

Venenga Steven J  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 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 * |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Venenga Steven J                        |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First)  | (Middle)                             | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
|   |          | 11/04/2011                           |  |  |
| 1 HORMEL PLACE                            |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
|   | (Street) |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| AUSTIN,Â MNÂ 55912-3680                   |          |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
| (City)                                    | (State)  | (Zip)                                | Vice President   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 436.405 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | D  | Â   |
| Common Stock                    | 968.971   | I  | 401(k) Trust  |
| Common Stock                    | 428.845   | I  | JEPST Trust   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
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|                              | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(2)</u>     | 12/07/2014      | Common Stock        | 2,000                      | \$ 15.035                    | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(3)</u>     | 12/06/2015      | Common Stock        | 3,000                      | \$ 16.37                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(4)</u>     | 12/05/2016      | Common Stock        | 3,000                      | \$ 19.355                    | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(5)</u>     | 01/08/2017      | Common Stock        | 200                        | \$ 18.705                    | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(6)</u>     | 12/04/2017      | Common Stock        | 3,000                      | \$ 20.07                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(7)</u>     | 12/02/2018      | Common Stock        | 3,000                      | \$ 12.63                     | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(8)</u>     | 12/01/2019      | Common Stock        | 3,000                      | \$ 19.125                    | D   | Â |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | Â <u>(9)</u>     | 12/07/2020      | Common Stock        | 6,000                      | \$ 24.96                     | D   | Â |

## Reporting Owners

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