#### DRYDEN FORREST D

Form 4

December 04, 2002

### FORM 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## 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

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			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
			(Check all applicable)
			_ Director
Name and Address of Reporting  Person *			10% Owner
Dryden, Forrest D	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	4. Statement for (Month/Day/Year)	X Officer (give title below)
(Last) (First) (Middle)	Hormel Foods Corporation HRL	December, 2002	_ Other (specify below)
1 Hormel Place (Street)		Beceinder, 2002	Vice President
(Succe)			
Austin, MN 55912 (City) (State) (Zip)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person
		/	Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned Following	Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Common Stock							36,348	D	
Common Stock		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	22,000*	I	Owned by Spouse
Common Stock							1,040	I	Founders Fund

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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)	Price of Derivative	Date (Month/Day/	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/ Year)	4. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	(Instr. 3 and 5)	d of , 4	6. Date Exerce Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title an Amount o Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a	and 4)  Amount or	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 Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. N of Ind Bene Own (Instr
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$22.35	12-2-02		A		15,000	ارت	(1)	12-2-12	Common Stock		\$22.35	15,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11.75								1-13-03				20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$10.25								1-25-04				10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$12.375								1-11-05				20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$11.9375								11-21-05				40,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$14.65625								12-18-07				10,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$15.90625								12-23-08				20,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$19.25								1-26-10				24,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$17.6875								12-6-10				24,000	D	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$26.09								1-17-12				20,000	D	

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Explanation of Responses:	
(1) The option vests 25% on 12-2-03 and 25% each year therea	fter
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*Beneficial Ownership Disclaimed.	
/s/ Forrest D. Dryden	12/04/2002
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** Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially ov	vned directly or indirectly
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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v	).
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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).	Violations.
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