

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GILLETTE E PETER JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1 HORMEL PLACE

(Street)

AUSTIN, MN 55912

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/  
[HRL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/30/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Price (D)		
Common Stock	05/30/2007		M		4,000 A \$ 17.5937	15,445	D
Common Stock	05/30/2007		M		4,000 A \$ 20.3125	19,445	D
Common Stock	05/30/2007		M		4,000 A \$ 19.29	23,445	D
Common Stock	05/30/2007		S		6,275 D \$ 36.911	17,170	D
Common Stock	05/30/2007		F		1,832 D \$ 37.24	15,338 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.5937	05/30/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	4,000	08/01/1999 02/01/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.3125	05/30/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	4,000	08/01/2000 02/01/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.29	05/30/2007		M <sup>(1)</sup>	4,000	08/01/2001 02/01/2011	Common Stock	4,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GILLETTE E PETER JR 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912		X		

## Signatures

E. Peter Gillette, Jr., by Power of Attorney  
06/01/2007

\*\*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 has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (2) Of the shares being reported, 8,445 are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture)applicable to restricted stock grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements.

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