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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION									N	OMB APPROVAI		87
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(Print or Type Respon	ses)											
1. Name and Address GOETTSCH DEN	Person [*]	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]				-	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
						/DE/	(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1 HORMEL PLACE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2010			Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)						
I HORMEL PLACE			12/07/2010					Vice President				
:			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 						
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	nsaction Date h/Day/Year)	Execution any	Date, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) Code V	onAcqu Disp (Inst	r. 3, 4 a	A) or f (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Fo (D (I)	Ownership rm: Direct) or Indirect astr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of	1
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	ł

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(
			Code V	(A) (E	0) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 49.92	12/07/2010	А	12,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2020	Common Stock	12,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GOETTSCH DENNIS B 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Vice President				
Signatures							
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Dennis B. Goettsch, by Power of

Attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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12/09/2010

(1) The options will vest in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 7, 2011.

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