

Craven Julie H  
 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 \*  
 Craven Julie H

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)  
 12/16/2010

\_\_\_\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/16/2010		M		2,500	A	\$ 25.26	5,603.07	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2010		S		1,245	D	\$ 51.0815	4,358.07	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2010		F		418	D	\$ 51.62	3,940.07	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		M		500	A	\$ 38.71	4,440	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2010		F		375	D	\$ 51.55	4,065	D	

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Common Stock 12/20/2010 F 41 D \$ 51.55 4,024 <sup>(1)</sup> D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.26	12/16/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>	2,500	<sup>(3)</sup> 12/02/2018	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.71	12/20/2010		M <sup>(2)</sup>	500	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/05/2016	Common Stock	500

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Craven Julie H 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President	

**Signatures**

Julie H Craven, by Power of Attorney 12/17/2010

\_\_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) Reporting Person also holds indirectly 36.5 shares in the 401(k), and 755.4 shares in the JEPST Trust; Reporting Person's spouse holds indirectly 1,079 shares in the 401(k), and 996.7 shares in the JEPST Trust.
- (2) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments; the options being exercised vested on December 2, 2010.
- (4) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.

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