### PIPPINS DAKOTA A

Form 4

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## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PIPPINS DAKOTA A			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ [HRL]				····· <b>5</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)  1 HORMEI	, ,	(Middle)		f Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 011				_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  AUSTIN, MN 55912					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect (D) or Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	11/30/2011			Code V M	Amount 8,000	(D)	Price \$ 13.485	37,500	D		
Common Stock	11/30/2011			S	6,499	D	\$ 29.943	31,001	D		
Common Stock	11/30/2011			F	1,501	D	\$ 29.27	29,500 (1) (2)	D		

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)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqui (A) or	rivative ities ired rosed of . 3, 4,	6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	C	
			Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.485	11/30/2011	M(3)		8,000	08/02/2004	02/02/2014	Common Stock	8,000	3

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PIPPINS DAKOTA A 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	X						

### **Signatures**

Dakota A. Pippins, by Power of Attorney 12/01/2011

\*\*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) All share amounts reflect the stock split effective February 1, 2011.
  - Of the shares being reported, 24,500 shares are subject to certain restrictions (including possible forfeiture) applicable to restricted stock
- (2) grants under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan, and the Restricted Stock Award Agreements. Reporting Person also holds 10,242 Phantom Shares in his deferred stock account.
- (3) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.

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