### Venenga Steven J Form 3/A November 07, 2011 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 2225 OMB

#### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting<br>Person <u>*</u><br>Venenga Steven J |                |                 | <ul><li>2. Date of Event Requiring<br/>Statement</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li></ul> | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL] |  |                           |   |  |
|---|----------------|-----------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| (Last)  | (First)        | (Middle)        | 10/31/2011  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                            |  |                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |  |
| 1 HORMEL  | PLACE          |                 |   | (Charle   | -111:1-1-`   | 、<br>、                    | 11/04/2011  |  |
| (Street)<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680                                       |                |                 |   | (Check all applicable)  |  |                           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group  |  |
|   |                |                 |   | .e  |  |                           | Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting<br>Person<br>Form filed by More than One<br>Reporting Person |  |
| (City)  | (State)        | (Zip)           | Table I - N   | Non-Derivat   | tive Securit   | ies Be                    | neficially Owned  |  |
| 1.Title of Securi<br>(Instr. 4)   | ty             |                 | 2. Amount of<br>Beneficially<br>(Instr. 4)  |   | 3.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nat<br>Owne<br>(Instr. | •   |  |
| Common Sto  | ck             |                 | 436.405 (1)   | <u>)</u>  | D  | Â                         |   |  |
| Common Stock  |                |                 | 968.971   |   | Ι  | 401(                      | (k) Trust   |  |
| Common Stock  |                |                 | 428.845   |   | I JEPST Trust  |                           | ST Trust  |  |
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4.          | 5.        | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4)                      | Expiration Date         | Securities Underlying  | Conversion  | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership  |
|                                 | (Month/Day/Year)        | Derivative Security    | or Exercise | Form of   | (Instr. 5)            |

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|                              |                     |                    | (Instr. 4)      |                                  | Price of               | Derivative  |   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
|                              | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (2)                 | 12/07/2014         | Common<br>Stock | 2,000                            | \$ 15.035              | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | ( <u>3)</u>         | 12/06/2015         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                            | \$ 16.37               | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (4)                 | 12/05/2016         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                            | \$ 19.355              | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (5)                 | 01/08/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 200                              | \$ 18.705              | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (6)                 | 12/04/2017         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                            | \$ 20.07               | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (7)                 | 12/02/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                            | \$ 12.63               | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (8)                 | 12/01/2019         | Common<br>Stock | 3,000                            | \$ 19.125              | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | (9)                 | 12/07/2020         | Common<br>Stock | 6,000                            | \$ 24.96               | D   | Â |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships              |   |                |       |  |  |
|---|----------------------------|---|----------------|-------|--|--|
| 1 0   | Director 10% Owner Officer |   | Officer        | Other |  |  |
| Venenga Steven J<br>1 HORMEL PLACE<br>AUSTIN, MN 55912-3680 | Â                          | Â | Vice President | Â     |  |  |

## Signatures

Steven J Venenga, By Power of Attorney 11/04/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2005.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6. 2006.
- (4) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.
- (5) These options, received as the result of a universal stock option award, fully vested on December 15, 2010.

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- (6) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 4, 2008.
- (7) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 2, 2009.
- (8) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 1, 2010.
- (9) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2011.

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