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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 *
Â Nuytten Jeffrey A
(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 HORMEL PLACE
(Street)

AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director
_____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below)
_____ Other (specify below)
Vice President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	2,145.159 (1)	D	Â
COMMON STOCK	2,579.0929	I	JEPST Trust
COMMON STOCK	102.203	I	Owned by son
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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	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (2)	12/07/2014	COMMON STOCK	10,000	$ 15.035	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (3)	12/06/2015	COMMON STOCK	10,000	$ 16.37	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (4)	12/05/2016	COMMON STOCK	10,000	$ 19.355	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (5)	01/08/2017	COMMON STOCK	200	$ 18.705	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (6)	12/04/2017	COMMON STOCK	10,000	$ 20.07	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (7)	12/02/2018	COMMON STOCK	10,000	$ 12.63	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (8)	12/01/2019	COMMON STOCK	8,000	$ 19.125	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (9)	12/07/2020	COMMON STOCK	8,000	$ 24.96	D	Â
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	Â (10)	12/06/2021	COMMON STOCK	8,000	$ 29.6	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nuytten Jeffrey A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

Jeffrey A Nuytten, by Power of Attorney	03/05/2012
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.

(2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.

(3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2006.

(4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.

(5) These options, received as a result of a universal stock option award, fully vested on December 15, 2010.

(6) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 4, 2008.

(7) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2009.

(8) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 1, 2010.

(9) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2011.

(10) The option will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2012.

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