

DAY THOMAS R
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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 *
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)
01/07/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Group 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)
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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 (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2013 | | M | | 24,000 A \$ 15.035 | 24,187.651 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2013 | | M | | 12,000 A \$ 16.37 | 36,187.651 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2013 | | F | | 16,242 D \$ 34.31 | 19,945.651 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2013 | | F | | 6,793 D \$ 34.31 | 13,152.651 | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/07/2013 | | G | | 12,965 D \$ 0 | 187.651 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|------|------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/07/2013 | G | 12,965 | A | \$ 0 | 12,965 | I | Thomas R. Day Rev. Living Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 23,432 | I | Spouse's Rev. Living Trust |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,583.5814 | I | 401(k)Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 8,221.5701 | I | JEPST Plan |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,069.3079 | I | Deferred Stock Account |

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) | \$ 15.035 | 01/07/2013 | | M | 24,000 | <u>(1)</u> 12/07/2014 | Common Stock | 24,000 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.37 | 01/07/2013 | | M | 12,000 | <u>(2)</u> 12/06/2015 | Common Stock | 12,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAY THOMAS R
1 HORMEL PLACE
AUSTIN, MN 55912

Group Vice President

Signatures

Thomas R. Day, by Power of
Attorney

01/08/2013

__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) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 7, 2005.
- (2) The option vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vested on December 6, 2006.

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