

Gentzler Roland G
Form 4
December 10, 2009

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Gentzler Roland G

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
HORMEL FOODS CORP /DE/
[HRL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1 HORMEL PLACE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
VP and Treasurer

AUSTIN, MN 55912

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
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Person

(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	12/08/2009		M		2,000	A \$ 19.25	4,215.981 D
Common Stock	12/08/2009		S		1,668	D \$ 38.6345	2,547.981 D
Common Stock	12/08/2009		F		332	D \$ 38.98	2,215.981 ⁽³⁾ 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)	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.25	12/08/2009		M ⁽¹⁾	2,000	⁽²⁾ 01/26/2010	Common Stock	2,000 \$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Gentzler Roland G 1 HORMEL PLACE AUSTIN, MN 55912	VP and Treasurer

Signatures

Roland G. Gentzler, by Power of
Attorney 12/10/2009

____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) Reporting Person has exercised Stock Withholding Rights in connection with this option exercise, as reflected on Table I.
- (2) The options vested in four equal annual installments, with the first group vesting on January 26, 2001.
- (3) Reporting Person holds indirectly 1,424.56 shares in the 401(k), and 4,568 shares in the JEPST Trust.

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