

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**DAY THOMAS R**

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)  
**12/10/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 |   | 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) |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | G                   |   | 150   | D          | \$ 0 11,610   | I  | Spouse's Rev Living Trust         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | G                   |   | 150   | D          | \$ 0 11,460   | I  | Spouse's Rev Living Trust         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | G                   |   | 100   | D          | \$ 0 11,360   | I  | Spouse's Rev Living Trust         |
| Common Stock                    | 12/10/2007                           |  | G                   |   | 70  | D          | \$ 0 11,290   | I  | Spouse's Rev Living               |

|              |            |   |     |   |      |                       |   |  |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 12/10/2007 | G | 100 | D | \$ 0 | 11,190 <sup>(1)</sup> | I | Trust<br>Spouse's<br>Rev Living<br>Trust |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|------|-----------------------|---|--|

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

DAY THOMAS R  
1 HORMEL PLACE  
AUSTIN, MN 55912

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

Thomas R. Day, by Power of Attorney

01/14/2008

\_\_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 holds directly 84,796 shares of stock, 935 shares of phantom stock in his deferred account, and holds indirectly 3,377 shares in the 401(k) and 3,734 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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