HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form 8-K December 13, 2010

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 13, 2010

## HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-2402 (Commission File Number) 41-0319970 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1 Hormel Place

Austin, MN 55912

(Address of Principal Executive Office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (507) 437-5611

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:	
o	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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o	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Section 8 OTHER EVENTS

#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 13, 2010, Hormel Foods Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has authorized a two-for-one split of the Company s common stock. Stockholder approval of the stock split is required during the Company s upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on January 31, 2011. A copy of the release is furnished as Exhibit 99 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

#### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (d) Exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 8.01
- 99 Press release issued December 13, 2010

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Dated: December 13, 2010 By /s/J. H. FERAGEN

J. H. FERAGEN

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 13, 2010 By /s/J. N. SHEEHAN

J. N. SHEEHAN

Vice President and Controller