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(Print or Type Responses)									
1. Name and Address of Reporting SHEEHAN JAMES N	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
		[HRL] (C				(Cho	eck all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			ransaction		Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
1 HORMEL PLACE	12/01/2009			V.P. & Controller					
(Street) 4. If Amendmen Filed(Month/Day									
AUSTIN, MN 55912						Person		oporting	
(City) (State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-E	Derivative	Securities A	cquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	e 2A. Deem Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or 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)	
Reminder: Report on a separate lin	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities benef	icially owr	ed directly o	or indirectly.			
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	8
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Y	fear) (Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	f			(
			Code V	(A) (D	) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.25	12/01/2009	A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/01/2019	Common Stock	15,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHEEHAN JAMES N 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			V.P. & Controller				
Signatures							
James N. Sheehan, by Power o	f	12/03	/2009				

Attorney 12/0

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

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Date

(1) The options will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 1, 2010.

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