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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Å Schroeder James R</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>1 HORMEL PLACE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Street)</p> <p>AUSTIN, Å MN Å 55912-3680</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>04/20/2009</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]</p>
<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vice President</p>		<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>
<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>		

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	41.37	D	Å
Common Stock	886.431	I	401(k) Trust
Common Stock	3,912.176	I	JEPST Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	(Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	12/07/2014	Common Stock	500	\$ 30.07	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	12/06/2015	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 32.74	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	12/05/2016	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 38.71	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	01/08/2017	Common Stock	100	\$ 37.41	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	12/04/2017	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 40.14	D	Â
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	12/02/2018	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 25.26	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schroeder James R 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

James R. Schroeder, by Power of Attorney 04/20/2009

**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) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-7-05.
- (2) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-6-06.
- (3) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-5-07.
- (4) These option, received as a 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.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-4-08.
- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on 12-2-09.

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