N. SHEEHAN  
Vice President and Controller