

MUELLER KURT F

Form 4

July 12, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MUELLER KURT F

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)
07/08/2011

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

AUSTIN, MN 55912

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/08/2011		M	6,000 A	\$ 13.465 64,878.656	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2011		M	6,500 A	\$ 15.035 71,378.656	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2011		M	7,500 A	\$ 16.37 78,878.656	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2011		F	10,092 D	\$ 29.85 68,786.656	D	
Common Stock	07/08/2011		F	3,240 D	\$ 29.85 65,546.656 (1) (2)	D	

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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 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)		8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.465	07/08/2011		M ⁽³⁾		6,000		⁽⁴⁾	12/02/2013	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.035	07/08/2011		M ⁽³⁾		6,500		⁽⁵⁾	12/07/2014	Common Stock	6,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.37	07/08/2011		M ⁽³⁾		7,500		⁽⁶⁾	12/06/2015	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MUELLER KURT F 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	Vice President

Signatures

Kurt F. Mueller, by Power of
Attorney 07/12/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.
- (2) Reporting Person has a custodial account holding 655.525 shares for each of his three children; 874 shares are held by his spouse.
- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2004.
- (5) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.
- (6) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2006.

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