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HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ Form 4 December 08, 2016 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SHEEHAN JAMES N Issuer Symbol HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/ (Check all applicable) [HRL] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) **1 HORMEL PLACE** 12/06/2016 Senior V.P. & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting AUSTIN, MN 55912 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial anv (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	(e.g., puts, calls	warrants, options,	convertible securities)
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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities	Γ
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) (Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(
			Code V	(A) (E	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.31	12/06/2016	А	90,800	<u>(1)</u>	12/06/2026	Common Stock	90,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHEEHAN JAMES N 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912			Senior V.P.	& CFO
Signatures				
James N. Sheehan, by Power o	f	12/07	/2016	

Attorney

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

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Date

(1) The option vests in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on December 6, 2017.

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