HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K March 30, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 29, 2016

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-2402 (Commission File Number) 41-0319970 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1 Hormel Place

Austin, MN 55912

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (507) 437-5611

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Section 5 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Item 5.02 <u>Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers</u>

On March 29, 2016, the Board of Directors of Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) elected James N. Sheehan to the position of vice president and chief accounting officer, advancing Mr. Sheehan from the position of vice president and controller, effective May 30, 2016.

A press release announcing the advancement of James N. Sheehan, along with other executive retirements and advancements for the Company, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.

Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 5.02
- 99 Press release issued March 30, 2016

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: March 30, 2016 By /s/ JAMES N. SHEEHAN

JAMES N. SHEEHAN

Vice President and Controller

Dated: March 30, 2016 By /s/ ROLAND G. GENTLER

ROLAND G. GENTZLER

Vice President, Finance and Treasurer

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