

Johnson Brian Dean  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Johnson Brian Dean			(Month/Day/Year)	HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	11/01/2007	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
1 HORMEL PLACE				(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		Corporate Secretary	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	367.134	D	Â
Common Stock	565.76	I	401(k) Trust
Common Stock	551.985	I	JEPST Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-7-05.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-6-06.
- (7) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-5-07.
- (8) These options, received as the result of a universal stock option award, will fully vest upon the earlier of (1) the stock price closing at \$50.00 or higher for five consecutive trading days, or (2) January 8, 2012.

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