

PIPPINS DAKOTA A
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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 *
PIPPINS DAKOTA A

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)
04/13/2012

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

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

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	04/13/2012		S	V	5,000	D	\$ 28.2461
					29,000 ⁽¹⁾	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)

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Table with columns: 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 Beneficially (Instr. 5), 10. Derivative Security Held by Reporting Person in Connection with Purchase of Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4), 11. Date of Acquisition (Instr. 3 and 4), 12. Date of Disposition (Instr. 3 and 4), 13. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 14. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5), 15. Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 16. Date of Acquisition (Instr. 3 and 4), 17. Date of Disposition (Instr. 3 and 4), 18. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 19. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 5), 20. Number of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4).

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry: PIPPINS DAKOTA A, 1 HORMEL PLACE, AUSTIN, MN 55912, with 'X' in the 10% Owner column.

Signatures

Dakota A. Pippins, by Power of Attorney, 04/13/2012
**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).
Of the shares being reported, 19,500 shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock (1) grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements. Reporting Person also holds 10,285.77 phantom shares in his deferred stock account.
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