

Minerich Phillip L
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Minerich Phillip L

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)
 01/11/2013

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

AUSTIN, MN 55912
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK | 01/11/2013 | | M | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 19.355 | 45,154.536 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/11/2013 | | F | 6,053 D \$ 34.5 | 39,101.536 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/11/2013 | | S | 33,947 D \$ 34.34 (2) | 5,154.536 | D | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 8,771.143 | I | 401K PLAN |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 5,115.2579 | I | JEPST PLAN |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 19.355 | 01/11/2013 | | M | 40,000 | (1) 12/05/2016 | COMMON STOCK 40,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Minerich Phillip L 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912 | | | Vice President | |

Signatures

Phillip L Minerich, by Power of Attorney
01/14/2013

**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) The option vested in four equal installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.
- (2) Reflects the weighted average price of 33,947 shares of common stock of Hormel Foods Corporation sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on January 11, 2013 with sale prices ranging from \$34.26 to \$34.44 per share. The reporting person undertakes to

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provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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