

RAY GARY J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RAY GARY J

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) (First) (Middle)
1 HORMEL PLACE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/10/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

AUSTIN, MN 55912

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/10/2005		M		25,000	A	\$ 11.9375
Common Stock	11/10/2005		F		8,759	D	\$ 34.07
Common Stock	11/10/2005		F		7,195	D	\$ 34.07
Common Stock	11/14/2005		G		450	D	\$ 0
Common Stock	11/14/2005		G		200	D	\$ 0

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)

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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
				Code	V (A) (D)			Title	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.9375	11/10/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	25,000	05/21/1996	11/21/2005	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAY GARY J 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X		Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Gary J. Ray, by Power of Attorney
Date: 11/14/2005

**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) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

(2) Reporting Person holds indirectly 1212 shares in the 401(k), and 1845 shares in the JEPST Trust. Reporting Person also holds 26,800 phantom shares in his deferred stock account.

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