

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

Minerich Phillip L

CIK: **1345950**

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ISSUER

HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/

CIK: **48465** | IRS No.: **410319970** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1031**
SIC: **2011** Meat packing plants

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Minerich Phillip L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP/DE/ [HRL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2013					
1 HORMEL PLACE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)								
AUSTIN, MN 55912								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
COMMON STOCK	01/11/2013		M		40,000	A	\$19.355	45,154.536	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/11/2013		F		6,053	D	\$34.5	39,101.536	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/11/2013		S		33,947	D	\$34.34 ⁽²⁾	5,154.536	D	
COMMON STOCK								8,771.143	I	401K PLAN
COMMON STOCK								5,115.2579	I	JEPST PLAN
COMMON STOCK								200	I	STATE STREET 401K

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
STOCK OPTIONS (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$19.355	01/11/2013		M		40,000		(1)	12/05/2016	COMMON STOCK	40,000	\$ 0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vested in four equal installments, with the first group vesting on December 5, 2007.
2. Reflects the weighted average price of 33,947 shares of common stock of Hormel Foods Corporation sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on January 11, 2013 with sale prices ranging from \$34.26 to \$34.44 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

Signatures

Phillip L. Minerich, by Power of Attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/14/2013

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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